

South Grafton PTO Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the SGES Cafeteria. Present were: Amy Albertson, Robin Callahan, Katera Lazeren, Becky Miner and Kristin Pliakas. There were 2 parents and 4 teachers/staff present.

Secretary's Report: The report and minutes from October 9, 2018 were reviewed and approved, as written.

Treasurer's Report: The report from October 1 – 31 was reviewed and approved, as written.

Principal's Report for SGES – November 2018:

We have held:

- OCTOBERFEST! It was Fantastic!!! Even the weather couldn't keep people and volunteers away.
- Progress reports were sent home on October 16th for all K and 1 students
- Halloween Parades- though a bit cool, at least it wasn't raining!
- Half-day of school on October 31st.
- Held an election for new SAC members. Congratulations to Robin Callahan and Pam Hill as our newest parent representatives. We met on November 7th and will meet again on November 28th.

We look forward to:

- Our Book Fair, which began today. Students are excited and eager to go to the book fair.
- Flu Clinic to be held at NSES from 3-6 on Thursday, November 15th.
- Golden Ticket Challenge- students have been challenged to earn 500 tickets by next Monday. Their whole school reward will be a PJ and Movie day on Tuesday, November 20th.
- Thanksgiving Break- Please enjoy the time with your family and friends.
- Marks close on November 28th with Report cards going home on December 5th.
- Parent Conferences will be held on Thursday, December 13th in the evening and all day on Friday, December 14th. Please call the school if you haven't scheduled your appointment.
- Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 6th at 9:30 for grade 1 and 10:30 for K.
- Holiday Sing-a-Longs on Friday, December 7th for PreK.
- Holiday Class parties will be held on Thursday, December 20th.

There is a half-day of school on Friday, December 21st to begin the winter break. Classes resume on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Principal's Report for MSES – November 2018:

Grade 4 had a fantastic field trip to the NE Aquarium! We are collecting classroom stars for the Read – a – Thon! Plans are underway to celebrate with grade level dance parties this Friday! Family Literacy Night is Thursday, November 15th! There is no homework assigned for students this night so that families can read together. Please email Mrs. Stocklin pictures of your family's participation in the event for the Facebook page.

Parent Conference Sign Ups are now available online. Parent Conferences are scheduled for the evening of December 13th and all day on December 14th. There is no school for students on the 14th. Report Cards will be sent home of December 5th. Many Thanksgivings will be celebrated in the third grade on Thursday, November 29th. We are thankful for the many volunteers that make this day a possibility and for Amy Albertson and Michelle Grenier for coordinating the day. Sixth graders will be at Nature's Classroom the week of December 3rd – 7th. We are hoping for dry, crisp weather! We have about 18 students who have elected to remain at MSES for the week. Special activities paired with instruction are being planned for their week. The week of December 3rd-7th is Computer Science Education Week and the Hour of Code takes place each year during that week. The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. MSES will be participating in this event! Mrs. Miller and Mrs Kackley are planning a coding schedule for all 2 – 5 grade classrooms to participate in a coding hour during this week. Sixth graders who will be back at MSES during this week will be assisting with the coding sessions. MSES will again be participating in the Pajama Project! New pajamas may be donated by families beginning Wednesday, November 14th through December 10th. December 10th will be the school-wide PAJAMA DAY! Pajamas are distributed to local children and Scholastic Books will donate a new book with every pair of pajamas donated by the MSES community!! Second Grade Holiday Choral Concert will be Monday, December 17th at 9:30am in the cafeteria. The band (grades 5 & 6) and choral (grades 4,5 & 6) Winter Concert is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, December 20th at 6:30pm in the high school auditorium.

Committee Updates/Upcoming Events:

SGES Scholastic Book Fair – Book fair is being held November 12 – 16. Will need a chair for SGES Book Fair next year as Christina Popsuj will not be able to stay on as chair next year.

Movie Night – Last month's movie night was a huge success. The next movie night is Friday, November 16 from 6-8pm. Incredibles 2 will be shown.

Spirit Wear – MSES spirit wear orders are due Friday, November 16.

Read-a-thon – Read-a-thon is underway ending on Friday, November 16 and going well.

High Fives to:

Abby Cross & Stephanie Bazinet for Octoberfest
Volunteers & CoChairs for Octoberfest
Heather Trudell & Jen Gareau for MSES Movie Night
Julie Davis & Christine Popsuj for South Grafton Scholastic Book Fair
Brandi Taylor for Yankee Candle

Mini Grants:

Michelle Kelley requested funds for 30 ukuleles and a storage system for a total of \$972.84. The ukuleles would start in 6th grade with the hopes of adding 4th and 5th grade in the future. Much more accessible than a guitar. David French will have package deals for parents to purchase for their children if desired. Mini grant was voted on and passed.

Mrs. Shorr and Mrs. Miller requested funds for 5 Qballs, a throwable microphone ball. Qballs would be shared amongst classrooms. It was voted on and passed that one per grade level for 3rd, 4th, 5th, one for computer lab and one for SGES for a total of 5 can be ordered as long as order does not exceed \$800.

Mrs Walsh requested funds for read-to-someone buddy rugs totaling \$215.20. Mrs. Parker thought that these could be a fire hazard according to what the fire department has told her. The board will be reaching out to Mrs. Walsh with more questions about the rugs.

There were additional construction expenses for the sun shade installed at SGES this summer. It was voted and passed to pay for the additional \$1950.

MSES is in need of recess equipment, specifically an assortment of balls and a locked storage bin. This was tabled for now with further discussion to take place.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 15 at 7pm in the MSES Library.

Respectfully submitted by,

Becky Miner
Co-Treasurer