

DALE STREET PTO MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Jessy Nejm, Kelly Scobbo, Nesse McCabe, Kristen Storer, Steve Grenham, Inger Kenworthy, Jodi Bills, Meredith Flannery, Jess Griffin, Amy DiStefano, Danielle Tata, Nicola Tessier

Principal Update

- Conferences were a big success – high participation rate – Steve is looking to see if there was a preference for zoom or in-person.
- Lab coats coming in soon for Makers Space – very excited to see the kids doing their work dressed as scientists.
- KNO (movie nights) was a great success – kids had a lot of fun. Congrats on movie nights.
- Thanks to room parents for their help with Halloween parties- it was great to have them in the classrooms. Teachers are very thankful.
- Panorama survey – administered 9 years ago last (historically with 6th grade and up with parents/teachers). Marsden wanted 4th/5th grade included as well. The survey asked students to reflect on social emotional learning topics (self-regulation, self-management, grit, etc.) and will feed into the new strategic plan in coming years.
- SEL assemblies – features a highlight or something from their social emotional lessons during the week. Ms. Burnham's class led in October. Topic was Respect. Tomorrow (11/17) will feature Ross/Seaver class.
- Student Council has met twice – one of first things to come out was to create positive messages/signs around the school. Students create them during indoor recess (or at home), and then are laminated and put up around the school.
- Site Council met in October – Steve has two topics to cover with group – (1) budget (do they have any input for Steve) and (2) school improvement plan (Steve is asking Site Council to take 1 of the main topics, peel it apart and make improvements. Goal being that in May/June, all 5 topics will be refreshed, adopted by site council and ready for approval from school committee.
- Math Pilots – first one (Reveal) done, survey was completed. Teachers went through training for Illustrative (second pilot) and will roll out shortly. Pilot is being done in 3 4th grade classes and 3 5th grade classes – topics are the same as non-pilot classes.
- Playground – finally fully functional. Thanks to maintenance department for acting so quickly getting it installed. Thanks to the PTO for donation.
- Thanks to hospitality for fall treats. Teachers loved it.
- Loved seeing kids learning, kids love moving around for specials.
- Report cards – going with Aspen Portal (like middle school). Going out December 9th. Communication will be forthcoming.

Hospitality

- October – fall treats were a hit.
- November - \$5 gift card to Dunkin/Starbucks (65 members of staff). Parents contribute via Venmo. Posting to Facebook pages asking for donations.

Treasurer Report

- In a healthy place – 1/3 way through the year and 2/3 left for budget. Cash balance is healthy.

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- Start up funds gone out. Thank You funds coming in. Encouraging teachers to write grants.

PTO Grants

- White board easel for Health and Gym.
- Rhode Island Black storyteller – coming to Dale on 1/12/23.
- Lab coats for the Makerspace.
- Planning to send out surveys to teachers after Thanksgiving asking for new planning ideas.

MCPE

- Had a successful Fall Ball to support all 5 schools. Wanted to raise \$10K in room and met and exceeded goal. PTO to share video that was shown at the Ball on class Facebook pages.
- Going to bring back Trivia Night. Working on a date for now but late Jan/early Feb.
- Planning on Spelling Bee – likely late April.

Kids Night Out

- Big success. 231 kids came (138 in 4th (70%), 93 in 5th (48%)). Profits came in at around \$1,550. Created notes and process doc saved on shared drive for next year. Profits to be put towards future KNO events.
- Pics need to be saved on Google drive and uploaded for yearbook.

5th Grade Yearbook

- 113 yearbooks sold. Reaching out monthly so everyone knows what to do next.

Spirit Wear

- Just closed spirit wear store. 152 orders for 3 elementary schools.
- Tree lighting – going to sell foam fingers, scrunchies, leashes/collars, bracelets, croc charms, duffle bags/socks, comfies, etc. May do shop in Dale lobby if have extra stuff to sell.

Misc

- Intramurals – running again in the spring (end of Feb/early March).
- Girls on the Run – collecting for animal shelter. Last year's food drive was an idea from Student Council.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 18th, 2023 at 9:45am