Stoughton South Elementary School 

PTO Agenda

*February 5, 2025*

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

Meeting ID: 839 8991 0120

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| Allison Reddington, President |
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* Call Meeting to Order
* Approval of January meeting minutes Lori & Michelle
* Upcoming at the South
  + 2.6 🍿 Popcorn Friday New ingredients start this month!
  + 2.10 New Elementary School Zoom Meeting
  + 2.12 Sweetheart Dance\*
  + 2.14 Valentines Day, Teacher Appreciation\*
  + 2.14 FUN RUN T-Shirt Forms DUE!
  + 2.17-2.21 February Vacation
  + 3.5 March PTO Meeting
* Old Business
  + Popcorn Fridays, switch to cleaner ingredients!
    - Nina
  + National Puzzle Day Success!
  + New Elementary School -> Updates The vote passed at Town Meeting on Monday! Thank you TM Reps!
    - New school is on the ballot on **April 8** - please spread the word, especially to other parents
      * if the new school does not pass, modulars WILL happen.
    - BQC is sending a postcard out to town next week
    - Lawn signs are available!! Reach out to Lori or fill out the form [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1R4w5mOYzNqtN-_yzbMHpopHLGJIYT25Mfh_a0DlCMFU/edit?usp=drive_web) if you want one.
    - Next Meeting Feb 10, 2025 8pm Zoom tbd
* New Business
  + National Pencil Day, Order
  + Budget Votes
    - Buck tabled - not sure there is a need for $$
    - 5th Grade, $700 more (year books, pics & shirts) Lori made motion, Michelle second, 16 members voted yes, 0 voted no, 2 abstained. Motion passes and $700 will be allocated to 5th grade moving on committee as needed
  + Cafe Bulletin Boards, 2010 & 2020\* Looking for volunteers to help create these bulletin boards for the last 2 decades! Reach out to Allison if you’re interested
  + Dining 4$ Apprenticeship\* Bri is interested, and will shadow Melissa Lynch for remainder of the year
  + Executive Board Opening Positions (Reminder) We have interest in most open positions, but in need of someone for Treasurer! Please spread the word.
  + Purchases:
    - Noise Machine for shared teacher spaces, for privacy ✔️
  + Community Events - update We are exploring a baseball game with either the Red Sox or Brockton Rox. Brockton Rox is closer and they’re eager to host group outings so we may try that this year. More to come!
    - Michaela S
  + Valentines Day, Teacher Appreciation\*
    - Katie Nolin
  + Redistricting Committee, Updates
    - Lyns & Megan T - South School parents on committee
    - Julie Miller (HS Principal) - chair of committee
    - Mrs. Savoie & Mrs. Matthies are South teacher reps
    - All school principals sit on committee. Mr Dore provided an update:
      * committee met in Jan for the second time
      * they are investigating formats/ possibilities for redistricting
      * looking at nearby communities and what they have done
      * we will use a third party to help us draw up plans, heatmaps, etc. and propose recommendations
      * There will ultimately be two options: one if the new school exists and one if we end up in modulars.

| Kasey DiBiasio, Vice President |
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* Updates…

| 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 Raising a lot of money for our school, keep up the donations!
  + *Emptied on Wednesdays!*
* Box Tops For Education We raised $56 in 2024. Spread the word for people to download the app and scan receipts!
* School Store, Recap Raised $1,045.50 in Jan
  + Beth Letterio
* Fun Run T-Shirt Sponsorship Collections! Got a Business? We started reaching out to businesses to get sponsorships (their logo goes on our shirt for a fee, which covers the cost of the shirts for the students. Donations are tax deductible!) If you know of a business who might be interested in sponsoring, please reach out!
  + More info forthcoming for additional dates & details around Fun Run
  + Please contact Abby Eustis or Jenney Ivaldi
* POG Looking for someone to run this super easy event in March! It is during the same time as Fun Run and Book Fair so need an additional volunteer to help.
  + Job includes placing cauldrons in classrooms, collecting coins and awarding a winner.
* Spring Book Fair dates 3/17-21 (P/T conferences are also this week)

| Sara Levine, Cultural Enrichment Chair |
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* Sweetheart Dance, 2.12\* We have volunteers signed up for setup, during the event and cleanup, but could always use more! Please reach out to Sara if you want to sign up.
  + We are currently ordering decorations, supplies, snacks & pizza
  + There may be some concern that students are misunderstanding event as a drop-off/ ‘date’ with another student event. 4th and 5th grade teachers should remind students that this is not the case
  + Send reminder flyer home including clear messaging that students must bring an adult as their sweetheart, and include RSVP so we get a better idea of attendance.
  + Send reminder text morning of event (Dore) & station a PTO volunteer at the door to ensure no students are admitted inside without an adult.
* Bingo Night 3.13\*
  + Erin
  + Erin will be reaching out to people who offered their help as volunteers on their form earlier in the school year, and has a flyer ready to go (just needs FB event link for RSVPs - Mel to provide)

| Michelle Frost, Membership Chair |
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* Updates…
* Classroom Reps We are officially all set and have reps for all classrooms!

| 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
* Other School Updates…
* Ms. Buckley - staff had a recommendation that we create a version of the PTO calendar in Google as well as iCal, so it syncs with their school calendars/ email. They love the calendar, but would just appreciate if it was more easily accessible from their work email.
* Mr. Dore -
  + Puzzle day was a success - we changed the format a bit this year and need to retire some of the puzzles/ games for next year due to wear & tear
  + Water presentations next week: Grade 3 - MWRA and Grade 5 - Neponset River Water Association
  + We will be rescheduling Walk to School Day, hopefully in next week, pending weather
    - Note that the starting point will now be the old Piezoni’s (where there is parking) instead of the dentist office!
  + Texting service is fixed! There was an issue preventing South texts from going through, but after testing it should now be working.
    - If you ever do NOT see a text by 5pm on a Friday, alert Mr. Dore as that means something is not working.
  + Please DO NOT PARK IN HANDICAP SPOTS even just for a few minutes during drop off and pickup! this is becoming a major issue and we are starting to strictly enforce the rule to stop the bad behavior.
  + Absence & Tardy letters - these are required to be sent out by the state! Although these include illnesses, note that the district still excuses those absences (but they still count toward state tracking of chronic absenteeism)
  + Theater teachers plan to use the funds they saved by not buying rights to a show this year to buy a new mic system for the program. this will be able to be moved with us to a new school and will allow most performers to have their own mic! Since this is within budget we’ve already allocated, no vote is needed. Note that they did research and went with a cost effective option, and it will cost about $2,700
* Motion to adjourn: Abby & Michelle

**\* = Volunteers Needed**

***>> Next Meeting - March 5, 2025 <<***