**November 2, 2016 Dale Street PTO Meeting Minutes**

* **Introductions:**
  + Principal Steve Grenham, 5th Grade PTO Co - President Andrea Morello, 4th Grade PTO Co-President Kiersten Cole, Vice President Cathi Thomas, Treasurer Erin Fontana, Secretary Patti Kelly, Community Members: Michelle Barrette and Melissa Ross
* **Principal Update:**
  + Principal Steve Grenham reported that Dale St. School received 75 Chrome books for the LMC from a MCPE grant. There are 3 carts for the Chrome books and students are using them 3 times per week. There are now 75 available Chrome books that can be used as 3 mobile labs (previously there were 25 standalone workstations). The Chrome books will be beneficial, as 4th graders will be taking the ELA and Math MCAS 2.0 on-line this year.
  + A Principal’s Coffee will be held on 11/3/16 at 8:45am. If you have any discussion topics or feedback, please contact Mr. Grenham.
  + The month of November is Global Giving month at Dale St School.
  + The classroom Halloween parties were successful and the kids had a great day and week.
  + Pajama Day will be held on 11/18/16 based on feedback from the Student Advisory Council.
  + Reader and Math workshops within the classrooms continue to be beneficial to all students. Typically, students are grouped into 4 groups based on need or enrichment. The model is helpful because teachers are available to teach mini lessons and/or help students individually.
  + The Library Media Specialist position has been a great addition to Dale St. School and Mrs. Cowell has a lot of great ideas that will impact all Dale St. students.
  + Mr. Grenham asked parents to consider using Twitter, as it is a useful tool to view how many great things are going on at Dale St. School.
* **Secretary Update:**
  + - The 9/7/2016 Meeting Minutes are posted on the Dale St. Website.
    - No additional updates at this time.
* **Co-President’s Update:**
  + Dale St. School bracelets:
    - The $275 that was allocated to the back to school picnic (canceled due to inclement weather) was used to give students a back to school gift. The funds were used to purchase rubber bracelets that say “Be Dale Be Proud” and were made in the Medfield school colors of blue and white. All students and teachers received a bracelet and the kids and teachers enjoyed them.
  + Fundraising Ideas:
    - Thank You Teacher Idea:
      * The Thank You Teacher fundraiser idea was reviewed with the teachers and this event/idea will take place in the spring, as teachers are not in a lot of need of supplies at this time.
      * A teacher wish list of items (Expo markers, books, pencils, etc.) will be available for parents to purchase.
    - Mixed Bag and Yankee Candle Fundraiser:
      * Erin Fontana is the chair of the Mixed Bag Fundraiser. Siobhan Dennehy is the chair for the Yankee Candle fundraiser.
      * Parents had the option to write a tax-deductible check if they were not interested in purchasing products but still wanted to donate to the Dale St. PTO. Erin Fontana reported that several checks have been received.
      * Total fundraising totals for each fundraiser will be provided at the January 2017 Dale St PTO meeting.
    - Dale St. Book Fair at Park Street Books:
      * The Dale St. PTO Book Fair will be held at Park Street Books in Medfield on Friday, December 2, 2016 from 9am to 9pm. The event will continue to take place during and after the Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Stroll.
      * Jim James will donate 20% of the proceeds of any sales (including pottery and gift cards), provided a Dale St. coupon is presented to the cashier. Coupons will be available through the Thursday packet as well as at Park Street books.
      * Medfield Warriors winter pom-pom hats will be sold for $20 each at the book fair, along with raffle tickets for two gift baskets.
      * Students will also be able to purchase and personalize books from their teachers’ wish list of books. Book selections for 4th and 5th grade will be available.
      * Cathi Thomas has a list of volunteers for the Book Fair and will coordinate the volunteers.
    - Kids Night Out:
      * 4th grade Kids Night Out is on Friday, November 4, 2016. Michelle Barrette is running the event and the theme for this event is “Medfield Pride”. There will be snacks, waters, games, and a DJ. The cost for entry was increased from $5 to $10 and the permission slip is on the Thursday packet.
      * 5th grade Kids Night Out is on Friday, November 18, 2016. Meredith Cumming is running the 5th grade KNO. The theme for this event is “Olympic Games”. The cost for entry was increased from $5 to $10 and the permission slip is on the Thursday packet.
    - Movie on ½ day:
      * A movie will be provided to Dale St. students on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, a half school day. Cathi Thomas has contacted the volunteers and a movie choice will be selected soon.
    - Global Giving:
      * Dale St. School has a 14-year relationship with an organization called Coalition for Courage (based in Medfield) that helps needy children in Africa. Most of the children are students from one community called Norton, Zimbabwe. Coalition for Courage helps students with fees, uniforms and schools supplies.
      * Students at Dale St. School will be raising money for Coalition for Courage during the month of November. From November 7th through November 10th students will participate in the Pennies for a Purpose/ Silver Sabotage game.
      * Students will also sell Zimbabwean wire crafts and there will be up a Marimba Benefit concert on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 7pm in the Dale St. School gym. During the month of November, teachers are encouraged to bring more global awareness into their classrooms.
    - Medfield Spirit Wear:
      * The town wide PTO is working with Tri Valley sports in Medfield to create an on-line store to purchase Medfield apparel such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.
      * Details about the merchandise and how to purchase them will be available soon.
* **Vice President’s Report:**
  + Cathi Thomas will coordinate volunteers for the upcoming Book Fair and Movie – ½ day events.
  + Spring events will include the school supply kits. Other ideas discussed were a Bowl a thon and Read a thon (“pennies for a page”). Spring fundraising ideas will be discussed at the January 2017 PTO meeting.
* **Treasurer’s Update:**
  + Authorize the allocation of $3000 to purchase winter hats for the Dale St. Book Fair. All in favor/approved.
  + Authorize the allocation of up to $150 for two raffle gift baskets for the Dale St. Book Fair. All in favor/approved.
* **MCPE Update:**
  + No updates at this time.
* *The next Dale Street PTO Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2017.*