

South Grafton PTO Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm in the SGES Cafeteria. Present were: Amy Albertson, Robin Callahan, Katera Lazeren, Becky Miner, Alyssa Schnabel and Kristin Pliakas. There were 2 staff members and 2 parents present.

Secretary's Report: The report and minutes from March 12, 2019 were reviewed and approved, as written.

Treasurer's Report: The report from March 2019 was reviewed and approved, as written.

Principal's Report for SGES - April 2019:

We have held:

- March Madness Days
- Report Cards
- Grade 1 Field Trip to Acton Discovery Museum
- Too Much Glue for K Students (Rescheduled)
- Art with Amy for PreK
- Monthly School -Wide Celebration
- Enrichment Clubs - Kind Art, Lexia, Raz
- Spring Picture Day
- New Golden Ticket Challenge: Have earned Extra recess, Baseball Day, Tropical Day

We look forward to:

- Earning a pajama day and a movie day
- April Break
- Pajama Night on April 25th
- Spring Fling Soiree
- Every Day Heroes Award Ceremony - May 14th
- Discovery Museum Traveling Science Program
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- K Field Trip to Southwick Zoo
- Grade 1 BVT Dental Program
- Field Day - May 15th (Rain Date May 16th)
- Memorial Day Concerts and Sing-a-Longs

Principal's Report for MSES - April 2019

MCAS Testing has begun! All third through sixth grade students are taking the MCAS online. Testing continues through mid-May. The full testing calendar can be found on the school website.

We had a great time playing basketball against the sixth graders! A tie score seemed the perfect way to end the game. No one has bragging rights until the next Basketball Classic!

Nature's Classroom information and permission slips will be going home tomorrow 4/10 to all fifth graders. There will be a parent information meeting on May 21st at the North Street School.

Second Grade has enjoyed the Physical Changes of Matter presentations in their classroom. Fourth grade has visited the Lowell Industry Museum this past week as well. Thank you PTO for your continued support providing enrichment programs and assisting with field trip buses!

Twenty-four sixth graders began the four-week Gap Junction program at Tufts University just this afternoon. They will visit the veterinarian school for four Tuesday afternoons to learn about animal husbandry and veterinarian medicine! This is a cost free afterschool activity for sixth graders sponsored by Tufts undergraduate program and our student activity fund. If you have a future sixth grader this is definitely something add to their "bucket list". Thank you to Mrs. Eichholz and Ms. Hamel for chaperoning!

We look forward to Colonial Day next Friday, April 12. Volunteers are still needed! Thank you to coordinators Sonya Salisbury and Brooke Bouvier.

Congratulations to the following MSES community members who were nominated for an 2019 Every Day Hero Award: Sharon Iaquina, Stephanie Harrison, Nikole Kamishlian, Nina Henningson, Anne Marie Pignataro, Carrie Gordon and Lori Lauria

The award ceremony will be held May 14th in the GHS auditorium at 6:30pm.

Spring Break is next week April 15 – 22.s

Committee Updates/Upcoming Events:

6th Grade Student vs Staff Basketball Game was held on March 28th in the Grafton Middle School Gym. This event was well attended with great feedback from staff, students and parents. We are very grateful for the staff, students and parents who dedicated their time to helping make this event a fun night for all!

Reminder our next 99 Restaurant Night in Worcester will be April 10th, 5pm-9pm. Please come out and support the South Grafton PTO.

SGES Pajama Night will be April 25th, 5:30-7:30. Always a fun night for all!

Don't forget to order your Yearbooks, orders are underway at both SGES and MSES.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6th-May10th at both SGES and MSES. The Hospitality Committee at both schools have signups if you would like to contribute towards making this week special.

The Triple Crown Soiree (Adult Night Out) will be Saturday, May 10th at Hunter's in Grafton. This will be a fun night out with food, drinks, Silent Auction and contest for hats and bow ties. We are still accepting donations for our Silent Auction if you are interested in donating an item.

Our Annual Red Sox Game will be Sunday, June 9th. Game starts at 1pm and tickets will go on sale at the end of April. This is a great community event!

High Fives:

Heena Crouch and Robin Callahan - Shirt detail for 6th Grade Basketball Game

Dave McInerney - 6th Grade Coach for the Basketball Game

Greg Lazeren - Referee for the Basketball Game

Jen Gareau, Heather Trudell, Tonia Barnhill and Kellie Bresnahan - March Movie Night

Tracy Kaufman, Amy Marr and Shannon Malkowski - Square 1 Art

Heather Trudell and Kim Lenz - SGES Library Book Drive

The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2019 in the MSES Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Schnabel, Co-Secretary