Stoughton South Elementary School 

PTO Agenda

*December 4, 2024*

Zoom Option: <https://tinyurl.com/Dec-PTO-Zoom>

Meeting ID: 864 6853 4284

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| Allison Reddington, President |

* Call Meeting to Order
* Approval of November meeting minutes Sara & Lori
* Upcoming at the South
  + 12.6 Popcorn Friday
  + 12.7 Shark Season Ends (Until Spring) Feel free to pre-book dates for Spring!
  + 12.9 Holiday Store Setup\* 3:30-4:30pm on Friday
  + 12.10-12.11 Holiday Store\* Need volunteers! Please fill out & return flyer if you can help.
  + 12.10 Holiday Concert 1st & 3rd Grades
  + 12.11 School Council Meeting, 3pm
  + 12.11 Holiday Concert K & 2nd Grades
  + 12.12 Early Release
  + 12.18 Holiday Teacher Breakfast\*
  + 12.18 Holiday Concert 4th & 5th Grades
  + 12.23-1.1 Winter Break!
  + 1.3 Popcorn Friday
  + 1.8 Jan PTO Meeting \*Note – second Weds of the month in Jan due to holidays!!
* Old Business
  + Mr. Dore & PTO - Panera Staff Thank You Breakfast w/ Favors
  + Friendship Directory, Paper copies have been sent out! Thank you Sara & Lori!
  + Classroom Reps have been assigned! Holiday breakfast info will be going out to them shortly so that gets to families.
  + New Elementary School -> Updates from 11.20 TM, 11.25 Zoom, 12.3 SB Selectboard unanimously voted to put project back on the April 1 ballot last night! Thank you to everyone who helped!
    - The hard work is just beginning. Now we need to ensure we get a YES vote!
    - Committee for Better Stoughton Elementary Schools having zoom meetings monthly, next one is Jan 13 at 8pm <https://tinyurl.com/Vote-Yes-Jan>
    - Fundraising is a top priority, please send ideas if you have any and ask friends/family/businesses to donate!
    - We will have a table at OMS craft fair with information on the 2 options (new school and modulars at all elementary schools) to educate the public
    - Town Manager Tom Calter is helping
      * Put together info about tax breaks for seniors/ veterans
      * TM & SB will train more people to educate and help seniors, & SBC & Committee will do a roadshow on this as well.
    - Lori Jacques
    - Next Meeting Jan 13, 2025 8pm Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/Vote-Yes-Jan>
  + Classroom Wish Lists Find them on the website & Facebook page!
    - * Submit lists to [AllieReddington@gmail.com](mailto:AllieReddington@gmail.com)
        + Classroom Reps
* New Business
  + Community Events (Sports, Restaurants, etc.) New Lead Needed\* Michaela Stanelun will take over!
  + Holiday Teacher Breakfast\* More info will go out about this soon with signup genius links! Classroom reps will get info to distribute to parents by Monday.
    - Julie Sera, Lead
  + Ideas to increase family involvement & in-school volunteering? If you know of anyone who is able to volunteer more during the school day, please encourage them to do so!
  + Winter Coats, Kaplan, Needs PTO will buy coats for her to have on hand in case students don’t have them. We will also wash and donate some of the coats and clothing in the lost & found for her to have extras on hand.
  + Lost & Found It is quite full!! Please check for your child’s things! Also please **label** your child’s things because the fifth graders go through and return anything in lost & found with a name on it!
  + SHS Scholarship Update - Committee Volunteers? More volunteer spots available for people to help choose our two scholarship recipients! ($1,000 each for former South students who apply)
    - Michelle, Bri, Beth, Nina volunteered
  + January Begins Fun Run T-Shirt Sponsorship Collections! Got a Business? Anyone who knows of a business who may be interested in contributing (for free advertising at our event!) please let Abby/Jenney know!
    - If you established a relationship with anyone during PP solicitation and are willing to reach back out about this new opportunity please do!
    - Please contact Abby Eustis or Jenney Ivaldi

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| Kasey DiBiasio, Vice President |

* Updates…

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| Jola Tuck, Treasurer |

* Reimbursements, Theater
* Teacher Grants
* Pumpkin Patch
* Other…

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| Melanie DiBiasio, Secretary |

* PTO Bios, Amazon Wishlists, Teacher/Staff Favorite Things, etc…
* INFO RESOURCES
  + PTO Website
    - Printable Replacement Forms Available
  + Shark Parents FB Messenger Group
  + PTO Facebook
  + Carline Message Board Sign & Banners
  + Admin Texts & eMails
  + Flyers
  + PTO Newsletter
    - email to be added
  + Classroom Reps
    - Requires participation in Friendship Directory

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| Abby Eustis & Jenney Ivaldi, Fundraising Co-Chairs |

* Sharking - Book Special Dates (Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduation, etc!) We have raised $575 so far this year!
  + email [southptostoughton@gmail.com](mailto:southptostoughton@gmail.com) & venmo $25 @SouthSchool-PTO-1 to order
* Textile Bin - Seasonal Wardrobe Cleanout Reminder! (*Emptied on Wednesdays!)* Keep using this! Don’t forget about things like sheets, shoes, stuffed animals, etc.
  + So far this year we’ve raised $319
* Box Tops For Education We have raised $45.70
  + Send it to your family too! It doesn’t matter where they live, they can help the South School!
* Spirit Wear Store, Recap Raised $495 (26 orders) – we kept markup very low to keep prices affordable since we don’t need this as a fundraiser
  + Most popular items: full zip hoodies, crewnecks
  + Most popular colors: black & gray
* School Store, Recap $1,029 from school store
* Fun Run T-Shirt Sponsorship Collections\*
* Holiday Store\*
  + Melanie Lenhardt, Event Lead
* Pumpkin Patch – raised over $13,000 – significantly more than last year!

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| Sara Levine, Cultural Enrichment Chair |

* Upcoming…
  + “Celebrating Us!” Cultural Night, 1.16 5:30pm – 7pm\* We are really excited to have this event but we need people to be a part of the event! Only one family is signed up so far. **PLEASE** sign up to participate or the event will not happen.
    - We have 2 food vendors prepared to come cater this event – Avocados & Malia’s Catering
    - We can share photos with more inspiration
    - Offer free dinner (or $20 voucher) to people who participate?
    - Remind people that they will get a stamp for the passport book/ we can help provide props or anything if they are concerned with spending money
    - Reach out to DEIA community for ideas or family suggestions?
    - If we know top cultures in the community we can identify families to invite people personally to participate
    - Ask staff to participate!
    - Set a goal – e.g. we want 20 cultures but we only have 2 right now.
  + Sweetheart Dance, 2.12\* if you’re interested in helping out with planning the event, let Sara know!
  + Bingo Night 3.13\*

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| Michelle Frost, Membership Chair |

* Updates…
* Classroom Reps
  + Sending… NEW Website Link, Holiday Breakfast SingUp, Classroom Wish Lists & Favorite Things

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| Mr. Dore, Ms. Buckley & Ms. Savoie, Admin & Staff |

* Thank you from teachers for breakfast – teachers really appreciated it
* Lost & Found – please remind families to check it and help clear it out!!
  + 7 photos of lost & found going out in this week’s updates
  + By 12/20 the lost & found will be cleared out and donated!
* MCAS Performance
* Best Elementary School Award, AGAIN! If we want a plaque & banner to hang in the school, we could purchase for $1,390 – PTO would need to vote
  + Motion to approve – Melanie, second – Allison
  + All in favor
  + Mr. Dore will order it!
* Time Capsule Unveiling, TBD They have found the location, will dig it up if it gets a little warmer
* Anniversaries Milestone Award for 24-25 Year - NEED list to place orders
* Other School Updates

**\* = Volunteers Needed**

***>> Next Meeting - January 8, 2025 <<***