

South Grafton PTO Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm in the SGES Cafeteria. Members of the board present were Robin Callahan, Becky Miner, Mary Lou Butler, Allison LeMay and Kristin Pliakas. There were 3 staff members and 3 parents present.

Secretary's Report: The report and minutes from February 12, 2020 were reviewed and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: The report from February 1 to 29, 2020 was reviewed and approved as written.

Principal's Report for SGES:

Since the February meeting, we have had:

- Kosmic Kelly Science Show
- Valentine's Day Celebrations
- February Break
- PreK has had a library visit and Zoomobile from Roger Williams Zoo
- Kindergarten has enjoyed "Too Much Glue" with author Jason Lefebvre
- Grade 1 has enjoyed STEM is fun
- Our Staff held a breakfast to celebrate community in the building
- Our School Improvement Plan was presented to the School Committee
- Ed Camp is in full preparation mode for May 1st. Student selection sheets are in and students' schedules are being prepared.
- Preschool volunteer flyers will be going home soon. Preschoolers will be placed in classes within the preschool teachers on this day offering their own version of EdCamp. Those heading to Kindergarten will get to experience at least one K-1 offering and one preschool offering for part time students and two K-1 offerings and two preschool offerings during the day.
- Kindergarten registration went very well the past two days.
- Grades for this trimester close today.

We look forward to:

- Kindergarten Parent Orientation tomorrow evening from 6-7 pm.
- Art with Amy for PreK
- Music with Jen for PreK
- ½ Day inservice day on March 18th
- Report Cards will be issued on March 20th

- Spring Pictures will be taken on April 2nd
- School wide enrichment – Toe Jam Puppet Band Show

Principal's Report for MSES:

- What a fantastic Fun Run this year!! We are overwhelmed by the community support. Thank you!
- Grade 3 enjoyed learning about Ben Franklin!
- Grade 5 Tufts Visit was a huge success as always! Students enjoy the STEAM activity of designing mobility devices for their dachshunds!
- Believe it or not we are officially 2/3 of the way through the school year. Today marks the close of the second trimester. Report Cards go home on March 20th
- We do begin developing our classrooms for next year around this time. Student Placement Input forms for parents will be going home next Wednesday, March 18th .
- We welcome your thoughts regarding your child's learning style, academic interests and social/emotional needs, however, the form is not intended for specific teacher requests.
- March will leave quietly but April is busy!
- MCAS testing schedules for grades 3 – 6 are available on the school website.
- Students are currently registering for their Ed Camp choices. Lower Ed Camp will be April 3rd and Upper Ed Camp on April 10th .
- The Grafton Fire Dept. will be holding fire safety assemblies for grades two and three on April 2nd.

Committee Updates:

MSES Movie Night for 2nd 6th graders — Friday, March 20th - POSTPONED

MSES 6th Grade vs. Teachers Dodge Ball Game - Thursday, March 26th - CANCELLED

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.

Red Sox tickets for a community event coming soon!

The PTO was awarded \$900 from a Grafton Cultural Council Grant to help offset the costs from the 3rd grade Many Thanksgivings enrichment program.

High Fives to:

Gina Fraielli and Kristen Corey - MSES Movie Nights

Cathy Lazo - Box Tops

All Fun Run Volunteers

Parent Input:

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 8, 2020 in the SGES Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristin Pliakas, Co-Secretary