

Daisy Elementary PTO General Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/18/23

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Daisy Ingraham PIT (in person) & Google Meet (virtual) hybrid meeting

Attendance:

Alyssa Lindquist
Brittany Cusano
Caitlin Bialek
Cassandra Morrison
Cassie Rodriguez
Colleen Bloom
Elizabeth Haynes
Jenn Fineza
Jen Gallegos
Jodie Oshana
Kathleen Mones
Kelsey McIsaac
Kirsten Freer
Kristen Park
Krystle Jochim
Marta Gutierrez
Meredith Werner
Ruth Rose
Shantel Berg
Stephanie Merriman
Tovah Vincent
Valerie Vu

President Kirsten Freer:

The President welcomed everyone and briefed the [agenda](#).

- Committees
 - [All chairs filled](#)
 - Thanks to those who filled out the [interest form](#)
 - Committees will be reaching out as they gear up
 - Proposed eliminating these committees moving forward:
 - Afterschool Activities
 - Newsletter
 - Gingerbread House Competition
 - No comments from room or virtual participants
- [Room parents](#) are filled
- Other topics for tonight:

- Budget
- Expanded Daisy Dash Proposal

Secretary Krystle Jochim: Minutes from 9/18/23 posted to chat and approved.

[PTO Minutes: 9/18/23](#)

Treasurer Jenn Fineza: Treasurer's report was read and posted to chat.

[Daisy PTO Budget](#)

- Balance as of 9/18/23 was \$4,977.76
- As of today: \$3,965.14
 - Last meeting balances in actuals for this year included 22/23 expenses
 - These are now shown back to 22/23 where they belong
- Currently predicted 23/24 income will not cover 23/24 expenses
 - More fundraising?
 - Suggestion for Raffle baskets
 - Daisy Dash & Ice Cream Social have baskets perhaps Family Picnic
 - Previously each grade level had a theme for a basket
 - Suggestion for raffle tickets for time with teachers
 - Suggestion to reach out to Westbrook Merchants for sponsorship
 - Cut expenditures?
 - Year end ice cream truck, ice cream social changed back to charge
- Committee chairs need to be mindful of their budgets
- Questions:
 - Income for Daisy Dash is net the expenses (not a separate line)
 - School purchases includes items such as:
 - Art frames in pit
 - Striping of playground
 - Last day of school ice cream & pizza
 - No expense for graduation this year but usually ~\$1,750
 - Ruth would still like to see a "fun" night for the fourth graders
 - Ruth questioned what cost of book fair included
 - Scholastic no longer supplies theme
 - Last year's cost were in school purchases
 - Having everything broken out helps committee chairs
 - This year will have food service on the last day so school purchases may decrease, as not having lunch service was original reason for pizza purchase

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

- Family Picnic
 - Chair: **Jenn** Fineza & Emily Doyle
 - Nice evening with other families
 - Great turnout
 - Future:

- Fall backdrop for family photos
 - Improve monitoring of bounce house (same as prior year)
 - Always great ideas, but need hands/minds to make it come together
 - Will plan for next year at the end of this school year
 - Made \$715 profit but expenses exceed this amount
 - Net likely ~\$700 loss
 - Never intended to make money
 - Question regarding attendance as next year will have an extra grade
 - Did sell out 20 minutes before the picnic ended
 - 180 hamburgers & 200 hot dogs
 - Will make sure next year there is more
 - More attendance in the fall given lack of evening activities
 - Suggestion for pre-sell tickets or RSVP
 - Ticket sales should stop if food runs out
- Ambassador Program
 - Chair: **Shantel** Berg & Kelsey McIssac
 - Program at standstill awaiting permissions
 - Thinking first playdate would be Thursday, 10/19 3p-4p
 - Hand out flier in bags to younger kids
 - Start with preK
 - Parent/Guardian required
 - Post on FB to target everyone
 - Suggestion would be one grade at a time
- Walk/Bike to School
 - Chair: **Ruth** Rose
 - Fun and great participation
 - Will do again in the Spring
 - Next fall may want to do later in the month to prevent sun blindness
- BOE Meeting:
 - Chair: Kathleen Frame & **Kristen** Park
 - Four new additions to the daisy staff
 - Kaitlin Hutchins
 - Jenn Fineza
 - Madeline Millerick
 - Zoe Murphy
 - District wide information
 - 100% graduation rate!
 - Second step program moving forward at all three schools
 - All schools air quality tested and clear
 - HVAC systems to include dehumidifiers being investigated
- Book Fair
 - Chair: **Kirsten** Freer & Krystle Jochim
 - Next week!
 - Setup this Friday

- Need help:
 - During the day next week
 - Raffle baskets
 - Cleanup
- Signup to help [here](#)
- Family Night 10/24 from 4pm to 7pm
- Fun activities planned with middle school guest stars!
- Spirit Wear
 - Chair: **Shantel** Berg
 - Small stock of spirit wear to bring out for people to see
 - New consensus was to fundraise via spirit wear but will circle back to this conversation
- Lunchroom Volunteers
 - Chair: Stephanie Merriman
 - Thank you to all volunteers!
 - [Daisy Lunch Aide Volunteers 2023-2024 Calendar](#)
 - [Daisy Lunch Aide Volunteers 2023-2024 Ad.pdf](#)
- Charleston Wrap (Online Fundraising)
 - Chair: Jen Gallegos & **Kelsey** McIsaac
 - Going well, made over \$1K so far
 - 44 more days
 - If you already ordered, shipments are on their way!
- Daisy Dash
 - Chair: **Tovah** Vincent
 - Proposal to expand the Daisy Dash to WMS & WHS
 - View the slides [here](#)
 - Vision has always been to promote community & wellness
 - Always included all 3 schools with messages regarding Dash
 - Would like to include them with fundraising
 - Parent involvement has been on the decline
 - Need at least 30 volunteers on race day alone
 - Need a more dedicated committee
 - Tovah would stay as Race Director, anyone who wants to help/come on as assistant director
 - Cassie would stay on as Tech Coordinator, anyone who wants to can help/come on as assistant
 - Looking for Sponsorship, Volunteer, and Marketing Coordinator to join the committee
 - What does expansion look like:
 - Same course, held at Daisy
 - District-wide wellness challenges
 - Potential run club again (explore options due to winter weather)
 - More fundraising, more volunteers
 - Profit Proposal:

- Daisy has largest student population and expenditures of PTO
- For 2024 proposing 75% Daisy/12.5% WMS/12.5% WHS split of net profits up to \$15K; above \$15K raised 70% Daisy/15% WMS/15% WHS
- Open Floor Discussion
 - Individuals seemed supportive
 - Ruth loved idea to include past students
 - Sponsor a runner brought up as a fundraising tool
 - Expansion may open up more opportunities and different circles for sponsor donations
 - WMS is in support already
 - Jenn Fineza (WHS PTO President) will bring to WHS; WHS might use funds to sponsor a Senior with scholarship funds
 - Expenses still fronted by Daisy and Daisy would cut a check of net profits after number is finalized
 - WMS and WHS likely wouldn't have funds for use until EOY or early next year because that's when numbers would be finalized
- We need both donations and prizes! Plenty of ways to get involved
- A Google Form will go out in the next few days and will have a link to the slides

Principal's Report: Ruth Rose

- Nothing from Teacher Rep
- Thanks for support for Hats for Hope to Tommy Fund
 - Made the Harper Gazette
- Thank you message from Jan Lynch for retirement gift
- Superintendent may come to Nov meeting to discuss the BOE budget
- Question regarding air conditioning
 - Not a candidate for on the roof units
 - Looking for individual units for hottest areas
 - May address carpeting with capital expenditure budget (in discussions)

New Business/Open Floor (key information)

- None

Next meeting: November 13th at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Minutes compiled by Krystle Jochim, Secretary

Daisy Ingraham Elementary School PTO

Chat History for Reference:

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6:08 PM

Agenda:

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Minutes:

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Budget:

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6:09 PM

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Valerie Vu

6:11 PM

In favor

You

6:12 PM

Marta...did you have a question/comment? Let us know via chat.

Elizabeth Haynes

6:20 PM

I don't think we'll need the full graduation

Money because there won't be a 4th grade

Colleen Bloom

6:35 PM

Thoughts for next years picnic: Did we track how many people came this year? We will have an extra grade next year.

There wasn't enough food and tickets were still being sold even

You

6:38 PM

thanks colleen!

You

6:45 PM

Still available slots for the Book Fair raffle baskets if anyone is interested.

You

6:58 PM

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^^^slides for Daisy Dash

You

7:02 PM

Try this for a direct link to the slides:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/12UC33IVygPDmuydyXLGI7G1YTZFDVpV2/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108953833780824068076&rtpof=true&sd=true>

You

7:06 PM

Anyone interested in the roles please reach out!

Colleen Bloom

7:12 PM

I love the idea of including district wide. Our kids who move on from daisy have an opportunity to still feel a part of it

You

7:17 PM

we see ya Cassie!

hold on Cassie

You

7:18 PM

we lost audio

keep holding

You

7:19 PM

If anyone didn't hear, we will be sending out a google form to vote on the proposal

Cassondra Rodriguez

7:22 PM

I work with the deck owners girlfriend 🙄

You

7:24 PM

Yes Cassie!!

Cassondra Rodriguez

7:25 PM

No don't apologize! I was just saying

Maybe I can get somewhere lol

Cassandra Morrison

7:29 PM

Thanks everyone!