

Dale Street PTO Meeting

September 29, 2020

Welcome and Introductions: Steve Grenham (Principal), Maureen Dodge (5th grade Co-President), Karen Seitz (4th grade Co-President), Lindsay Rogers/Kelly Wysocki (co-Treasurers), Jill Werner (Secretary), Jodi Bills

1st Dale St. PTO meeting of the 2020-21 school year, held virtually via Zoom call. Maureen welcomes everyone back and the group shares introductions

Principal Update: Steve Grenham

- Big thanks to the PTO from Mr. Grenham and staff regarding the support at the beginning of the school year. The school grounds cleanup and the grab and go snack set up were much appreciated.

-Elementary principals and staff are planning for a Virtual PIN (Parent Information Night) this year. They are working on making a slide deck to share all the important information that is usually shared at a typical PIN. Messages will be pre recorded by admins and teachers and then shared to parents. There will be teacher introductions as well as introductory curriculum overviews at each grade level.

-Routines at school are going well. Arrival and Dismissal procedures are falling into place after some troubleshooting.

-Morning teacher check ins as well as time with teachers on in school days have helped lessen questions about at home learning activities

MCPE Update: Karen Seitz

-Fundraising will look different this year

-The One Medfield campaign is up and running-- a "M" painted on your driveway for a donation

-the Medfield Moves Challenge is kicking off---participants sign up with a donation and make a commitment to moving and meeting a miles goal.

-upcoming "Medfield Night In"--a flower arranging class being run by Alice's Table with part of the registration cost going to MCPE

Hospitality Update: Kelly Wysocki

- Inger and Kelly helped create a “Grab and Go” snack table for teachers and staff as they returned to school, also provided coffee and munchkins one morning
- Inger and Kelly are planning to include flower centerpieces to be raffled off at end of hospitality events
- Families were generous with donations to this event, money will help support hospitality events over course of year

Treasurer Report: Lindsay Rogers

- Dale took in the following money so far this year: \$1,894.97 from the School Supply Kits, and \$875 in generous donations to Hospitality
- Dale has spent the following money: Lanyards were \$588.37, Teacher Start Up Funds: \$3,434 Welcome Back/Thank you gifts \$218.79, Staff snacks 9/2: \$226.71 Staff coffee/donuts 9/21: \$85.00
- Jodi shares that there will likely be no Winter Carnival this spring so that will impact fundraising goals
- town-wide PTO dues requests and appeals have not been released. Should we transition to donation appeal rather than the idea of dues?

General Updates/ To Do's:

- create a PTO slide to be shared remotely, include a link to volunteer opportunities and a donate button, possibly ready for Dale St. Virtual PIN? (connect a song to PTO slide and work goals this year?)
- Create welcome back video to teachers introducing ourselves and encouraging them to seek out support from us as needed across the school year
- indoor mental break ideas for kids for winter months.
- Ideas for parent volunteers this year--a program coordinator for virtual enrichment programs (virtual presentations, virtual museum visits, that type of thing), virtual game coordinators (Kahoot), virtual Mystery Readers

New Business:

-Looking for creative ways to fundraise this year

-Hoping to hold a Dale Street School t-shirt fundraiser.

-Nicole Saulnier will be working on the 5th grade yearbook. She will need help. Families and room parents will need to offer support in picture collection

-We are waiting to hear the outcome of room parent sign ups.

-We would like to offer monthly morale boosters. Looking for ideas? October--booing?

Next Meeting via Zoom: Tuesday, November 10, at 9:15 AM