

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

**Date:** 11/13/23

**Time:** 6:30pm

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

### **Attendance:**

Amanda Flynn  
Cassie Rodriguez  
Emily Doyle  
Jen Gallegos  
Jodie Oshana  
Kathleen Frame  
Kelly Donley  
Kelsey McIsaac  
Kirsten Freer  
Krystle Jochim  
Marta Gutierrez  
Mary Ella Luft  
Ruth Rose  
Shantel Berg  
Stephanie Merriman  
Tovah Vincent  
Valerie Vu

### **President Kirsten Freer:**

**The President welcomed everyone.**

- Last meeting of the calendar year
  - January meeting TBD (11th or 17th)
- Wrap ups from prior meetings:
  - Expanded 5K
    - WMS would like to participate
    - WHS still voting
    - Daisy PTO voted 21:1 in favor of expansion
    - Tovah to discuss
    - Summary of responses [here](#)
  - Wishlist from teachers for “big ticket” items
    - Ideas solicited from teachers and staff
    - Summary of ideas [here](#)
    - Plan is to vote amongst PTO by [Google survey](#) and fundraise it!
    - Ruth mentioned some the submissions were in fact being investigated by BOE so those items were removed from the list
      - Portable A/C

- Carpet removable
- Etc.
- Small and big item on list
  - May need to fundraise multiple years depending on price

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

[PTO Minutes: 10/16/23](#)

**Treasurer Jenn Fineza: Treasurer's report was given by Kirsten.**

[Daisy PTO Budget](#)

- Committee chairs reach out to Jenn regarding budget, balance, etc.
- Report has not been updated since 10/16
  - Ending balance as of last meeting was \$3,965.14

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

- Sunshine
  - Chair: **Krystle** Jochim & Cassie Rodriguez
  - Thanksgiving Breads
    - Seeking volunteers to bake/buy bread
  - [Link](#) went out to PTO today
  - Ruth to send link out via messenger
- Holiday Fair
  - Chair: **Jodie** Oshana
  - Setup "shopping" for kids to purchase gifts for family/friends
  - Wrapping party:
    - Thursday 11/30 6-8ish
    - Feel free to pop in
    - Likely wrap in Rm 23
    - More information to come
  - Fair is the week of 12/11
    - Setup 12/11 (decorating, setup gifts, price items)
    - Shopping 12/12 - 12/14
    - Signup genius to come
  - Committee needs help!
  - Email PTO or text Jodie / Shantel (617-818-347) photo&price if you see any potential gifts
- Charleston Wrap (Online Fundraising)
  - Chair: **Jen** Gallegos & Kelsey McIsaac
  - Earned \$2,267.30 dollars so far
  - Purchases go through 11/30
- Cultural Arts
  - Chair: **Jen** Gallegos
  - Sheryl Faye - One woman show booked for Feb 29th

- Historical figures from history (Queen Elizabeth II, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Eleanor Roosevelt, Clara Barton, Helen Keller, Sally Ride, etc.)
  - Looking for a show for all grades and relevant
  - Ruth asking teachers/parents to weigh in
    - Reach out to PTO or directly to Jen / Ruth
  - Patricia Laudano - present during Earth Week
    - At HS but previously worked at Nature Preserve
  - Reaching out to Gary Nolf
    - President of Atlatl Association (spear throwing)
  - Trying to seek out local people for cultural arts presentations
- Daisy Dash
  - Chair: **Tovah** Vincent
  - Expansion passed!
  - New and veteran members
  - Already had first meeting
  - Keeping the name
  - Registration live
  - Keeping the same price on registration and sponsor levels
    - Will rename levels to represent district
  - First 100 people get T Shirts, after that pay extra \$5
  - Survey summary:
    - Hesitation regarding profit splitting
      - Hoping to expand reach
    - Representation across schools
      - Already have a wide variety of volunteer support from other schools
      - Same event just hoping to reach more people
  - Question regarding route - change to go by the other schools
    - Not ideal given limited sidewalks / shoulders
    - Process for approval of new route is lengthy versus using current approved route
    - Current course is flat and goes by water
  - Suggestion regarding reception area for each of the schools
- Book Fair
  - Chair: **Kirsten** Freer & Krystle Jochim
  - Sales top the last eight years
    - Over \$7.5K
    - 9% of that was donations for scholarship
  - Huge volunteer presence this year
  - Great family night with Junior scientists stepping in
    - Activities were well received so will continue in Spring
  - Raffle ticket sales went to All For Books (scholarship)
    - BIG THANKS to all the teachers who donated experiences to the raffle
      - Kids were so excited to win the activities with their teachers

- Would love to continue for the Spring Fair
- Spring Fair is 2/26 - 29
  - Family Night 2/28
  - Setup 2/23
  - Cleanup afternoon of 2/29

### **Teacher's Report: Stephanie Merriman**

- Raffle a Teacher from Book Fair
  - Teachers enjoyed
  - More want to do in future
- Professional Development day last week
  - CPR training
  - Pilot Language Arts program
  - Math team working with preschool teachers
  - Data dive into assessments
  - School improvement discussed
    - Attendance
    - Lunchroom
    - Behavior incentive bulletin board/reward system
- Every teacher to get Portrait of a Graduate posters for classroom
- Lunchaide Volunteers
  - Huge thank you to helpers!
  - Updated for [November / December](#)
- PTO bulletin board
  - Used to be at the end of pickup hall
  - Now is over in the front / main hallway by the cafeteria
  - Could display:
    - Minutes
    - Pictures
    - Events

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

- Thanks to Stephanie for discussing PD day
  - School Improvement
    - How to help kids have a safer / fun recess
    - Healthy lunch choices and getting rid of disposables
    - Portrait of a graduate
    - Social contract by classroom extended to entire school
- Veterans Day
  - Third and fourth graders went to ceremony on the green
  - Linked on [News 8 coverage](#)
    - Kids singing Grand Old Flag
  - Veterans appreciated
- World Kindness Day

- First graders gathered cereal boxes
- Shout Out to the Ambassador Program!
  - Thursday playdates on the playground
  - Ruth sent out email to new families and will filter responses to Shantel
  - A calendar will go out with schedule by grade level
- Tree lighting on green
  - Dec 3rd at 4pm
  - Daisy joined the parade last year but Ruth unable to attend
    - Krystle volunteered to organize
- After school clubs
  - Starting the week after Thanksgiving
  - Part of school budget
  - Clubs include:
    - Play
    - Robotics
    - STEM
    - Stretching/Running/Meditation
    - Homework Club (for 3rd/4th graders)
  - Signup to go out soon
  - Different things for different grade levels

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

- Sweetheart Dance
  - Chairs: **Kelly** Donley
  - Discussing dates
    - 2/16 - 21 break
    - Shantel unavailable 2/4 and 2/26-29
    - Tentatively 2/2
  - Last year \$20 a couple but families were paying \$40
    - Considering a family rate
    - One photo included then pay for more
  - DJ will be contacted
  - Discuss more in January
- BOE Meeting is tomorrow so recap in January
- Dr. Martineau likely to come Jan/Feb to discuss budget

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm**

**Minutes compiled by Krystle Jochim, Secretary**

**Daisy Ingraham Elementary School PTO**

**Chat History for Reference:**

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6:38 PM

Prior Minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JemymwpZAlboUbOezOTPOELvruH3zBB38WWSkx319bs/edit?usp=sharing>  
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Survey Responses:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kqXpnV3MSWVfvt7YFXb1TTm00H9R8kBg/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=113773825261119187336&rtpof=true&sd=true>  
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Wishlist:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nJmqj5JtmkBdBMhYedVqCCltnJ1-WAcDyLHfdS6NW0/edit?usp=sharing>

Emily Doyle

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i cant see the wishlist it says i need access

You

6:43 PM

Try now!

Emily Doyle

6:43 PM

got it thanks!!

cant hear her talking

Cassandra Rodriguez

6:57 PM

I can't wait to wrap!

Cassandra Rodriguez

7:00 PM

Where will it be this year since they use the band room now?

You

7:00 PM

I heard Room 23 mentioned

SLB Photography

7:01 PM

people can text me a photo and price and I can help approve

Valerie Vu

7:02 PM

I'm sorry, I have to log off, but I'll read the minutes and I'll wrap if you send out the details 😊

SLB Photography

7:03 PM

my number is 617-818-3407

SLB Photography

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THANK YOU!!!!