

South Grafton PTO Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the MSES Library. Present were Amy Albertson, Robin Callahan, Katera Lazeren, Becky Miner, Alyssa Schnabel and Kristin Pliakas. There were 7 parents and 3 teachers/staff present.

Secretary's Report: The report and minutes from September 11, 2018 were reviewed and approved, as written.

Treasurer's Report: The report from August 1-September 30, 2018 were reviewed and approved, as written.

Principal's Report for MSES - October 2018

A big thank you to the second grade teacher Juanita Roth who spearheaded our Monarch Butterfly Project! We raised and released over 100 Monarch butterflies in our classrooms. We had over 30 butterfly cages throughout the building. It was a wonderful activity to start the school year and build classroom as well as school community spirit!

Our sixth graders enjoyed a day at Patriot's Place. They participated in STEM activities, toured the facility and spent some time in the Patriots' Museum.

We elected our Student Council Officers for the school year.

Secretary is fourth grader Joel Willardson.

Vice President is fifth grader Nathan Baniukiewicz.

President is sixth grader Kendra Miner. Congrats to our new officers and to those classroom representatives who ran for an office.

We are happy to share that we have a group of fifth and sixth graders staying after school on Friday to decorate cakes for the Octoberfest Cake Walk.

Walking Wednesdays have begun! Mrs. Stocklin will meet walkers by the preschool playground at 8 am to give out swag and take a picture!

National School Bus Safety Week is October 22 – 26th. As our tradition, students will be making cards for the bus drivers. We will recognize the drivers during the week and treat them to a breakfast on Monday, October 22nd. Thank you PTO for recognizing our drivers with coffee gift cards.

School Banking will begin tomorrow Wednesday, October 10th and continue every Wednesday throughout the school year. Students can make deposits on Wednesday mornings in the library when they arrive.

Student Picture retake day is Friday, October 12th.

We look forward to the first Movie Night on October 19th!

Crazy Hat Day will be on Wednesday, October 31st! Students may wear a crazy hat of their choice to school. This is also a half-day. Dismissal will be at 11:25am.

A reminder that this Thursday, October 11th is a half-day of school. Dismissal for students is 11:25am – no lunches are served. Staff will continue their work on Social Emotional Learning in the classroom and throughout the school.

Principal's Report for SGES - October 2018

We have held:

- Back to School Night – September 20th, 6:00- 7:30 pm
- Hats on Day for KCS Scholarship- September 27th
- 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.
- Picture re-takes- proofs going home today

We look forward to:

- Half-day of school on Thursday.
- OCTOBERFEST! We can't wait!
- Progress reports to be sent home on October 16th for all K and 1 students
- Halloween Parade for PreK-1 on October 30th, 9:45 for AM PreK, K and grade 1 students; 2:00 for PM PreK. This is weather permitting. Celebrations will take place at the teachers' discretion.
- Half-day of school on October 31st.

- Having new SAC members soon. Ballots are due by Friday, October 12th. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 24th.

Committee Updates/Upcoming Events:

MSES Book Fair in September was a big success raising almost \$3000.

Box Tops Collections are underway. Winning Class at MSES for the Fall Collection will be named at the All School Meeting on Friday October 27th.

Keep collecting Box Tops as we have a 2nd submission due in February!

Octoberfest is this weekend - Saturday October 13th!! We still have open volunteer positions available. Please consider volunteering!

Learning Express Discount Weeks - October 26 - November 12, 2018. For any purchases made at Learning Express in Westborough, they will take 10% off your entire purchase and an additional 10% will be donated to the South Grafton PTO. If you can't make it to the store, you may call Tracy or Sandra at the store to place your order.

MSES Kid's Night Out is Friday October 19, 2018. We will be showing Hotel Transylvania 3. This event benefits both SGES and MSES.

Our 1st 99 Restaurant Community Night will be Wednesday November 7, 2018. A percentage of sales on food, drinks and takeout at the Worcester location will be given to the South Grafton PTO. Be sure to bring the flyer to the 99 Restaurant in order for the South Grafton PTO to get credit.

Spirit Wear orders have been distributed to SGES this week and MSES next week.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser at SGES and MSES will run October 19 - November 3, 2018. All orders will be delivered before the holidays.

Read-a-Thon at MSES will take place November 5 - November 16 2018 during National Literacy Month. Details to follow, information coming home soon.

High Fives:

Gina Roseen for the Scholastic Book Fair at MSES

Cathy Lazo and Stephanie Bazinet for Box Tops

Robin Callahan for the 99 Restaurant Night

Katie Hannah and Cathy Lazo for MSES Beautification

Kaitlyn Marshall and Heena Crouch for SGES Beautification

Mini Grants:

Magen Cosman requested \$151.84 for Magnetic Letters and Boards. This Mini Grant was reviewed and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19pm

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 13th, 2018 at 7pm in the SGES Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted by,
Alyssa Schnabel
Secretary