

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

Date, Time & Location: April 2nd, 2019, 5:30 pm, in the Daisy Ingraham cafeteria

Meeting called to order by President Melissa Bonner at 5:30 pm

Attendance: Melissa Porter, Melissa Bonner, Jenn Fineza, Jodi Ouellette, Ruth Rose
There were members in attendance; a quorum was reached.

Minutes: accepted

Officers' Reports

President Melissa Bonner: Welcome

Principal's Report: given by Ruth Rose

- May 7th should be our town vote on school's budget. We need the PTO to get the word out to vote
- Regionalization update: Superintendent and Ruth have been involved at the state...Thursday April 11th at the Old Saybrook Middle School 6:30...Representative Devin Carney will be there to "debunk" the myths! He does not support it either!
- Shifts in staff with student numbers. The goal is to keep classroom size equitable across the board. Kindergarten registration is already at 40....and we do think that number will grow.

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

- Treasurer report: End Balance; 23,406.00 (fluid balance since other checks haven't posted yet).
- 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 PTO reimbursement and sympathy gift for Mrs. White's mother!
- 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).

Old Business (key information and motions voted on)

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

- Earth Day: Animal Ambassadors will be contacted soon to replace a company that no longer is in business.
 - Compost bins still needed, plastic containers that pretzels come in! Bring in donations. We will put a bin in the lobby with a sign!! (2nd graders)

- Amy's Active Learning - 3rd & 4th graders...gardening, sprouting.
- Mystic traveling touch tank. Jessie has looked into them as well. She will make decisions soon.
- Earth week will mainly take place the week we come back from vacation, 2nd graders will be the following week due to scheduling.
- We can also involve room parents and do smaller scale activities in the classroom, relating STEM, STEAM...
- "Buy a Brick" Pavers - Heather Manley organized a new paver fundraiser where families can purchase a paver "Buy a Paver...Leave a Legacy." Form went out and will go out again soon...and then Heather's husband will lay it down.
- Ice Cream Social - April 26th - Friday night
 - New chairs will take the lead.
 - Contact Lori Blair for ice cream, and toppings.
 - baskets??
- Teacher Appreciation Day - Laura - May 6th week of...
- Walk or bike to school - Elise - May 8th or rain date is the 9th.
 - Add spirit day to this day!!
- 4th Grade Promotion - Friday June 14th. Ceremony is in the morning and then some activities in the afternoon - Tovah is taking the lead but she does need suggestions!!
- Talent Show!!!
 - Melissa asking for 5 weeks for prep
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- After School Activities
 - Girls Who Code - Kristen Ford
 - Make girls feel comfortable with technology without the boys around!
 - Just extended to the elementary level so Kristen wanted to start it here.
 - 2 meetings so far, only for 3rd and 4th grade.
 - Mondays from 3-4.
 - She will need help moving forward.
- Big Y Program
- Daisy Dash 5k
 - New Date - November 23rd!
 - Next Meeting - Thursday April 25th 6-7 at Westbrook Town Library
 - Join our committee!!!

Field Day is usually the last Friday in May

Tentative Last day of school is June 17th!!!

New Business (key information and motions voted on)

Next meeting is June 4th at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes compiled by Jodi Ouellette, Secretary