

## **Daisy Elementary PTO General Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 3/11/24

**Time:** 6:00pm

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

### **Attendance:**

Amanda Radzunas

Cassie Rodriguez

Colleen Bloom

Jen Gallegos

Kathleen Frame

Kirsten Freer

Krystle Jochim

Mary Ella Luft

Ruth Rose

Shantel Berg

Stephan Trojan

Tovah Vincent

### **President Kirsten Freer:**

#### **The President welcomed everyone.**

- Special guest (Mr Trojan) to talk about fundraising ideas
- Request for help regarding two other ideas:
  - Water Bottle fountains
  - Picnic tables for outside

### **Special Guest: Stephan Trojan**

- Fish tank aquarium:
  - Kids love it but would like to add more fish and that is expensive
  - Getting and caring (food / filters) for animals can be expensive as Marine aquarium
  - Would like to foster ownership piece
    - Kids / Classes / Families to support with fish
    - Memorial of fish leading to the tank to encourage donations / ownership of animals
  - Would love to get aquarium committee together for caretaking
  - Questions:
    - Regarding cost and maintenance (i.e. annual)
    - Would this be a line item?
      - Looking for PTO to help get the word out
      - Assistance with signage for sponsorship

- Kirsten has welder friend who offered to make some fish for cheap
- Mentioned that additional animals (including axolotls) are in the science classroom
- Composting
  - Looking for connections for building compost bins
    - PTO involvement or donation of materials would be appreciated
  - Ties in with science curriculum and encourages green living
  - Looking to write grant for initiative
    - Kirsten to send along an upcoming possible grant

**Secretary Krystle Jochim: Minutes from 1/11/24 posted to chat and approved.**

**☰ PTO Minutes: 1/11/24**

- Kirsten read letter from Plainville library for donation in honor of Honey Inman
- Kirsten also mentioned staff retirements of Ms Godfrey and Lynda Fischer

**Treasurer Jenn Fineza: Budget as of 3/11/24 posted to chat and reviewed by Kirsten.**

**✚ Daisy PTO Budget**

- Beginning balance as of 1/11 is \$6,358.49
- Balance as of 3/11 is \$12,752.85

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

- Daisy Dash
  - Chair: Tovah Vincent
  - Sponsorship looking good
  - Runners good
    - Fun run sign up low
  - Venmo up and running
    - @WestbrookPTO
  - Plan to make a donation to Smilio in honor of Lynsey Eno
  - There will be a staff raffle:
    - Tickets for registration, volunteering, March wellness sneaker
  - Signup genius is ready:
    - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949AEA82BA7FA7-48334295-daisy?useFullSite=true#/>
- BOE Meeting
  - **Mary Ella Luft** shared
  - Budget to be approved shortly
- Cultural Arts
  - Chair: **Jen Gallegos** & Ariana Bobiej
  - One woman show on leap day
    - Ruth Bader Ginsburg
    - Students really enjoyed it ( K - 4th)

- Earth Day in April
  - Jen to send out crafts to Room Parents
  - There are LOTS of pretzel containers in the PTO closets
- Speaking with Patty Laudano
  - Previously at Nature Preserve
  - Will be talking about SEED program
    - Partner classes to go through instruction regarding seeds
- St Patricks Day assembly could be done
  - 2 Irish Step groups:
    - One charges while one does not
  - Thought was to have assembly later in the month
    - Unlikely to get together by Thursday
  - Decided to postpone for this year
- Sweetheart Dance
  - Chairs: Kelly Donley & **Colleen** Bloom
  - Many people donated time:
    - Shantel & Clint / Melissa
    - Would like to provide thank yous
    - Perhaps higher monetary compensation
  - Discussed ending half an hour sooner
    - Cut to 1.5 instead of 2 hours
- Book Fair
  - Chair: **Kirsten** Freer & Krystle Jochim
  - Reading Rainbow fair in March
    - Everyone got a book
    - Gross Sales over \$7.7K
    - Share the Fair (donations) was over \$500
    - Mrs Sweet's 50th Book Fair
  - Fall Fair 2024 - Space Theme
    - Setup is Friday afternoon 10/18
    - Fair week is 10/21 - 24
    - Family Night is Tuesday 10/22 from 4-7p
  - Spring Fair 2024
    - Setup is Friday afternoon 2/21
    - Fair week is 2/24 - 27
- Spirit Wear
  - Chair: **Shantel** Berg
  - Site up Friday or Monday
  - Designs can be seen [here](#)

#### **Principal's Report: Ruth Rose**

- New reading program (Amplify) for K - 2
  - Also purchased program for 3 - 5
- Professional Development

- Social - Emotional development
- Training for Run, Hide, Fight with CT troopers
  - More to come from the school
  - Lookdown option
  - Additional option for evacuation
    - This has not yet been practiced with kids
  - This will roll out next year (excluding fight portion)
  - Will be a change to preschool dropoff
    - Move to FOB locked door with staff monitoring

### **New Business/Open Floor (key information)**

- Tovah mentioned that she has secured a return of the Greenhouse bricks
- Talks of door decorating following April break
- Bike to School Day on May 8th
- Tentative talent show date for May 6th
- Art Show & Concert June 6th
  - Specials teachers requested ice cream social to be moved
    - Could move to talent show or skip
    - Seems best to cut out since ice cream the last day of school
    - Ben & Jerry's will give you free ice cream post-Daisy Dash (between noon and 4p) if you show your race bib
- School wide field day May 24th

**Next meeting: April 2024, exact date TBD**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm**

**Minutes compiled by Krystle Jochim, Secretary**

**Daisy Ingraham Elementary School PTO**

### **Chat History for Reference:**

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Minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mWL4lpqqnubZS1mN3IYEKxRCqJPzhls9mnqRnrOZib0/edit?usp=sharing>

Budget:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14tfDm63biliGxb8nHon3UnbdhYBEY55fbqQuYkkDvCs/edit?usp=sharing>

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Fish signage:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vh8QmU4NfqLiRp4d-GL\\_gs07Sl2OZGt9/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vh8QmU4NfqLiRp4d-GL_gs07Sl2OZGt9/view?usp=drive_link)

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Daisy Dash Signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949AEA82BA7FA7-48334295-daisy?useFullSite=true#/>

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I agree with Colleen.

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Could you all repeat any questions/comments for those of us virtual?

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And, she mentioned me. I get paid for this event. \$6/kid. So I am not in. the "donated my time" category.

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THANK YOU!

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TShirts:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P7TRWhh5Fcy0g9n81b1KlutMjiggtQB/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P7TRWhh5Fcy0g9n81b1KlutMjiggtQB/view?usp=drive_link)

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We're the Daisy Dash! Of course we spend months planning this event!