Stoughton South Elementary School 

PTO Agenda

*January 3, 2024*

**Welcome, THANK YOUS & Introductions**

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| Allison Reddington - President & Kasey DiBiasio - VP |

* Approval of December meeting minutes Motion for approval. Approved
* Upcoming at the South
  + 1.3 PTO Meeting
  + 1.4 PTO President’s Meeting with Superintendent If there are any concerns you want brought to the superintendent, feel free to let Allison know
  + 1.5 Popcorn Friday This is the first popcorn Friday of 2024! Remember the fee is just one time/yr. There is still time to send in money for Popcorn Fridays if you have not yet done so.
  + 1.11 Winter School Store\* Volunteers needed, some parents at the meeting volunteered. If anyone else is interested/ able to help please reach out to Allison.
  + 1.15 NO School, MLK Jr.
  + 1.17 School Council Meeting, Open to the Public
  + 1.18 Early Release
  + 1.29 National Puzzle Day \* Volunteers needed!
  + 1.29 South Community Red Sox Tickets Need to decide on a date and secure these soon
  + 2.2 Popcorn Friday
  + 2.7 PTO Meeting 7pm
* Old Business
  + PP TY Notes\* Still have another two dozen left, if anyone wants to help with these TY notes
  + 2/18 P Bruins Game, Tickets Still Available for South Community Providence Bruins Game. Free Hat with your ticket purchase. You can still buy tickets up to 30mins prior to the start of the game
  + Teacher Birthday Calendar, Status Update Someone asked if this calendar/spreadsheet can be shared with parents so everyone can see? – this was sent via classroom reps in December and can be re-sent.
  + Anniversaries Milestones Date TBD for a Shark Assembly to honor these teachers. (Mrs Russell & Mrs Johnson)
    - Glass Plaques, Order Status Update
  + Holiday Breakfast, Recap The teacher holiday breakfast was a great turnout! Thank You to everyone who brought something in, made signs and volunteered your time! Much appreciated! This year we had the perfect amount of everything. Was missing sugar and cream for coffee.
    - Lori, Abby & Jenney
* New Business
  + Stoughton Public Library Museum Pass Program
  + National Puzzle Day - Needs? Mr. Dore to maybe order some things from Amazon but otherwise in good shape. Volunteers needed…about 5 volunteers per session. 9a-11a (about 45 min per session)
  + Balloon Fairy for TAW & K/5Th Grade Moving On Need to book the balloon fairy as it is booking up fast. Date for K moving up ceremony & 5th grade moving on ceremony is still unclear.
    - For TAW (May 6-10th) Balloons to be set up Sunday so teachers will see it walking into school on Monday. (Melissa Lynch, Bri Gurney)?

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| Jola Tuck – Treasurer |

* Budget Notes, Profit & Loss as of 12/31/23
  + Teacher Grant, ReCap
  + Popcorn Friday, ReCap
  + Textile Bin, ReCap Weight based. Ok to even put sofa cushions in this bin. All textiles!
  + Sharking, Fall Season ReCap
* Walmart Sparks, Status Update
* Pto Volunteer, Budget Line Item, Idea Proposed was mutually agreed ok to set aside $1000 to have for coffee/bagels/goodies for parents while they are volunteering. Some parents volunteer for full event and are at the school all day. Nice gesture to show appreciation for volunteers. Start with $1000
  + T-Shirts & Goodies Still have some Pumpkin Patch PTO volunteer shirts leftover from 2023, can use for the next PP.

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| Melanie DiBiasio – Secretary |

* Website, Status of Updates
  + Sponsor Links from Donor
  + Get Personal with your PTO
* January Newsletter Coming soon! Let Melanie D know if you want to be added to mailing list
* School Front Sign
  + Solar Lights & New Letters, Order Status Look into cost of new letters and solar lights. Even though we will be in a new school in a few years, still need to make the sign a bit nicer/updated for the next few years as it is in bad shape.

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| Abby Eustis & Jenney Ivaldi – Fundraising |

* Scholastic Book Fair, ReCap $250 more this yr compared to last year. $6700 in Sales. $1200 cash profit
  + NEXT BOOK FAIR is scheduled for Feb 26- March 1. There was question whether to keep this or cancel, decided to keep … Any concerns about the book fair/dates, reach out to Tiffany.
  + The PTO had money for the last book fair to ensure every student went home with something from the book fair…that money is gone. Will not be able to offer that this time BUT the school has plenty of books available that students will be able to choose one.

* Ongoing Fundraiser Reminders:
  + Sharking (Will resume in the Spring)
    - Sara Levine, Bri Gurney & Nicole Thompson
  + Textile Bin (Paid by weight!)
  + Staples CONNECT
    - Mrs. Shute & Ms. Guay, Please Remind Staff
  + Walmart SPARKS
  + Amazon Classroom Wish Lists
    - Always Accepting (Pinned on FB), Forward to Allison Reddington
* Pot of Gold Challenge
  + New Medallions, Order Status New Medallions Still need to be ordered
* Winter School Store Will likely move this to the Gym
  + Beth Letterio
* Fall SpiritWear, Status Update All spirit wear has now been distributed. If your order required a refund/reimbursement, you should have received it by now
  + Unfulfilled Ordered, Reimbursements Confirmed
  + Corrected Orders, Deliveries Confirmed
* Fun Run
  + Staff Fun Run T-shirt, Order Update Fun Run Kick Off 3/22
  + Sponsorship Solicitation Begins (2/1/24)\*
  + Student T-Shirt Forms, Coming home soon
    - Green (K), Blue (1), Red (2), Gold (3), Orange (4), Gray (5), Black (Staff)

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| Nancy Nunez – Cultural Enrichment |

* In-House Enrichment
* Garden Box
  + Ms. Gabriels

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| Tiffany White – Membership |

* Membership Updates

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| Mr. Dore, Mrs. Shute & Ms. Guay - South School Updates |

* Signage, Update Signs have been ordered, should be ready in a couple weeks
* Camp Maplewood 2024 Very excited for this. Kids love it! Time will likely be 9-1:30. The school gets sent in two groups. Will do Something special for 5th graders
  + June 11th (rain date: 6/12)
* US News & World Report: Top Elementary Schools Awesome reminder of all the amazing and hard work happening at the South School!!
  + Plaque & Banner, Ordered Plaque in the office, banner in the hallway
  + Additional Celebratory Measures Now or TAW?
* Other
  + Next Parent Teacher Conferences will be March 7th
  + Kids are sometimes uncertain if parents had sent in venmo for school store/book fair. Would be helpful if parent can send in a note if they did. This is confusing for parents volunteering at these events. Maybe Classroom reps can add in an email a reminder about this.
  + 2026 will be 300 years for Stoughton! (incorporated in 1726)

The town is currently in the planning phase and wants to involve the schools

in their events/celebrations.

Sharks and Minnows happening on early release days.

Social Emotional Learning. Voted to add budget for this. Need funding source for the activities. Lot of research in the benefits of gratitude. Trying to move away from ipads, devices for indoor recess. Would like to use more board games, etc. Kids to learn to problem solve.

Gratitude Jars. Need $500 to get going. Mr. Dore to use the principal fund for this?

**\*Volunteer(s) Needed**

***>> Next Meeting - February 7, 2024 <<***