

# South Grafton PTO Meeting Minutes

## February 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the SGES Cafeteria. Members of the board present were Robin Callahan, Tisia Ciesluk, Mary Lou Butler, Allison LeMay and Kristin Pliakas. There were 3 staff members and 4 parents present.

**Secretary's Report:** The report and minutes from January 15, 2020 were reviewed and approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report from January 1 to 31, 2020 was reviewed and approved as written.

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

Since the January meeting, we have had:

- MLK Jr. Day- No School
- Progress Reports- Jan. 22, 2020, as needed
- PD Day- early release; NGES and SGES staff to work together on SEL activities
- Specialists' Night- February 6th
- DIBELS assessments
- Specialists' Night
- Schoolwide Enrichment Kosmic Kelly
- Introduced the SGES Facebook Page
- Presented our School Improvement Plan to the School Committee
- Earned our next Golden Ticket rewards
- Blanket, Stuffed Animal and Movie Day

We look forward to:

- Our blanket, stuffed animal and movie day tomorrow!
- Valentine's Day Celebrations- Friday, November 14
- February Vacation
- PreK Enrichment- Library Visit
- K Enrichment- Author Visit Jason Lefebvre "Too Much Glue"
- STEM is Fun for Grade 1

We have had more confirmed cases of the flu. It is not too late to get your flu shot.

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

- Students are enjoying Spirit Week! We have had Crazy Hair & Hat Day, Sports Day and Mismatch Day. Tomorrow will be Career Day and Friday is Grafton Class Color Day! Thank you to our Student Council for sponsoring the week.
- This past Monday was also the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School. It's hard to believe! Many classrooms practiced 100 Acts of Kindness on Monday.
- This Friday is Valentine's Day and Movie Night! A very fun week of school before we are off for Winter Break! School resumes on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Chess Club will run through mid March. Due to the overwhelming participation interest of second and third graders, a second session has been added to begin on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Basketball and floor hockey also end in mid March. Soccer will begin in late March or early April.

- Congratulations to the MSES Gazette staff! The second edition of the student newspaper was published and available on the school website. Thank you to Mrs. Miller for sponsoring the club.
- We are looking forward to the Fun Run! We will welcome our Booster-thon Team to MSES for the week of February 24<sup>th</sup> with the grade level Pep Rallies on this day to kick off the big event. The Fun Run schedule is as follows: Sixth 8:30-9:30, Fifth 9:35-10:35, Fourth 10:40-11:40, Second 12:40-1:40, Third 1:40-2:40.
- Third graders are looking forward to welcoming Ben Franklin to MSES when we return from the winter break! Ben will visit with third graders on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Please visit the school website for important dates, upcoming events, community flyers, Principal's Pen and timely information. Spring MCAS testing dates are also available on the website. MCAS testing occurs throughout the months of April and May for students in grades three through sixth. Everyone have a wonderful break!

### **Committee Updates:**

MSES Movie Night for 2nd 6th graders — Friday, February 14th  
 Fun Run - Wednesday, March 4th \*Volunteers will be needed! Next year SGES will join MSES in the Fun Run.  
 MSES 6th Grade vs. Teachers Dodge Ball Game - Thursday, March 26th  
 Parents Spring Fling - Friday March 27th - North Grafton PTG and South Grafton PTO will be coming together to bring a wonderful adults only Spring Fling! Event will be held in the grand hall of Apple Tree Arts.

### **High Fives to:**

Gina Fraielli and Kristen Corey - MSES Movie Nights  
 Cathy Lazo - Box Tops

### **Parent Input:**

- A parent asked about hosting a fundraiser night at Panera Bread and 20% of profits will go to SGPTO. Discussion followed up about past events like this at 99 Restaurant and Highfields Golf Course. It was discussed if local businesses would hold a similar event and donate a portion of the profits back to the SGPTO. Logistics of location and size of location were discussed.
- Possible fundraiser was also discussed of having The Art Lab in Auburn come in to do a fundraiser with a variety of crafts. Could be adults only or adult and child evening/afternoon.
- Different possibility for a variety of community nights were discussed with possible food options for the community nights.
- Discussion was held about the upcoming greeting card fundraiser.
- A parent asked about promoting Amazon Smile to further raise funds for the SGPTO. It's an easy way for the SGPTO to earn funds for the students.
- Enrollment in rewards programs for the schools at Market 32 and Stop and Shop was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in the MSES Library.

Respectfully submitted by,  
 Kristin Pliakas, Co-Secretary