**January 4, 2017 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 Member: Melissa Ross
* **Principal Update:**
  + Principal Steve Grenham reported that Dale St. School had a successful end to 2016.
  + Students recently watched the movie Wreck it Ralph to raise awareness of social competency among students.
  + There will be a presentation on 1/13/17 to honor Martin Luther King. Mrs. Evans will give a presentation about diversity.
  + MCAS preparation is ongoing for 4th and 5th grade students. MCAS for 4th grade students will be on-line this year. These students are taking practice tests on the Chrome books, located in the LMC.
  + Principal Steve Grenham has been working with Nat Vaughn from Blake Middle School to discuss project-based learning. These types of projects would allow for independent research by students with teacher support and intervention. Students would gain knowledge base in a different way.
  + Site Council: The Dale St School improvement plan is being finalized and will be presented to the School Committee this month. The plan is effective through 2018. The plan has details about Dale St. School’s goals, action steps and current status.
  + Core Values: A subcommittee of teachers is working on the core values for Dale St. School. Respect is one of the core values. Other values being discussed are compassion and empathy. The core values are what Dale St. School teachers/staff should practice and students should follow.
* **Secretary Update:**
  + - The 11/2/2016 Meeting Minutes are posted on the Dale St. Website.
    - No additional updates at this time.
* **Co-President’s Update:**
  + Dale St. Basketball Game: Mr. Grenham will get feedback from teachers regarding interest in a 4th grade vs. 5th grade basketball game.
  + Teacher of the Month: Blake Middle School has created a Teacher of the Month award. Students nominate a teacher, specialist or staff member and the Blake PTO members pick one winner per month. A discussion about teacher appreciation and instituting something at Dale St. School in the future took place.
  + Teacher Appreciation Week: Communication will take place with room parents to recognize teachers on or around May 5th.
  + Movie on the ½ day:
    - * The next movie on the ½ day is February 7, 2017.
      * Communication regarding the event and movie choice will take place via the Thursday packet towards the end of January.
  + Kids Night Out:
    - * 4th grade Kids Night Out is on Friday, March 3, 2017. Michelle Barrette is running the event.
      * 5th grade Kids Night Out is on Friday, March 10, 2017. Meredith Cumming is running the event.
  + Read Across America: Cathi Thomas will work with Kerry Cowell to see what the Dale St. PTO can do to help with events planned for the week.
  + Spring Book Fair: Kerry Cowell will be sponsoring a book fair in the LMC at Dale during the March spring conferences. Parents can stop in before or after their scheduled conference(s). Details about the event will be forthcoming.
  + Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: the end of year luncheon is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 5, 2017. Weslie Sellinger ran the December Holiday luncheon and it was a great success and appreciated by the teachers and staff at Dale St. School.
  + Box Top Competition:
    - School vs. School competition between Memorial, Wheelock and Dale St. schools.
    - Town wide PTO will give an award to the winning school who contributed the most boxtops. Award TBD.
  + Emoji balls: Any student who sold items through the Mixed Bag Fundraiser will receive an Emoji ball. Erin will provide a list of students to the Dale St. main office.
* **Vice President’s Report:**
  + Movie on the ½ Day, February 7, 2017 – Dale St. PTO lead is Patti Kelly. Other volunteers will be needed.
  + 4th Grade KNO, March 3, 2017: Michelle Barrette
  + 5th Grade KNO, March 10, 2017: Meredith Cumming
* **Treasurer’s Update:**
  + Medfield Warrior winter hat sales yielded a profit of approximately $2000. Only a few hats remain unsold.
  + Movie on the ½ day raised approximately $1700 in ticket sales and $300 in snack sales. The cost of the movie license each year is $500.
  + 5th Grade KNO had a $235 profit while the 4th Grade KNO had a $830 profit.
  + The Dale St. December Book Fair had a profit of about $650.
  + Yankee Candle and Mixed Bag Fundraisers continues to make some money for Dale St. School. The promotion code is valid all year. The Dale St. PTO will advertise again prior to Mother’s Day.
  + Teacher Thank You Fund: Parents can contribute anytime during the year to a teacher or specialist’s thank you fund. The funds received are used for classroom supplies such as books, crafts, special projects, etc. Erin Fontana notifies the teachers via email of a donation. Teachers/specialists send receipts back to Erin for accounting purposes. Advertising is done prior to the Holiday season and at the end of the school year. As mentioned above, parents can contribute anytime during the school year.
* **MCPE Update:**
  + No updates at this time.
* *The next Dale Street PTO Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at Dale St. School.*
* *The next Town Wide PTO Meeting will be held on February 8, 2017 in the Blake Middle School Library.*