

**Daisy Elementary PTO
January 2019 General Meeting Minutes**

Date, Time & Location: January 29th, 2019, 3:15 pm, in the Daisy Ingraham “pit”

Meeting called to order by President Melissa Porter at 3:15 pm

Attendance: Melissa Porter, Melissa Bonner, Jenn Fineza, Jodi Ouellette, Ruth Rose, Jessica Brown, Cathy Dowler, Ginny White

There were members in attendance; a quorum was reached. No guests in attendance.

Minutes: accepted

Officers' Reports

President Melissa Porter: Welcome

Principal's Report: given by Ruth Rose and Cathy Dowler

- Informing us about Kindness Day with stations as a follow-up to our book the Invisible Boy. Comments from kids from the story have been heartwarming...and ultimately we want ALL children to feel welcome, part of a class, community, etc.
- Asking families to please donate a new book, toy (coloring books, adult coloring books), or comfort item (pj's, lotions, sprays) to donate to the toy closet at Yale to help families feel at ease, distracted, comfortable during times of stay
- Today (1/29) a letter went home with students about the culminating activity day and collection of items above. Monday February 4th is going to like an inside field day of Kindness, everyone is involved!! Good News Assembly will end the day.
- Ruth informed again about the community rallying around the Livernoche family

****Public Service Announcement from Ruth!! Watch your kids online! We are having some concerns again with apps, social media...the new one is “tick tock”**

- A letter will be sent home for families... regarding this situation. We just want to be really really careful with our children to keep them safe.

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

- Treasurer report: End Balance; bulk of funds came from 5k. Other fundraisers are on the light side...
- Reimbursement Request Form for Jenn Fineza will be in her red folder in PTO mailbox...please use this form when you need to get reimbursed and she can keep better track of reimbursements. Have signed!! Staple receipt to form and submit.

Secretary Jodi Ouellette:

- Shared thank you cards for luncheons and Run 169 Club for 5k!
- 5k Meeting will happen soon already and we will set a date for next fall, our plan is to keep it the same weekend (Saturday before Thanksgiving).

Teacher Rep Jessica Brown:

- Spirit Wear
- Forms are going home this week!! Order your gear!

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

- Holiday Fair - Kristen Squillacote; Tracey Cocchiola
 - They are currently shopping and buying stuff for next years event
- Pavers - Heather Manley organized a new paver fundraiser where families can purchase a paver "Buy a Paver...Leave a Legacy." Forms will go home soon...just working on a return date, a company to engrave and then Heather's husband will lay it down.
- Cultural Arts - Jessie Lernmark
 - Last show by Grumbling Gryphons had mixed reviews. It was a lot of work, working with kids, etc. but it was appropriate for kids. It took the entire day so Ruth may survey people (staff, etc) and see what the final decision is. But it did get mixed reviews...
 - Earth Day ideas needed!! Looking for volunteers if anyone has connections!!
- Wrapping Paper: Tovah Vincent
 - All went well
- After School Activities: emailed to presidents from Kristen Ford
 - We NEED Volunteers
 - Run Club, healthy snacks, Lego building, Girls who code
 - Steam/Stem activity after February break!
- Sweetheart Dance
- Mother/Son Event: Tovah Vincent
 - Laser Tag in the spring
- Pearls & Plaid Fundraiser: Melissa Bonner
- Daisy Dash 5k
 - Huge success! \$14,000 we made.
 - Some money will go to Climbing Wall for the gym! \$3-4,000
 - Next step is to get the specs that we want to the insurance people!

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

Next meeting is April 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Minutes compiled by Jodi Ouellette, Secretary