Stoughton South Elementary School 

PTO Agenda

*March 5, 2025*

Zoom Option: https://tinyurl.com/March-PTO-2025

Meeting ID: 815 8156 3122

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| Allison Reddington, President |
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* Call Meeting to Order Mel & Michelle
* Approval of February meeting minutes Erin & Lori
* Special Guests
  + South District Reps for School Committee, 4.8 Election
    - Jennifer Sears
    - Jillian Distefano
* Upcoming at the South
  + 3.7 Popcorn Friday
  + 3.7 FunRun Registration OPENS
  + 3.10 Vote Yes Sto, New Elementary School Zoom 8pm - if interested, reach out for Zoom link
  + 3.10-3.14 POG Challenge
  + 3.13 Family Bingo Night\*
  + 3.17 St.Patrick’s Day\*
  + 3.18-3.20 Scholastic Book Fair\*
  + 3.20 1st Day of SPRING!
  + 3.20 School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day Want to give South swag to both crossing guards. Julie Sera will take the lead on this.
  + 3.20 ½ Day + Book Fair (family shopping hours after school) + Parent Teacher conferences + Dining for Dollars
  + 3.21 FunRun Kick Off Pep Rally!
  + 3.28 5th Grade Tie-Dye\*
  + 3.30 National Pencil Day PTO purchased mood pencils to celebrate the day
  + 3.31 Vote Yes Sto, New Elementary School Zoom 8pm - if interested, reach out for Zoom link
  + 4.2 FUN RUN\*
  + 4.2 PTO Meeting
  + 4.3 Paraprofessional Appreciation Day Will be celebrated during TAW to celebrate all staff at once rather than on separate days
  + 4.8 Town Election
* Old Business
  + Community Events - Red Sox v Brockton Rox Game, update Decided on Brockton Rox - infield reserve $8, outfield $12. Saturday games have fireworks, other games allow kids to run the bases. Michaela will share dates and details to poll in Shark Parents group. please keep an eye out if you have an opinion
    - Michaela S
  + Cafe Bulletin Boards, 2010 & 2020\* Still looking for a volunteer to create the posters for the last two decades - especially if anyone was here during the 2010s or 2020s! If there is interest, reach out to Allison.
  + Redistricting Committee, Updates please watch Dr. Baeta’s video for more information on redistricting, modulars (locations, costs, etc.) and SHARE with as many people as you can!
    - Lyns & Megan T
  + TY Katie Nolin for the OUTSTANDING Valentines Day Teacher Love!
  + Executive Board Opening Positions (Reminder, May Vote) Please reach out to Allison or Mel (or anyone on e-board) if you’re interested or curious. All but two positions are open and will be voted on at our May PTO meeting on 5/7.
  + New Elementary School -> Updates Huge thank you to PTO from Committee for continued support!
    - 33 days until April 8
    - Check out our ad in Stoughton Shopper this week!
    - We have an informational flyer for anyone to pass around, use for canvassing, share with friends & family, etc.
    - Come see our table at the Dawe fair this weekend, Hansen/ Gibbons Fairs (TBD), and various other locations from now to April 8
    - Will have some upcoming shows on SMAC for Vote Yes Committee
    - Jones PTO meeting featuring Dr. Baeta & TJ Recupero rescheduled to 3/24 at 6pm - all are encouraged to attend and learn more about the project (childcare & snacks provided!)
    - Yard Signs & T shirts are available if anyone wants one - reach out to Lori, Allison or Mel (signs are free, shirts are $20)
    - Visit & SHARE our website VoteYesStoughton.com!
    - Remember that the new school WILL support the whole community – e.g. youth sports (better gym/ courts/ outdoor space with lights), and if we vote NO the modulars will cause the existing school spaces to be more crowded, less parking, more traffic and parking within the surrounding areas to the other elementary schools (e.g. Gibbons during basketball)
    - 8pm Zoom Meetings 3.10 & 3.31
* New Business
  + St. Patrick’s Day TA Treat\* Michelle Frost will coordinate this!
  + Votes
    - ByLaws - Amendment put forth Looking to amend bylaws. Will vote next month to approve revised amendment that was shared & discussed tonight.
    - Theater - Custodial permit fees Spring play will have night sessions for final rehearsals in May. We expect this to be ~$200. Vote to approve spend in case we need it.
      * DiStefano family offered to cover $200 towards this so no vote is needed.
  + TAW Planning Committee\* First week in May - this will come up very quickly! We already have ideas from last year to share. Need a new lead and planning committee. If anyone is interested please reach out to Allison.
    - Typically we have a few zoom meetings in March/April & divide/ conquer on tasks
  + Dining 4$ Apprenticeship\* Bri is all set to take this from Melissa
  + Sharking Apprenticeship\*

| Kasey DiBiasio, Vice President |
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* Scholarship Committee Applications are in! We will set up a time to review & discuss so if you volunteered to be on this committee, Kasey will be in touch with more details.

| Jola Tuck, Treasurer |
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* Budget Updates…

| Melanie DiBiasio, Secretary |
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* Updates…

| Abby Eustis & Jenney Ivaldi, Fundraising Co-Chairs |
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* Textile Bin Please continue using this - we’ve earned a lot of money just from recycling our textiles! Pickups on Thursday.
* Box Tops For Education $85 raised so far this year! Make sure you have the app downloaded & scan your receipt after shopping to earn money for our school
* Fun Run April 2! Parents are encouraged to attend!
  + Goal: $45,000 (to fund Maplewood field trip)
  + Various goals throughout the next month - registration goal, classroom goals, milestone goals, etc. - all tied to different prizes/ rewards for students
  + Fun Run shirts are being printed now - thank you to all our sponsors!
  + Information will go home soon regarding how to register your student, how to donate, corporate matching, etc.
  + kids will get lanyards this year with a cute ID card
  + Signup genius coming out soon for prize sorting the week leading up to the Fun Run - need help with this as there are always a LOT of prizes to get out.
    - Typically this is mornings 8:30-9:30am
    - Must be CORIed to volunteer for Fun Run or prize sorting
* POG (Ordered new medallions) Flyer will be sent home tomorrow with more info. Bring in loose change to fill classroom pot, this will be a friendly competition between classrooms. Last few years we’ve raised over $2,000! Top 3 classes will be announced at Fun Run meeting
* Scholastic Book Fair
  + Setting up Monday 3/16 and classes will be attending Tues & Weds. Once teachers sign up we will share details of when each class will be attending.
  + ½ day Thursday - Book Fair will be open for family shopping from 12:30-5pm during Parent Teacher conferences.
  + Cleaning up Friday morning.
  + Need volunteers for ALL DAYS. Last book fair we didn’t have a lot of volunteers – we really need help, please consider at least signing up for an hour. Signup genius: [https://tinyurl.com/South-Book-fair-vol](https://tinyurl.com/South-Book-fair-vol?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR1WeTgrE5wjJtciMYGPsJ_mhRPQXfdLrUJvVG7KiZj-KWLOoL8oiRX7mB8_aem_7Zym3EFdTi11B43gP2IsHA) (must be CORI certified to volunteer)
  + Flyers will go out next week with more information and link to set up e-wallet
  + NO VENMO - this is through Scholastic, not South School PTO
* Shark Season returns with the onset of SPRING!\* Need a volunteer to take this over! Also, shark season is about to begin again. You can start signing up now for dates in the Spring! $25 to shark a lawn.
  + Bri & Nicole?

| Sara Levine, Cultural Enrichment Chair |
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* Sweetheart Dance, Event Recap Huge success! Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen. We got some feedback to consider for next year (larger space, consider a Friday night?)
* Bingo Night 3.13\* Need help with crowd control, serving food/ drinks, setting up & cleaning up. Email Erin if you’re interested (consider reaching out to NHS kids)
  + Erin

| Michelle Frost, Membership Chair |
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* Updates…

| Mr. Dore, Ms. Buckley & Ms. Savoie, Admin & Staff |
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* Anniversaries Milestone Award for 24-25 Year - NEED list to place orders
* Puzzle 🧩 Mats (?)
* Walk to School, NEW Date
* Water Presentations
* Other School Updates…
* 5th grade April vacation camp at Curry College- Tues - Thurs. Bus from middle school. District will decide who goes - 40 students & 4 teachers. Apply online - will post link on Facebook (or email Laura Callis if you need more info [laura.callis@curry.edu](mailto:laura.callis@curry.edu))
  + paper airplanes & data analysis
  + building egg parachutes
  + social emotional learning
* 3/25 scratch coding night at library with Laura Callis - sign up if you’re interested as space is limited
* Coding camp this summer hosted by Curry - Laura has a discount code ($185 off) [laura.callis@curry.edu](mailto:laura.callis@curry.edu)

**\* = Volunteers Needed**

***>> Next Meeting - April 2, 2025 <<***