Stoughton South Elementary School 

PTO Agenda

*June 5, 2024*

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| Allison Reddington (President) & Kasey DiBiasio (VP) |

* Approval of May meeting minutes Approved by Bri & Kasey
* Upcoming at the South
  + 6.6 Early Release
  + 6.7 Field Day – rain or shine! Wear Fun Run shirts!
  + 6.11 Camp Maplewood Field Trip
  + 6.11 New Elementary School VOTE
  + 6.12 School Council Meeting @ 3pm
  + 6.13 K “Moving Up” Ceremony @ 9am
  + 6.14 Flag Day, ~~Time Capsule Unveiling~~ & 5th Grade “Moving On” Ceremony Moving Time Capsule to Fall (see more details below)
  + 6.17 Early Release
  + 6.18 Last Day, Early Release, Frozen Treats Make sure you fill out the Google form for frozen treats! It will be in this week’s Friday Updates. If you don’t fill it out your child will NOT get anything due to potential allergies, etc.
* Old Business
  + TAW - ReCap Huge success, teachers were blown away! Sent a nice thank you note.
  + Library Birthday Book Plaques (Summer Order, Abby?) Abby is looking into this and may create herself. Keep in mind we may not have a library next year given classroom space needs.
  + Literacy Palooza, SSR Books & Book Swap - ReCap! This was also very successful!
  + Scholarship Recipients, Received Checks!! Olivia sent a nice thank you note
  + 24-25 PTO & SC preferred meeting times, Update? PLEASE fill out the survey! Mel will resend via email and also linked here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHC5GVB>
  + Anniversaries Milestone Awards – ReCap These were much appreciated by the recipients, great surprise & way to make sure they felt appreciated
  + Student Teacher Gift, Received
  + Amazon Classroom Wish Lists, STILL Accepting These will stay up all summer long! Please ensure we have them all!
    - * Submit to AllieReddington@gmail.com
* New Business
  + Vote to move Sept Meeting back 9/4 to 9/11 (1 week) Approved (motion by Allison & Sara)
  + Critical Docs & Resources Now 📌 Pinned on FB
  + New Building Updates & Pending Consequences of a YES/NO Victory Please consider signing up to help the cause. We need people to canvas (ideally in Gibbons district/ precinct 4 & 5), stand in center of town this weekend, be at the polling places on Tuesday and more. Signupgenius here: [Committee for Better Stoughton Elementary Schools: VOTE YES on JUNE 11 (signupgenius.com)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49AFA62FAAFCC52-49861845-vote#/)
    - Please reach out to Lori, Allison or Mel for flyers if you’re able to help distribute
    - The most critical thing is to get YES votes OUT TO THE POLLS ON JUNE 11. Please spread the word to family, friends & neighbors.
    - We are trying to dispel misinformation. Please use our Facebook page as a resource, all info there is fact checked: [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SupportStoughtonElementarySchools)
    - One of MANY things at stake is our school libraries… the South library is already likely going to become a classroom due to overcrowding but the other schools’ libraries may suffer the same fate if we vote NO due to district overcrowding that can’t be solved solely with redistricting. Dr. Baeta said this in 5/21 meeting (available on SMAC & linked on [project website)](https://www.stoughtonschools.org/page/south-school-building-updates)
    - 3D tour on project website explains why some decisions were made, including large staircase & building design (for security purposes, etc.)
    - Population increase at South in 3 years has gone from 237-315
    - Some of the costs that are driving up the total needed are expected to be reimbursed! Renewable energy etc. will ultimately get credited back when we apply and are approved for rebates. So our ultimate tax burden will be less than what we’re anticipating today (which is already only about $1 per day!)
    - https://www.stoughtonschools.org/article/1567902
  + 4th Grade Request for Recipe Book Line Item Added to Annual Budget 🗳️
  + Art Supply Closets 🗳️ Voted – Amanda & Lori made motion, all approved. $300 budget for new art supply closets so current space can be used for offices

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| Jola Tuck (Treasurer) |

* Budget Notes, Profit & Loss
* Walmart Sparks, Status Update: Summer project
* Other Everything has been paid! If you are missing $$ please tell Jola

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| Melanie DiBiasio (Secretary) |

* Website
  + Removed OLD dates & left main events dateless
  + Link for fingerprinting added
* School Front Sign
* Newsletter - **email** [**southptostoughton@gmail.com**](mailto:southptostoughton@gmail.com) **to be added**

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| Abby Eustis & Jenney Ivaldi (Fundraising Chairs) |

* Shark Season! Book Special Dates throughout the summer!! Bri & Nicole are doing a great job with this! Please make sure adults at the house being “sharked” are aware so we don’t cause concerns 😊
* Textile Bin stays open all summer! Emptied on Wednesdays! If the bin is full, PLEASE keep items in your car and come back on Thursday! Do not leave things outside or overstuff the bin!
* Box Tops For Education (Download the App, Select our School & Scan Receipts!) Register as South School (if you can’t find it, try searching by zip code). This is super easy to just scan receipts when you come home from grocery shopping… no clipping or mailing needed! We’ve already earned almost $40
* Walmart SPARKS -> Treasurer
* Spirit Wear Store Online – ReCap $495 profit over 41 orders, a bit higher than the fall. We were a bit limited on how many items we could offer & how many orders needed to be placed for them to fulfill items. Looking into a different vendor for spirit wear next year.
* VOTE 🗳️ to Pass on Fall Fundraiser Voted & approved – we will forego a fall fundraiser next year so we can focus on Pumpkin Patch & other things at the start of the year
* Book Fair Dates for Fall, *Tiffany Start Training Abby*

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| Nancy Nunez*→* Sara Levine (Cultural Enrichment Chair) |

* Cultural Night - 1/9/25 5:30pm – 7pm Tried to join forces with other schools for this but their event is in October which is too crazy for us with the PP, so we’ll keep this solo event for the South in January.
  + (BackUp dates: 1/16/25, 1/23/25)
* Whale Exhibit, Spring, Grades 3-5 (Fall ‘24) October 7th \*date updated\*
* Discovery Museum, Grades K-2 (Fall ‘24) October 15-17th
* Dr. Mary - Family Health & Wellness Event (TBD) \*Also discussed in School Council School Improvement Plan
* Garden Box & Compost Project, Status Update
  + Mrs. Doherty & Ms. Gabriels

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| Tiffany White*→* Michelle Frost (Membership Chair) |

* Other

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| Mr. Dore, Mrs. Shute & Ms. Guay (Admins & Staff) |

* Other School Updates
* Theater for next year – confirmed that the program can use remaining funds from this year + the proceeds from the show to buy rights for next year’s show
  + Even though enrichment programs were cut from Stoughton’s budget next year, the South is committed to finding a way to keep the theater program running.
* Mary Reese – retired South teacher who buried time capsule – wants to get involved and help the unveiling to be a big deal. Therefore we opted to postpone event to next fall so we can put more thought into the surrounding event.
  + Sara Levine will coordinate details with Mary
* Spaces for next year will be challenging as we need to add a third 5th grade classroom. Assuming K will have 2 classes based on current enrollment/projections but this may be revisited. We are officially out of space so getting creative where we can
  + Given that the library will likely become a classroom, we’ll be looking into alternative library solutions around building
* Mr. Dore is working on an institutional self evaluation – he meets with curriculum supervisors, looks at our report card and comparisons, and makes recommendations for changes to school that are sent to Dr. Baeta. Highlights for this year’s report include:
  + Addressing chronic absenteeism (94.1% vs. 98% ideal)
  + Focus on instructional coaching and bringing in more coaches
  + Tracking student data/ making sure we are staying strong.
    - Reach out to Mr. Dore if you want more info on this report!

**\*Volunteer(s) Needed**

***>> Next Meeting - September 2024 <<***