Stoughton South Elementary School 

PTO Agenda

*June 6, 2023*

Welcome and introductions

| Allison Reddington - President’s Updates |
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* Approval of May meeting minutes Approved
  + Welcome to new members of the board and thank you to all of the hard work from the past board members
* Stem Day Update for Friday Some volunteers still needed. If interested, please reach out to Allison!
* TAW recap
  + Thank you to all who helped put TAW together
  + A large number of wishlist items were fulfilled for our teachers
  + Special thank you to Ms. Moses for helping with the craft for the teachers
  + Total spent was $4,335.00 for the Balloon Fairy, jackets, jolly trolley, hand scrubs, gift card to Ms. Moses, and for Roxanne’s Lunch
  + Thank you to local mom Kay Alexis Design for her work
  + Thank you to committee
* Quick Recap: With the Fun Run, we raised 3x more than their best fundraisers and so we have lots of activity rewards!
  + Fancy Day
  + Hat Day
  + Duct tape
  + Glow Stick Dance party w/ DJ D DJ D is highly recommended and information can be provided to anyone who needs it
  + Karaoke This became more sing-a-long than karaoke and may need to be adjusted for next year
  + Teacher Scooter Race, 🎉 Mr. Amico! Mr. Amico was the champion of the day!
  + Maplewood This field trip was a huge success!
  + School Nurse Day Mrs. Kaplan appreciated her treats very much!
* PTO Fall Form changes/updates
  + Allison will be updating the forms over the summer. If anyone has suggestions for changes please let her know in advance of Sept
  + Friendship directories: These forms go out early in the year and Mr. Dore can include a reminder the first few Fridays in the Friday Update to make sure all who are interested share their info to be included in directories
  + PTO is also at Back to School Night and will have extra forms then/ try to get more info for Friendship Directories
  + This year we will do both digital and paper forms to try to get more families to return them
* PTO Events Calendar, BETA
  + Allison has created a Beta version of a digital calendar to be tested
  + The calendar shows both volunteer and event information
  + Working on getting it ready to go public
* Sept Welcome Teachers gesture
  + This was included in the TAW budget
  + Teachers will receive a welcome note with a small gift card
* Nurse Kaplan, Water cooler added!
  + This was a gift from Sampson Springs
* Field Day recap, TY Teachers & Volunteers!
  + Thanks to the teachers who volunteered to be pied in the face
  + Thank you also to all the volunteers and parents who came
* Confirm 6/14 Dunk Tank Volunteers
  + Last day of school is a half day
  + Thank you to the volunteers for the Dunk Tank (it will be only adults allowed in the tank)
  + If anyone else would like to volunteer, please reach out to Allison
* TY to ALL 2022-2023 volunteers!! Thank you to everyone for all of your help this year, none of this could be done without your help!
* TY Melanie, for another year of AMAZING NEWSLETTERS!
* Incoming K t-shirts
  + Do we have enough? Lori will check and order more if needed during the summer
  + Kindergarten Meet and Greet will be on August 23 at 9:30 am
* 5th Grade PTO Board Member Acknowledgement
  + Former PTO members with last students graduating from South School will receive flowers at the 5th Grade Moving On Ceremony (Allison is picking up the flowers)

| Kasey DiBiasio - Vice President’s Updates |
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* No updates
* Hope all enjoyed South @Fenway (May 13th)

| Mr. Dore, Mrs. Shute & Ms. Guay - South School Updates |
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* Schedule of Upcoming Events
  + 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
  + Literacy Palooza
  + Art Show Night - starts at 5 pm with concert at 6 pm, Students will see the concert in school on 6/7 and visit the art show in school on 6/8
  + So much was fit into the end of the school year and this was largely due to MCAS having an impact on scheduling and the lack of snow days but we fit in quite a lot in a short time
  + Questions asked about looking into changing times of events to not just be at 9 am
  + Further questions asked, and discussion held, regarding planning to make sure that everyone has opportunities for field trips and Mr. Dore said he is going to be encouraging teachers to take Field Trips earlier in the school year
  + Parents requested further information about activities being held during the school day (maybe in the Friday Update) to see what time is being spent on learning and what is taking away from time spent on learning
* STREAM day - parent volunteer needs
  + This was a partner activity where students worked together on the egg drop challenge!
  + Literacy Palooza is a sponsored event for summer reading
* Pto meeting times for next academic year
  + Question asked to move the meeting times up to 6 pm from 7 pm, with the idea that it might allow more teacher participation
  + Quick vote of interest was taken and there were no parents interested in changing the meeting time
* Welcome new staff gift
* Summer board meeting?
* Questions asked about teaching updates for the Fall: another 4th grade teacher has been added and there will be 3 classrooms in grades 1-4 and 2 classrooms in K and 5th as of now.

| Jola Tuck – Treasurer’s Updates |
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* Budget Update
  + Monthly budget update provided
  + Suggestion was made to give a short summary of money in and out at each board meeting or in newsletter going forward

| Melanie DiBiasio – Secretary’s Updates |
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* No updates

| Shauna Cristoforo, Abby Eustis, Jenney Ivaldi – Fundraising Updates |
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* Giving Drive update For support staff, $965 was raised!
* School store update
  + 3 School Stores per year
  + School Store is held between lunch and recess and no academic/learning time is lost on it
* Sharking update
  + 5 were done in May, 2 coming June (ended June with 3 done)
  + Continue to send requests to Sara Levine at 908-447-7661 or emailing southptostoughton@gmail.com
* Textile bin, how it works, spread the word!
  + This provides money to help the students’ education
* Staples Connect (Teacher Rewards & Admin enrollment)
  + If you shop at Staples, you can donate to the South School!
* Fun Run Contract officially signed for 4/3/24, & invoice paid. Ty Kasey!!
* Note of Clarity on FunRun T-Shirts\*
  + Parents and Businesses who donated to the shirts are told that students will wear them on every single field trip. This needs to be upheld by making sure that students where their fun run shirts on field trips!
* Fall Fundraising Options A vote was taken and Rebecca’s Nut Free will be our fall fundraiser!
  + Rebecca’s Nut Free ([www.rebeccasnutfree.com](http://www.rebeccasnutfree.com))
  + Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Fundraiser, Gift Card, Other?
* Pumpkin Patch Date & Committee setup!
  + Leads selected for each subcommittee Lori Jacques sent a Google doc to Allison in May
  + Letters to be mailed by End of June
* Sept D4$ 9/21(?) Melissa Lynch is the point person for the September Dining 4 Dollars

| Nancy Nunez – Cultural Enrichment Updates |
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* No updates

| Tiffany White – Membership Updates |
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* No updates

**Next Meeting - September 13, 2023 \*note change from normal schedule\***

***Have a great summer!***