

# South Grafton PTO Meeting Minutes

## September 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm in the SGES Cafeteria. Members of the board present were Robin Callahan, Tisia Ciesluk, Becky Miner, Mary Lou Butler, Allison Le May and Kristin Pliakas. There were 3 staff members and 32 parents present.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The report from June 1-30, 2019 was reviewed and approved as written.

**Budget Report:** The report from June 12, 2019 was reviewed and approved as written.

### **Principal's Report for SGES:**

Since the beginning of this year, we have:

- Held our Popsicle Social for incoming K students
- Held Practice Day for K students
- Held our Open Door Days for all
- Had our first practice fire drill
- Learned how to get on and off the buses
- Learned about indoor and outdoor recess
- Have been learning about how to use the playground correctly
- Have learned how to purchase lunch and snacks
- Started with our first graders leading the pledge
- Had first grade ambassadors explain Golden Tickets to our K students
- Started our new Golden Tickets system
- Had our school pictures taken
- Have learned about our new classmates and
- Have had a great start to the year

We look forward to:

- Back to School Night (Thursday, September 12, 2019)
- Our first PD day on September 25<sup>th</sup>
- Picture re-takes, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Progress Reports, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>
- Columbus Day- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>
- OCTOBERFEST!!!! October 19<sup>th</sup>
- Halloween Parade- October 30<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to the PTO for a wonderful back to school breakfast! It was such a nice way to be welcomed back to the school year.

Thank you to our parents for being patient while we allow the buses to get back on schedule.

### **Principal's Report for MSES:**

Welcome back for another great school year! Thank you to PTO for welcoming teachers and paraprofessionals back to school with a delicious pizza and salad lunch. It was greatly appreciated by all.

What a great turn out for the Back to School Food Truck Picnic! We have our three Open Houses/Curriculum Nights coming up on on Monday, September 16 (gr 6), Tuesday, September 17 (grs 4 & 5), and Thursday, September 19 (grs 2 & 3). The fall Book Fair will begin on the 16th . Students will visit the Book Fair during their library time. The book fair will be open during Curriculum Nights! Half of our sixth graders will be visiting Patriots Place on Monday, September 16, and the other half on the 17th . Our first All School Meeting will be Wednesday, September 25th. The Big and Little Buddy program will kick-off AND we will be drawing the raffle winners from the Summer Reading Passport program! School Picture Day is a bit later this year – on Tuesday, October 29th. Proofs will go home shortly after Picture day for ordering photo packages. Packages will be delivered before the Thanksgiving holiday break. Grade 5 & 6 Soccer intramurals will begin on Monday, September 23rd. Soccer will meet after school on Mondays and Tuesdays through October. Please visit our website [www.graftonps.org/mSES](http://www.graftonps.org/mSES) And “Like” us on Facebook

### **Committee Updates:**

The PTO is still looking for volunteers for the Book Fair at SGES from November 11-19, 2019.

Stacey Hebert, Octoberfest Co-Chair, spoke about Octoberfest. They are looking for volunteers for Octoberfest on October 19, 2019. Chair positions are still available in a variety of areas.

### **High Fives to:**

Kaitlyn Marshall and Michelle Hyland - Back-To-School Breakfast at SGES  
Abby Cross - Back-To-School Lunch at MSES  
Trisha Moulton - Student Directory  
Stephanie Martone and Katera Lazeren - Spirit Wear

### **Parent Teacher Input:**

A PTO member asked if any further information regarding the proposed later start times has been released. The Later Start Time Committee has not reconvened and a discussion regarding the later start times is not currently on the agenda for the next School Committee Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 9, 2019 in the MSES Library.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kristin Pliakas, Co-Secretary