

DRESSEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2019 DPTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Melissa Mitchell (President)
Annie Wright (VP)
Jillian Fischer
Sada Lindsey
Val Gutraj
Jessie Runiwicz
Elizabeth Freiling
Becky Baalman
Sandy Krietner
Andria Hendrixson
Jeanne McReynolds

Pat Schoenekase (Principal)
Jennifer Albers (AP)
Tarren Fritz (Teacher Liaison)

1. Presentation by Dr. Tony Lake (District Superintendent)

- Powerpoint presented can be found on Lindbergh's website
- Link as of 9/19/19:

<https://go.lindberghschools.ws/cms/lib/MO01920486/Centricity/Domain/4/2019%20Listening%20and%20Learning%20Tour%20Presentation.pdf>

2. Meet the 2019-2020 DPTO Board

- Names listed on website

3. Principals Report

- Picture Day is September 25th
- LEAP Screener
 - State mandated reading screening in K through 3rd grade
 - If students scored at or above 95% in math or reading, they qualify for additional screening for LEAP program
- Home Works - home visits
 - Have completed 70 home visits so far
 - There will be a dinner in October for families who participated
 - 20 teachers are participating
- Visitor Policy

- New system implemented to screen school visitors.
- Parents need to present ID and obtain a badge after a quick background check
- Policy will also be in place for field trips
- They will also be figuring out a process to manage visitors during party days

4. Treasurer's Report

- Board approved the budget earlier in the summer
- General assembly voted to approve budget (all present voted in favor - no one opposed)
- Treasurer of Expense presented the financial summary as of August 31st
- Budget can also be found on Dressel PTO website

5. Dads Club

- Next Dads Club meeting is Tuesday September 24th at Maggie O'Brien's
- Dads Club is looking for volunteers to work parking lot during Grant's Farm

6. Fundraising

- Box Tops
 - All-year contest where the top class at the end of year will win a pajama day
 - Please download app. This is the last year for paper clippings.
- Amazon Smile
 - If you purchase through AmazonSmile.com and select Dressel PTO as your charity, a portion of the purchase goes to the PTO
- Pieology Close the Kitchen on September 24th - must show flyer
- Chuck E. Cheese Close the Kitchen on October 17th
- Helium Comedy Club on November 10th
 - Parents Night Out
- Move-a-thon
 - Goal is \$20,000 - Just passed \$3000 as of 9/19
 - Will allow PTO to continue to fund grants for teachers, provide low cost family activities, student projects, and an outdoor classroom
 - There will be prizes available for students

7. Teacher Grants

- \$10,000 budget for teacher grants
- Submission dates are October 4th through 31st
- 12 parents will serve on committee that will review submissions and committee will be led by Paul Freiling

8. Buzz Book

- My School Anywhere is no longer being used as a student directory

- Parents should have received an email from PTBoard.com asking them to sign up.
- PTBoard will be the new PTO website and student directory.

9. Activities and Events

- Grant's Farm Night is September 25th from 4:30pm to 8pm
 - Every car must purchase a pass, even if you have a season pass.
 - Walk-up families need a pass too.
 - Deadline to purchase passes is this Sunday September 22nd.
- Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 25th. More information to come.

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10. Principal's Report

- LEAP screening has changed. Just finished FastBridge testing. 1st through 3rd graders that score 95% or above in reading or math, they are recommended for additional LEAP testing. 4th and 5th graders are based on teacher recommendation.
- Home visits have started. Parents who have participated so far have volunteered and feedback has been positive. October 7th there will be a dinner for the families that have participated.
- Picture day is September 25th.
 - Still need 1 volunteer in the afternoon.
- Parent volunteer changes:
 - Parent volunteers for field trips that will be solely responsible for a group of kids need to go through FBI background check (Takes two weeks) but will be reimbursed by district.
 - Parent volunteers for field trips that will not be alone with kids, just need to stop at school for a badge ahead of time.

11. Treasurer's Report

- Movie Night nearly broke even instead of the budgeted \$250 loss.

- Reminders about reimbursements:
 - Reimbursement requests need to include reimbursement forms.
 - When spending money, it needs to benefit the students, the teachers, the school.
 - Turn forms in promptly so that monthly financial reports reflect true expenses..

12. Fundraiser Update

- Box Tops
 - Going to ask people to download the app
 - Will do a Box Top contest where the winning class gets a “slumber party” (gets to bring a stuffed animal and wear pajamas to school)
- September 24th is Pleology
- Helium Comedy Club is November 10th at 7pm
- Chuckee Cheese in October
- Lion’s Choice in January and in April
- Move-a-thon
 - Already raised over \$2500 in a day
 - On October 11th, there will be stations around the school for kids to do different activities..
 - If anyone has any business contacts that may be interested in being sponsors, please let Fundraising know.

13. Teacher Grant Committee

- Paul Freiling to head up committee with 12 parents
- Submission dates will be October 4th to November 4th
- Teachers will submit through an online form per feedback from last year’s committee

14. Upcoming Events

- Grant’s Farm Night is September 25th from 4:30pm to 8pm
- Please consider volunteering to sell glow sticks
- Have sold nearly 150 tickets so far but will continue selling tickets through this weekend. Tickets are going home starting Monday
- Sunday Night Lights is October 13th - still looking for volunteers to serve snow cones, we could open to all parents
- Trunk or Treat is October 25th

15. Volunteer Project Ideas

- Looking into doing a volunteer project by the end of 2019 so that the PTO can potentially earn Disney tickets via Points of Light organization.
 - Project needs to benefit community and needs to include both kids and adults.

- Can earn up to 20 tickets this calendar year depending on the number of volunteers
- Possible Ideas: wrapping Christmas presents for needy families, food drive

16. Dads Club Report

- Next meeting is Tuesday September 24th at Maggie O'Briens
- October 19th is their Octoberfest
- Dads Club is looking for a new date to do an event where kids

17. Next Meeting is October 10th

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AUGUST 8TH, 2019 DPTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Elizabeth Freiling

Becky Baalman

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18. Principal's Report

- District Email—FirstView app, PDF of bus routes, follow-up email on Monday—encourage people to download app
- Karen Czaicki—pairing Eye See Me book fair during intake conferences (preview for kids, they will run it); Scholastic still in winter and spring
- HomeWorks—pilot home visit program, teachers visit families, currently determining which students to visit (national program), can meet up at places other than homes; parents will have advance notice (teachers are trained and have a protocol to follow)
- Math/Literacy Night—February 27th, 6:00-7:00 (not part of a PTO meeting)
- Intake conferences—September 10th and 12th, 4:00-7:00—>encourage students to come to engage in conversations about setting goals
- Impact Study—4th grade classrooms, 2 teachers (one with Apple products, one Microsoft; switch mid-semester)
- Food at parties—investigate having an approved short list (Building Leadership Team decision)

19. Treasurer's Report

- Treasury Guidelines

- Guidelines will be posted online
- Links on document

20. Fundraisers Update from Jessie and Val

- Raffle at meet the teacher night
- McDonald's event: August 27, 4pm-8pm
 - Need volunteers
 - Teachers/Board Members Night
 1. 30 minute slots
- Pieology: Oct. 17
- Move-a-thon: Oct. 11th
 - Field Day schedule
- Helium Comedy Club
 - Sell us tickets for \$5, we can sell for \$15
 - Comedian will be clean, but adults only
 - November 10th (Sunday)
 - We can also set up a raffle while we're there and they will promote it
 - Follow up with an online vote to determine if we will proceed with event
- No restaurant night in November
- Direct Donation link on website

21. Teacher Meeting (Monday)

\$100 Reimbursement form

Stock the fridge 8/15 and 8/16

Teacher Grants (October 7th to October 31st)—Paul Frieling will lead committee

Amazon Wish List, submit items to PTO, \$25 per item cap

**TAs—5 LTAs, 2 ELL—add \$175 to our budget (\$50 cap, split with Dad's Club)—APPROVED

22. Upcoming Events

- Kindergarten Welcome Night - Melissa, Annie, Elizabeth, Andria, Tarren Kaye, please arrive by 4:30 to help set up snow-cones
- Meet the Teacher - 5:30-6:15 shift (please arrive at 5:15pm) - Melissa, Annie, Brittany, Molly, Andria
- Meet the Teacher 6:30-7:15 shift (please arrive at 6:20pm) - Becky, Elizabeth, Sandy, Annette, Jaime
Activities and fundraising raffle, logowear samples (store is now live!), Welcome Packets in the classroom
- Outdoor Movie Night - September 6th (sign up to help in Facebook group)

4 people to help for setup from 6pm to 7pm
4 people to help sell concessions during the movie
Help with breakdown after
Start movie at 7:50; people can start arriving around 7

- McDonald's Night - August 27th
Jeanne to create sign-up for 30 minute shifts for teachers and PTO board members to greet
- SunCrest Fest on September 7th from 11am-8pm
What are we selling?
Annie to obtain STL County temporary food permit
Jeanne to create volunteer sign-up

23. Activities Refund Policy

- Need consistent policy: NO Refunds
- Will post on event postings
- Free entry for children if you volunteer

24. Newsletter Communication

- Everyone email Sandy to compile information to send to Pat
- Deadline: 6pm Thursday

25. Dads Club Report

- First meeting upcoming
- Trivia Night—18th of April (no emcee, looking at options), still at Lemay

26. Next Meeting is September 19th - PTO Board Meeting at 6pm with General Meeting to follow at 7pm. Dr. Lake will be speaking.

- Reach out to National Honor Society for babysitting (earn hours)

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JULY 11, 2019 DPTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. Introductions

In Attendance

PTO Board:

Melissa Mitchell

Sada Lindsey

Jillian Fischer

Becky Baalman

Andria Hendrixson

Sandy Kreitner

Elizabeth Freiling

Annie Wright

Sarah Valter

Jessie Runiewicz

Val Gutraj

School Officials:

Kaye Rueschhoff, Teacher Liaison

Tarren Fritz, Teacher Liaison

Pat Schoenekase, Principal

2. Principals Report

- Summer improvements
 - Benches delivered, will be installed before school starts
 - Bathroom redesign (art)
 - Beanbag dart game on playground
 - Free Little Library

3. Budget

- Vote on \$1,200 PBL Training for teachers—Approved
 - 2 day training June 24 & 25
 - Trainer will come back and work in the fall and spring (ongoing Professional Learning)
 - Work can continue as needed
- Vote on \$1,500 Counselor's Fund to makeover room—Approved
 - More inviting environment
 - Creating a purposeful space for kids, provide kids more privacy

- Vote on \$5K for Teacher's Grants—Approved
 - Earlier cycle to submit application
 - Order everything by the end of the year (2019)
 - Committee again--2 parents per grade, teachers anonymous
- Vote to approve budget—**BUDGET APPROVED**
 - Notes:
 - Small loss anticipated on Grant's Farm (cost increased this year)
 - Added \$500 for student requests
 - Scholastic--break even because we collect money, then pay for what is sold; Dressel will be using Eye See Me instead this year in the fall (Winter Festival)--Karen Czaicki working on details
 - Logo wear samples available at Meet the Teacher, intake conferences
 - Add supply lists to Amazon for Amazon Smile (check into Walmart and Target)
 - Buzz Book/Website--PTBoard \$100 per year, will replace My School Anywhere (includes membership directory, news, links for purchase, etc.)
 - Proposed \$2000 deficit; Dad's club will have a surplus but their funds are separate
 - Dad's Club contributions
 - Match Teacher Grants
 - Match Teacher Reimbursements (everyone is eligible)
 - \$400 to Families in Need

4. Fundraisers Update from Jessie and Val

- Get Movin'--kids can be signed up online, they take 15% of the profit but gives donors option to offset the cost, \$499 fee waived the first year only; offline direct donations aren't charged a fee, students and teachers can set goals, can have competitions between classes and grade levels; gives data on donations, trends, etc.; event is held during the school day--set up in stations to get kids moving; PTO purchases the incentives; can continue collecting donations after the event is over; consider combining with Halloween and possibly utilizing a schedule that resembles Field Day
- Close the Kitchen--waiting to hear from McDonald's; Baskin Robbins brought in \$66; Red Robin this week (no total yet); Pieology Oct. 15th--moving because of Chuck E. Cheese on 10/17; Dewey's Kirkwood Dec. 3rd
- Continuing paper Box Tops (and adding digital)--first submission in November; transitioning to digital over this year

- Teacher Experience Raffles are moving from Trivia Night to a fall PTO event--allows more time for redemption by raffle winners and exposure to more families
- Possible incentives for donation campaign--Looking into possibility of Dads Club donating a table from Trivia Night to raffle off; Disney Tickets (5)

5. Upcoming Events

- a. New Family Dinner - Wednesday August 7th at 6pm
 - PTO to provide P'sghetti's
 - Volunteers needed - 1-2 needed
 - Melissa, Annie, Jessie (Henry/Ray), Elizabeth, Glenn
- b. Kindergarten Welcome Night - Monday August 12th 5pm-6pm
 - Activities to decorate
 - PTO Table
 - Volunteers: Melissa (leave at 5:45pm), Annie, Elizabeth, Andria, Tarren, Kaye
 - Dad's Club Table
 - Volunteers: Tom, Glenn
 - Volunteers Needed - 1-2 needed
 - Melissa will email Andria the number of tables needed so Andria can submit a work order
- c. Meet the Teacher Night 1st-5th - Tuesday August 13th
 - 5:30pm-6:15pm A-M
 - Volunteers: Melissa, Annie
 - 6:30pm-7:15pm N-Z
 - Volunteers: Becky, Elizabeth, Sandy
 - PTO Table/Dad's Club Table
 - 2-3 volunteers for each shift
 - Contact - Scouts as reps, Dad's Club rep, anyone else?
 - Logo Wear Table
 - Fundraising Table
 - Melissa will post in Extended Board Facebook Group to ask for additional volunteers
- d. Outdoor Movie Night September 6th
 - Kids to vote on movie week of 8/26
 - Sell popcorn, candy, water
 - Volunteers needed - 3-4
 - Kona Ice is booked; movie company is booked
 - Next month we will discuss movie options and volunteers
- e. Activities to update on upcoming events

- No additional updates on upcoming events.
6. SunCrest Fest Saturday September 7th
 - Save the Date! Volunteers will be needed, festival is 11am-8pm
 - We can set up a booth to sell snow cones and keep the proceeds
 7. PTO Board Shirts - Annie shared designs for Board members to order to represent organization at school events (paid for by individual members, not PTO funds)
 8. Disney tickets + Upcoming Volunteer Project Ideas
 - 10 tickets remaining from last year's volunteer project; tickets expire in early 2021 so need to raffle them off sometime this fall.
 - Can earn 20 tickets for 2019 still through Points of Light program; Dr. Schoenekase is going to ask Student Ambassadors for ideas on volunteer projects to benefit the community.
 9. Preferred method of PTO board communicating internally - FB Group, email, GroupMe