

Dogwood Elementary PTA
January Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence
- Welcome

Treasurer's Report – Yamit Marsh

As of December 2023

- Opening Balance: 12/01/23 \$61,339.62
- Income: \$307.12
- Expenses: \$1,755.00
- Ending Balance: 12/31/23 \$59,891.74
- Income: Popcorn \$294.36, Family activities (rewards) \$12.76
- Expenses (Spiritwear) \$1,755

Council Delegate Report- Tea Mady – Nothing to report.

Principal's Report

- Thank you for coming. No luck on the snow day today!
- Community service is a priority here at Dogwood. Leadership club is wonderful and gives back in many ways (food drives, veterans' cards, senior cards, crafts for the local nursing home, and so much more! The annual bus driver appreciation event is coming up as well. Thank you, parents, for your generous donations during the holidays as we were able to give 8-10 local families full meals on their tables!
- Clubs here at Dogwood keep our mornings very busy! Dogwood News 5 Broadcast, Chorus, Band, Orchestra, Math Olympiads, 5th grade annual play, Leadership, guitar, yoga, and Scope are all so well liked by our students!
- Tues 2/6 is our 5th grade concert! (Daytime and evening concerts)/ Flyer was sent home with details.
- Suffolk PD will be working with us again this year 1/24 (K-3) and 1/25 (4-5). Talking about healthy life choices, bullying etc!
- Valentines' Day – please do not send in goody bags, cards only are allowed, as we do not have the time or staff to check each bag. The children will have so much fun that day, don't worry!
- PARP coming up, literacy fair coming up in March- Book fair March 18-22nd
- Snow days may lead to delays (1 hour or 2 hour) Any change in our schedule will be communicated.
- Kindergarten registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year! All information can be found on our district website.
- Kindergarten Screening and orientation info also on website.
- State assessments- will be computer based this year for 3-5th graders (5th also taking Science this year). They will take these tests on their Chromebooks. Simulation (practice) assessments of 10 questions will be given this Friday January 19th. Parents may choose to opt out, but a letter MUST be sent to Mrs. Carpenter, sooner than later in order to do so.

President's Report

- The Wizards game brought in a great profit of nearly \$5,300!
- Thank you to our parents for all your donations for Staff appreciation !!

- Nominating Committee: Dawn Lombardi and Lauren McCulloch
- Board member vacancies for next year!! Most positions are a 2-year term, (Co-Presidents, 1st VP, 3rd VP, Secretary and Treasurer are all up !!). Please join our Q&A Zoom 1/24 7:30pm with your questions!

Standing Committee Reports

- Cultural Arts – Melissa Barger & Angela Kirshak
 - 2/29 Author Darren Sardelli coming in for 3rd Graders.
 - 3/6 Sweetbriar -Birds of Prey for 2nd graders
 - 3/13 PARP reader – Author David Adler for 2 assemblies
 - 3/22 Young people’s concert for 5th Graders
- Membership - Anisa Salerno
 - Currently at \$2,860 which is approximately 95% of our goal! / 286 members
 - Please remember you MUST be a PTA member to volunteer for any event!
- SEPTA- Angela Kirshak, Melissa Stencil, Wendy Sanzone ** Nothing to report
- Website Coordinator- Kristine Capizzi
 - This is a wonderful up to date resource for parents!
 - We need someone to head this committee next year!

Annual Committee Reports

- Awareness Committee- Lauren Gutes, Katie Smith, Kaitlin Peterson
- Beautification- Tea Mady, Malycia Gordon, Tiffany Disario
 - * Thank you to Tea Mady and Lauren McCulloch for Winter window art displays!
- Birthday Board- Thank you to Jen Burish for January board.
 - * Valerie O’Neil will do the February board.
- Family Fun Night-
 - * BINGO night! Jan 19th! Great prizes! 2 guest teachers are coming too! Purchase tickets in advance on memberhub!
 - * Bowling event coming in March! Details coming soon!
- Health & Wellness- Danielle Caldwell, Tiffany Lochan, Maria Falcone
 - * Yoga is underway (K & 1st started on January 8th); Feb 26th for Grades 2 & 3
- Local Fundraising- Angele Kirshak, Vittoriana Panissa
 - * 2/8 This and That Gifts starting at 4pm—15% of sales going to Dogwood!
- PARP: Theme this year is Pets and Animals! Every student will receive a book from the PTA
- Popcorn Thursday- Yamit Marsh, Marissa Scannapieco, Deanna Liang
 - * Volunteers sign up will be sent out via MemberHub. You MUST be a PTA member to volunteer as per our bylaws. A permission slip will always come home the night before. Please stick to your allocated time slot! Please do NOT mingle in the cafeteria, stay at the popcorn table. Please do NOT take photos of anyone else’s children as well.
- Staff Appreciation -Kristine Capizzi, Lauren Pergola, Shamie Bo – Next event is Jan 19th (Bagels, muffins etc will be served)
- The Talent Show preparation is underway! Applications have been submitted and reviewed. Date is 2/7, snow date 2/8. All acts must be 2 minutes or less!
- Yearbook- Melissa Barger, Lauren McCulloch, Christy Ronan, Laura Pugliese
 - *Pages are in process!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 5th, 10am @ Dogwood Elementary School

List of Attendees

Danielle Gulotta
Regina Wachter
Lauren McCulloch
Tea Mady
Alexa Aversano
Renee Carpenter
Amelia Spampinato
Pamela Mullahy
JoAnn Oates
Anisa Salerno
Melissa Barger
Lauren Gutes
Valerie O'Neil
Mrs. Paplin
Tea Mady

Dan McFaul
Kristine Capizzi
Erin Charumaneeroj
Mrs. Mangles
Mrs. Panzarino
Jessica DeGorter
Christina Tompkins
Claudia Barone
Misty Ryan
Stephanie Cook
Dawn Lombardi
Jillian Duval
Nicole Neems
Liz Clavijo
Rachel Nilsen