

South Grafton PTO Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the SGES Cafeteria. Present were Amy Albertson, Robin Callahan, Katera Lazeren, Becky Miner, Alyssa Schnabel and Kristin Pliakas. There were 27 parents and 4 teachers/staff present.

Secretary's Report: The report and minutes from June 12, 2018 were reviewed and approved, as written.

Treasure's Report: The report from June 1-August 31, 2018 was reviewed and approved, as written.

Principal's Report for SGES - September 2018

We have:

- Had our Kindergarten Practice Day and Open Houses
- Had a great opening to the school year!
- Welcomed our newest students and families
- Learned about our buses- students have already mastered getting on and off the buses, going to recess and/or lining up in the hallways
- Learned about the cafeteria and playground
- Had their first art, music, PE, library and computer classes
- Started our Golden Ticket program
- Had our first lunches together in the office
- Picture Day

We look forward to:

- Back to School Night – September 20th, 6:00- 7:30 pm
- Our first half-day of school on September 28th. New this year, am preschool will attend in the mornings. Also new this year, pm preschool will attend if there is a snow delay.
- OCTOBERFEST! We can't wait!

A great big THANK YOU to our PTO, parents, families for their Back to School Breakfast! We enjoyed the lovely spread that was made available to all of us.

Principal's Report for MSES - September 2018

Welcome back for another great school year!

We had an excellent soft opening aside from the extreme heat.

Thank you to the PTO for welcoming teachers back to school with a delicious pizza and salad lunch on their first day and for the couple days following! It was greatly appreciated by all.

We had a nice evening for the Back to School Picnic. Thank you to the PTO for the popsicles.

We had our first of three Open Houses/Curriculum Nights on Wednesday September 5 (grades 4/5) and Thursday September 6 (grade 6).

Tomorrow night Wednesday, September 12th will be our final evening for parents of 2nd & 3rd graders.

The Fall Book Fair began last Wednesday and ends September 12th. Thank you to Gina Roseen and Julie Davis for opening the Book Fair during Curriculum Nights. We are also very grateful for the Scholastic books given to each teacher to add books to their classroom libraries.

Our first All School Meeting will be this Friday, September 14th.

The Big and Little Buddy program will kick-off as well as our CARES Certificate Program. AND we will be drawing the raffle winners from the Summer Reading Passport program!

School Picture Day is Tuesday, September 18th. Proofs will go home shortly after Picture Day for ordering photo packages.

Grade 5th & 6th Soccer Intramurals began today for the next 6 weeks.

Please visit our website www.graftonps.org/mses and "Like" us on Facebook.

Committee Updates:

Social Media -

The South Grafton PTO has a new Website/Facebook Page and Twitter Account. Please visit our new webpage (www.southgraftonpto.org), "Like" us on Facebook under South Grafton PTO and Follow us on Twitter under @southgraftonpto.

Octoberfest 2018 -

Octoberfest is set for Saturday October 13th from 10am -3pm at South Grafton Elementary School. Planning is underway. Abby Cross and Stephanie Bazinet will meet with the Committee Chairs after the PTO meeting. Please contact Abigail Cross abbk71@msn.com or Stephanie Bazinet sjbazinet@gmail.com with questions.

Committee Openings -

At SGES, chairs are needed for Preschool Enrichment, Yearbook, Book Fair and SGES Beautification. At MSES, chairs are needed for Yearbook, 6th Grade Student vs. Staff Basketball Game and the upcoming MSES Read-a-Thon. Please speak to a Board Member if you are interested in any of these positions.

Fundraising Events Calendar -

We will have three main fundraisers this year. First will be the Yankee Candle Fundraiser which will run October 19th - November 3rd so that orders may be delivered before the holidays. Second will be MSES Read-a-Thon which will take place November 5th - November 16th. Details to follow but this will take place instead of the Fun Run this year. And lastly we will hold a 6th Grade Student vs Staff Basketball Game which will take place on March 28th, 2019. Be on the look out for information on all these events!

Community Events Calendar -

There will be several community events this year. Coming up we have our 1st MSES Movie Night of the school year on Friday October 19th in the MSES Cafeteria. Wednesday November 7th marks our 1st community night at the 99 Restaurant in Worcester. A percentage of sales on food, drinks and takeout will be given to the South Grafton PTO. Be sure to bring the flyer to the 99 Restaurant in order for South Grafton to get credit. More information to come.

Box Tops -

Last year we made \$3000 from Box Tops. Parents and students should clip (be sure they are not expired) and put them in an envelope, zip lock bag or glue/tape on a collection sheet. Send them to school with your child's name on them; that way his/her classroom will have a chance to win the trophy or extra recess. Fall deadline is October 25th, Submissions are twice a year, October 25th and February 15th so be sure to collect all year!

Mabel's Label -

Visit mabelslabels.com and purchase labels for your kid's clothes, bags, coats, water bottles, etc. Be sure to click on support a fundraiser and choose "South Grafton Parent Teacher Organization." A portion of the sales comes right back to SGES and MSES.

High Fives:

Michelle Hyland and Christina Popsuj for the Back to School Breakfast at SGES
Trisha Moulton for the Student Directory
Katera Lazeren, Michelle Maloney and Gloria Wagner for Spirit Wear
Gina Roseen for the Book Fair at MSES

Mini Grants:

Mrs. Parker requested \$550 for the SeeSaw App for SGES. The Mini Grant was reviewed and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 9th at 7pm in the MSES Library.

Respectfully submitted by,
Alyssa Schnabel
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