

**Daisy Elementary PTO  
General Meeting Minutes**

**Date, Time & Location: 11/4/2020 7pm Virtual: Google Meet**

**Meeting called to order by Tovah Vincent  
at 7:03 pm**

**Attendance:**

**There were members in attendance; a quorum was reached.**

**President Welcome**

**Principal's Report:**

It's great to see so many people on. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated substitutes like Tovah. I just want to reassure you we are at week 10, hanging in there and doing well. We have no + cases. I want to assure you that when we had the one case we followed the guidelines from the health advisor. The great news is there were no other positive tests. Some parents even if not recommended stayed remote and also tested their kids.

HS & MS are now remote for 2 weeks due to 2 cases but this is due to different cohorting, due to impacted faculty/staff they decided to go all remote. All schools are working closely together to trace families and follow procedures. Zach Faiella and Pat Charles have been amazing. You have to trust the people who you are talking with that we are correctly reaching everyone. We continue to work hard. Too many states are hot spots and it's not a time to let our guard down. Our kids are doing amazing. As it got bigger at the MS and HS it was really about the teachers, our staff meetings are still virtual, baby showers virtual, we have to, or we could have the whole staff out. We need to keep on top of things.

I so appreciate our families, 70+ families have tested, even with a runny nose doctors are making kids take a test and you MUST stay out pending your results.

The other thing that I wanted to say is that next week is Veteran's Day. Of course we are not bringing people in but we are planning a walk of fame in the hallway, and a virtual one is also in the works. If you have anyone in your family send it in with a picture and little write up so we can share it with the entire community. If you have anyone willing to meet on google meet that is an option also. We can still do a really nice virtual event!

We appreciate your trust in us. The kids coming in and off the bus everyone seems really grateful, and we want to keep everyone here as long as possible.

**Secretary Jodi Ouellette:** 2 cards from Jenn Pernal and Jen Kowalski

Minutes shared and voted on. All in favor of approving the minutes from the last meeting.

**Treasurer Jenn Fineza:** Treasurer's report read and accepted. Report attached.

13,800.34 Last Meeting.

13,355.61 Today.

We are going to start emailing minutes AND budget. We did adjust a few budgets due to the lack of income. We have to be creative with how we bring money in and tactful with how money is going out.

### **Old Business (key information and motions voted on)**

#### **Committee Reports (name of speaker, summary of business discussed).**

#### **Teacher rep - Stephanie Merriman:**

Update for parents - teachers are continuing to be focusing on handwashing, mask wearing, social emotional learning. We spent a lot of time going over SEL and making sure our kids are emotionally ok. We do feel the kids are doing well.

Veterans Day info went out today, please share your special veterans.

Corey Ehrlich sent an email asking if the PTO is going to support gift cards, put on facebook, etc.

Cassie: Can people donate money or electronic gift cards? Jenn Fineza will look into ways to donate money like venmo, paypal, etc.

#### **\*Discussion on gift cards and best way to handle money and increased donations.**

#### **Sunshine Committee: No chair present, update from board**

Thanksgiving breads - bought or baked and volunteers go around and deliver to every staff member. 70 people! Every single person gets bread! We aren't sure how we should handle it this year. Sign-up Genius can go out and have people buy premade breads from stores so that it's safe. Thoughts?

Ruth adds that we really can't have food brought in. Kids are first, but it is such a nice thing if we continue, let's find a way to do it. We want to show our appreciation.

Shantel asks about holiday gifts. Maybe we just need to plan ahead and let gifts sit.

\*There are other non-profit alternatives to Venmo. Some quick listings to look into:

<https://www.soapboxengage.com/blog/1895-paypal-alternatives-for-nonprofits>

**PTO Membership Forms:** If you fill it out each year we can keep it up to date, and keep you up to date with minutes, budget, your right to vote, sign up genius, event help, room parents, and more. Please share your emails and register for the PTO today!

We will also send the form out again.

**Holiday Fair:** Kristen & Tracey. Come up with a grade friendly craft.

Use Sign-up Genius for craft donations.

Kristen & Tracey, Meredith may be interested in helping also. Come up with ideas and supply lists by Thanksgiving.

Jodi, Erin, Jenn will help as well.

#### **Jessie Lernmark - Cultural Arts update**

No Cultural Arts updates. As some know, we tried to do a birds of prey outdoor assembly but it was too risky with Covid. Tovah, Melissa, and Jessie will connect later on any updates from the meeting.

**New Business (key information and motions voted on)**

**Amazon Smile** is set up and ready to go! There is a link specifically for Daisy. It is also posted on Facebook...Keep pushing facebook and instagram.

**[DaisyIngrahamPTO@gmail.com](mailto:DaisyIngrahamPTO@gmail.com)** - New Email, write it down!

**Next meeting: Wednesday, December 9th at 6:30 pm.**

**Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/szb-mxsu-jhj>**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.**

**Minutes compiled by Jodi Ouellette, Secretary**

**Daisy Ingraham Elementary School PTO**

**Sign-In Sheet for Meeting on November 4, 2020 @ 7:00pm; Virtual**

**Sign name below:**

<b>Melissa Bonner</b>
<b>Jenn Fineza</b>
<b>Tovah Vincent</b>
<b>Cassie Morrison</b>
<b>Shantel</b>
<b>Stephanie Merriman</b>
<b>Colleen Bloom</b>
<b>Ruth Rose</b>
<b>Jodi Ouellette</b>
<b>Kirsten Tonnessen</b>
<b>Allison Pluck</b>
<b>Rebecca Corcoran</b>

<b>Jessie Lernmark</b>
<b>Erin Corcoran</b>
<b>Heather Manley</b>
<b>Kelly Donley</b>
<b>Kelsey McIsaac</b>
<b>Kristen Squillacote</b>
<b>Krystle Mohawk</b>
<b>Tracy Cocchiola</b>

### Questions and Comments from the Google Meet "chat"

You6:48 PM

Last months minutes:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/17ggaebRfGrOGERH61DJlgKlOg738r0CE9PIYwK\\_s5g/edit?usp=s\\_haring](https://docs.google.com/document/d/17ggaebRfGrOGERH61DJlgKlOg738r0CE9PIYwK_s5g/edit?usp=s_haring)

SLB Photography7:19 PM

Two questions for Mrs. Rose- 1) As we are getting to winter, I've read different articles that snow days might be a thing of the past with the option of virtual learning. Just curious if there are any plans to send computers back home. Or do you expect snow days to be like ones i n the past? 2) I feel like I need to touch base with you about 4th grade promo. Since there aren't many events this year, and I can't enter the school for pictures, I have other suggestions. But they' need approval.

You7:19 PM

Ruth W. Rose7:20 PM

Westbrook hasn't made a decision re: snow days yet. The state is letting each district decide.

We're taking lots of pics for Yearbook that we can share for 4th grade promo. We can talk more about that.

Ruth W. Rose7:21 PM

We're using Chromebooks in school now and teaching younger students how to sign on to Google Classroom. Will send home if we need to go remote. It doesn't seem reasonable for our students to bring back/forth every day.

Jessie Lernmark7:23 PM

I have to leave now. But no Cultural updates. As some know, we tried to do a birds of prey outdoor assembly but too risky with Covid. Tovah and Melissa I will connect with you later on any updates from the meeting. Thx all! Jessie

SLB Photography7:27 PM

Can corey set up a Venmo account for this?

SLB Photography7:31 PM

Can kids send in checks made out to an organization

Kirsten Tonnessen7:35 PM

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You7:39 PM

thank you. I'm saving this website in the minutes

Jennifer Fineza7:42 PM

I will definitely look into venmo details. Thank you for the link

Erin Corcoran7:44 PM

Tovah, did you get my room mom app? I dropped it off. Just want to make sure

Kirsten Tonnessen7:47 PM

Decorated picture frames?

Erin Corcoran7:47 PM

Ahead of time is good as teachers would need to get families to pick up ahead of time for remote learners

Kelsey McIsaac7:52 PM

Anything you need for pre-K I'm happy to help. My daughter is in Mrs. Gersz's class

SLB Photography7:52 PM

I'll help however

Erin Corcoran7:53 PM

I can help with it too if anyone wants it

Jennifer Fineza7:53 PM

I will help

SLB Photography7:54 PM

I'm happy to be room mom for my sons 3rd grade or my daughters preschool class.

or both

Kirsten Tonnessen7:58 PM

I check FB, but I didn't see that.

Kristen Squillacote8:01 PM

I have to scoot, but Tracy and I are on the holiday crafting!

Rebecca Corcoran8:01 PM

I just added Daisy Elementary to my Amazon as well

Melissa Bonner8:02 PM

Yay! Thanks Rebecca!

Tovah Vincent8:02 PM

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