

Dogwood Elementary PTA
September Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence
- Welcome- Thank you for coming. What a great turnout we have here tonight!!
- Board introduction
- 50/50 raffle for PTA Fundraiser

Treasurer's Report – Yamit Marsh

As of August 2023

- Opening Balance: 8/1/23 \$41,006.41
- Income: \$310.00
- Expenses: \$1,865.00
- Ending Balance: 8/31/23 \$39, 451.41 (but Spiritwear sales push us over 40,000)
- Expenses: Spiritwear \$1,411.33
- Income: Membership \$290/ Fundraising (MH Rewards) \$20.00
- ***Budget vote- passed

Council Delegate Report- Tea Mady – Nothing to report / Meeting tonight.

Principal's Report

- Thank you for coming. This is Mrs. Carpenter's 30th year in education and 16th year here at Dogwood.
- Our opening week of school went smoothly even with the heatwave! The faculty did a great job at keeping the kids cool and engaged.
- Supply drop off was also a successful and wonderful way for students to come into the classrooms before the first day of school.
- Mrs. Carpenter visited every classroom on the 1st day of school. The beginning of the school year is about reinforcing leadership expectations, building connections, feeling safe, etc. The 7 Habits of Happy Kids is always a core value system here at Dogwood.
- Official school hours are 9:35am-3:35pm, dismissal beginning at 3:25pm.
- Our building has security guards and cameras throughout as safety of the children is our top priority.
- Meet the Teacher night is coming up 9/19. This is a kid free event and an opportunity for parents to be informed on our academic curriculum.
- October will be a busy month! We have Unity Day, Red Ribbon Week, Pumpkin Patch and more!
- Please follow the Dogwood twitter page!
- The Dogwood faculty aims to always respond to emails/ calls within 24hrs.
- We all share one goal- we are here for the kids!

President's Report

- Please join the PTA!!!! There are 2 different types on MemberHub (Family- more than 1 kid in the school) so far, we are off to a great start with 124 members!!
- Brand new fundraiser!!! LV handbag raffle!! Must sel0 50 to carry out the raffle. Ships nationwide so tell your friends!! This is our big fundraiser for this year.

- Also new this year: we will be using BandApp in place of Shutterfly. Class parents will learn this new app to share photos, class party requests, etc.
- PTA will communicate via Facebook, Remind App, PTA Webpage <http://dogwoodelementarypta.com> & through MemberHub
- Class Parent request forms due 9/14- Mandatory class parent meeting 9/22 at 10am
- Class parents MUST be PTA members and at least one parent must attend each monthly PTA meeting.
- Class Parents will oversee Halloween Scarecrows again this year. This is a big hit with the kids!!

Standing Committee Reports (nothing much to report)

- Cultural Arts – Melissa Barger & Angela Kirshak- Upcoming events- 9/19 Jared Campbell performs & 11/2 Dinoman for the 1st graders.
- Membership - Anisa Salerno – Please join the PTA
- SEPTA- Angela Kirshak, Melissa Stencil- nothing to report.
- Website Coordinator- Kristine Capizzi – This is a wonderful up to date resource for parents!

Annual Committee Reports

- Awareness Committee- Lauren Gutes, Katie Smith, Kaitlin Peterson
 - * This is a brand-new committee!
 - * Pediatric Cancer awareness month-
 - * Lace up for Cancer- the students will be given gold laces to wear.
 - * October- Red Ribbon Week- Anti-drug / anti-bullying/ healthy living
 - * 10/22 AVM Awareness- In honor of Paige Keely
 - **Pumpkins for Paige 1-4p, at Father Nature’s Garden Center
 - * Unity Day 10/25- please order Unity Day shirts on MemberHub
- Beautification- Tea Mady, Malycia Gordon, Tiffany Disario
 - * Thank you, Tea Mady, for the window displays!!
- Birthday Board- Angela Kirshak
 - *Thank you to Valerie O’Neil for September/ Need volunteers for the rest of the school year!
- Board of Ed Rep- Tea Mady- Nothing to report.
- Book Fair- Krista Scotti, Jessica DeGorter, Rachel Nilsen, Misty Ryan
- Box Tops- Laura Shubert- Download the app and log receipts!
- Class Pictures- Yamit Marsh, Stephanie Scheriff, Kristin Talarek
 - * Save the Date: Picture Day 10/3
 - * Please note-3+ kids in the school, get 1 package for free! Simply fill out“Family Plan” form and request a refund for 1 package.
 - * 11/21 Retake Day & 5th Grade picture
- Family Activities- Kristine Capizzi, Tea Mady
 - * 10/19 Barnes & Nobles/ CPK Event- Stay tuned for flyer! This is a fun night for K-5 teachers and students and a portion of proceeds go to the Dogwood PTA!
- Family Fun Night – Valerie O’Neil, Dawn Lombardi
 - * Bingo night in January, Bowling event in March
- Field Day-

- * Kindergarten – Gabrielle Ress, Tea Mady, Stephanie Gulbudagian, Geraldine Russo
- * Grades 1-5- Valerie O’Neil, Jennifer Burdish, Stephanie Scheriff, Shamie Bo
- Health & Wellness- Danielle Caldwell, Tiffany Lochan, Maria Falcone
- Local Fundraising- Angele Kirshak, Vittoriana Panissa
 - * 9/19 Cabo Fresh! 33% of proceeds go to our PTA!!
 - * It’s also Family Connect and Meet the Teacher Night!
- Moving up Ceremony- Teresa Rose
- PARP- Danielle Caldwell, Jennifer Burdish, Jennifer Brienza
- Plant Sale- Stephanie Cook, Vittoriana Panissa, Tea Mady
- Popcorn Thursday- Yamit Marsh, Marissa Scannapieco, Deanna Liang
 - * Volunteer sign up will be sent out via MemberHub. You MUST be a PTA member to volunteer as per our bylaws.
- Pumpkin Patch- Valerie O’Neil, Dawn Lombardi, Shamie Bo, Tiffany Disario
- School Supplies- Thank you Rose Kennedy!
- Special Person’s Dance- Viviana Clark, Danielle Bauman, Tea Mady,, Disario
- Spiritwear- Kerri Adler, Jenna Schwartz
 - *Unity Day shirts must be ordered by 9/21 on MemberHub
 - * Parents can order anytime on 1stplacespiritwear.com (free shipping sale!)
 - * New sweatshirt design coming soon! Flyer going home in a few weeks.
 - * Remember we wear spiritwear on Wednesdays
- Square 1 ART- Angela Kirshak
- Staff Appreciation- Shamie Bo, Kristine Capizzi, Lauren Pergola
- Talent Show- Teresa Rose, Laura Shubert, Danielle Bauman
- 5th Grade Coordinators- Lauren Pergola, Misty Ryan, Valerie O’Neil, Kristine Capizzi
- Yearbook- Melissa Barger, Lauren McCulloch, Christy Ronan, Laura Pugliese
- Slideshow- Melissa Barger, Lauren McCulloch, Misty Ryan’
- Welcoming Committee- Valerie O’Neil, Tea Mady, Malycia Gordon, Kaitlin Peterson
 - * Thank you for the kindergarten signs, decorating for the 1st day of school, and setting up the kindergarten parents’ night out event
 - * 9/21 Kindergarten night out at Napper Tandy’s 6:30-9:30pm. Purchase your tickets on MemberHub \$35 per ticket (includes app & 1 drink). This is an ADULT ONLY event.

Next meeting: Tuesday October 17th at 7:00pm @ Dogwood!

