

Dogwood Elementary PTA

November 29th, 2022 10:00 am- Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence
- Welcome- Thank you for coming.

TREASURER'S REPORT		
October 2022		
<u>As of October 31, 2022</u>		
Opening Balance	10/1/22	\$19,540.86
Income		\$13,944.87
Expenses		\$3,404.22
Ending Balance	10/31/22	\$30,081.51
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<i>Yamit Marsh</i>		Date:
Treasurer		11/1/22
<i>* Income</i>		
bounced check fee- \$20		
spiritwear-\$1320.42		
membership-\$930		
local fundraising-\$250		
popcorn Thursday- \$336.8		
Boosterthon-\$11,437.65		
<i>** Expenses</i>		
popcorn kits- \$674.50		
membership state dues-\$970		
council dues- \$200		
school supplies- \$828.08		
5th grade t-shirts- \$711		
pumpkins- \$882.5		
beautification-\$200		

Council Delegate – Tea Mady

- Main Takeaway from last Board Meeting on 11/17:
 - * Dogwood got a nice shoutout for media production work we are doing!
 - * Jan 12th SAVE THE DATE Presidents and principals meeting / dinner
 - * Feb 3rd Training workshop for PTA officers
 - * Congrats to Dogwood for its fundraising and PTA membership efforts each month
 - * District is aiming to create bulletins and improved website to unify Smithtown schools
 - * Dr. Secaur would like to attend some of our PTA meetings as well in the future.

Principal's Report

- Shout out to Miss Aversano and Ms. Kinnehan for their hard work on our Media broadcast
- HS journalist Teacher came to meet with the Broadcast team so she can share it with the HS team members. Maybe we can have some collaborative projects with the HS in the future!
- We have provided Dr. Secaur a list of our events and calendar at the beginning of the school year
- October and November events were a huge hit! (Red Ribbon Week, Unity Day, Big Apple Crunch)
- Scarecrows were so great!! The kids loved them so much. As always, the pumpkin patch was a great experience as well.
- Reading teachers did a parent workshop for student receiving AIS services
- Holiday boutique - was also a huge hit!
- Boosterthon raised over 21,000! Amazing for our small school! Great job to PTA presidents for your enormous efforts
- K students had a visit from Stonybrook nurses to discuss seat belt and bike safety
- Suffolk Policer Officers came to Dogwood to speak to the children about bullying and internet/cyber safety, and drug awareness
- Thank you to our Leadership Club for the Thanksgiving food drive and Giving Tree to help local families. And thank you to Mrs. Clipper who wraps and organizes everything and gets them to local families in need
- December to Remember is kicking off! Email has been sent out detailing a calendar of events, themed days, school wide trivia, and projects and activities for the kids to enjoy during December. You can also find it on our Dogwood website!
- December Traditions:
 - *Each grade has a special fun activity planned (with 1 guest per child allowed) .
 - K, 3, 4 & 5 are doing Gingerbread houses, 2ND a Winter Wonderland creation and 1st Log Cabins!
- Parent Teacher Conferences
 - *12/1 Dismissal at 11:50am, Buses depart at 12:10/ No school UPK-5th on 12/2
 - *Report card will be handed out at the conferences (or sent home Dec 1st if you are not scheduled to attend in person)
 - *District sending out a guide to help parents with understanding their kid's report card.

Standing Committee Reports

- Cultural Arts – Melissa Barger & Angela Kirshak
 - *12/19 Journey into American territory for 4th graders
There will be a display of artifacts, a museum, set up, etc
 - * 1/10- Miss E coming into Dogwood to work with our 3rd graders on how a authors add voice to a story!!
- SEPTA- Angela Kirshak
 - *Need to boost membership. We encourage all parents to join, not only parents of children that receive services. Next fundraiser for SEPTA is at Urban Air on 12/1 (all are welcome/ \$25 pp)!
 - * Last meeting discussed new programs for 2023, we met new chairperson for PreK services
 - * Big push for TOP soccer program, which is a great program, plus it offers volunteer opportunities for 13–17-year-old kids!
- Membership - Anisa Salerno - * As of 244 members YTD \$ 2, 540
- Website Coordinator- Kristine Capizzi - Dogwoodelementarypta.com – flyers, important events, link to join PTA, link to Facebook & Twitter.

Annual Committee Reports

- Beautification- Tea Mady, Dawn Lombardi, Lauren Pergola
 - * Thank you for decorating for Fall. It all looked beautiful!
- Box Tops- Marianne Dempsey
 - * Bonus box tops for single scan, paper option ending in 2022, all moving to electronic. Digital receipts can be emailed in for some retailers if less than 14 days old (great for holiday shopping!)
- Birthday Board- Angela Kirshak -December volunteer is Jenna Sardelli
- Class Pictures - very few retakes, maybe 1 per grade, and any that were absent, 5th grade pic on the playground went well, staff pic was great also!
- Family Activities- Kristine Capizzi, Lauren Pergola, Valerie O'Neill
 - * Mom's night was a great success! So fun and wonderful turnout! Raffles profit \$1500 and 50/50 \$400
 - * Next family event is January 25-27 @ AR workshop
 - * June 10 Ducks game, fireworks after the show, flyer going out in April
 - *On the Horizon:
 - *BINGO night coming back! Details to come
 - *Family bowling night at Bowlero-March 24th 6-7:30 for families \$25/pp/ capacity for 240 people
- Holiday Boutique- Thank you so much to all the coordinators and parent volunteers!! Huge success and such a fun experience for the kids!

- Health & Wellness-
 - *Yoga Time! January- Memorial Day! We will run 2 grade levels at a time. Focus on wellness, stress relief, grieving coping skills
 - *Spring is a bit crazy for 5th graders so this year we will start with 5th graders in January
- Local Fundraising- Angela Kirshak, Dan Tackill – (Nothing to report)
- Popcorn Thursday- Yamit Marsh, Marissa Scannapieco, Lauren Gutes, Danielle Caldwell
 - *Nothing to report but please send consent forms in!
- Spiritwear- Kerri Adler, Jenna Schwartz
 - * Online store (2 separate links, Dogwood and Smithtown) will be open indefinitely throughout the school year
 - *Order by Nov 30th guarantees 12/23 delivery
 - * Profits -Shorts \$419 /Unity day shirts \$1600
- Square 1 ART- Angela Kirshak
 - * 3,131 profit– double what we projected!
 - * Should be coming in before the holidays
- 5th Grade Coordinators- Viviana Clark, Joanna Dart, Lauren Pergola (Nothing to report)
- 5th Grade Yearbook/ Slide show- Marianne Dempsey, Dina Cavanagh, Viviana Clark, Sylvia Mancusso *** Photo deadline submission is Dec 9, aiming to finalize in March

In closing

We are a FAMILY and always have been here at Dogwood.

It is with a very heavy heart that we learned of the passing of a former Dogwood mom Karen Mullady, mother to triplets. Let us come together and support this family however we can.

Link for funeral services and how to offer support to the family will be on our Dogwood website.

Next Meeting: Jan 31,2023 at 7:00pm (Zoom meeting)

Wishing you and your families a wonderful holiday season!!

List of Attendees

Renee Carpenter
Yamit Marsh
Danielle Gulotta
Regina Wachter
Lauren McCulloch
Valerie O'Neil
Tea Mady
Stephanie Cook
Stephanie Scheriff
Sandra Goelz
Rose Kennedy
Praveen Anumolu
Ms. Krug
Misty Ryan
Melissa Barger
Laura Shubert
Kristine Capizzi
Lauren Gutes
Kristen Dongvort
Kaitlin Peterson
Kaeley Peterson
Mrs. Concagh
J. Burdish
Erin Lallier
Carissa LaTorre
Claudia Barone
Courtney Lampasona
Dan Tackill
Dana Barlow
Danielle Caldwell
Alexandra Skorpanic