

# DANIEL WEBSTER SCHOOL PTO

PTO Meeting Minutes 2/5/24 7:00-8:00

## Attendees

Alison McGrath	Sara MacNeil	Jen Jackson	Adrienne Robatzek	Scott DeCastro
Meg Stewart	Jen Runkal	Christine Meehan	Erica Maffini	Lauren Carey
Amy Carey	Jamie Smith	Dawn Marmaud	Meghan Niland	
Laurie Haistone	Colleen Cupples	Stephanie Tolman		

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## Call to order - Alison McGrath & Introductions

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### Principal's Remarks - Mrs. Sara MacNeil

- Kindness challenge was a success during school
- Penny Wars for grade 5 raised nearly \$900
- Health transitioned over to grade 2 and 5
- New staff received PTO purchased DWS Vests/Jack
- Today was 100th day of school
- Spirit week will be before vacation - reminders will go out
- Updated DWS family calendar through June
- Communication with the school. Please call or email the school with questions or problems before taking to social media.
- Looking into Spring book fair

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### Board Updates -

- Meg Stewart & Lauren Carey - DEI - Culture and Heritage Festival planned for 2/8
  - DEI Great presentations still happening if it is small
  - Please attend even if you are not presenting
  - Mrs. MacNeil will send a reminder text on Thursday

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### Financial Update - Joanna Powell (Alison McGrath)

- No real changes since December
- Money coming in for trivia night

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### Enrichment - Erica Maffini

- April Jones Prince grades k-5 plus parent presentation
  - K-2 animal presentation dates needed
  - 4/12 ThinkFirst safety with helmet distribution
  - Disability/Maritime enrichment possible for next year
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## Other Business - Various Speakers

- Alison - Workout Club recap - profit \$205
- Alison - Trivia night 2/16 7-10pm | Tables still available | Raffle needed
  - Looking into a possible dine out night paired with Trivia night so you can bring your own food to Trivia.
- Meghan Niland - BGC night out in April
  - All school dance with chaperones - 4/26, ticketed event, 6-8pm
  - Gift certificate would cover building cost
  - Chaperone logistics TBD
  - "DWS night under the stars"
  - 200+ capacity - first come first serve
- Alison - Pizza Bingo - 3/6 at 4:30 & 6:30pm | First 2 pizzas, bingo slips and waters are free, each additional pizza is \$8 each
- Alison/Colleen - Dine out nights - aiming for once a month. Jaime Smith offered to help coordinate them.
- Colleen - Pie fundraiser - discussed selling pies through MCM for Spring. Consensus was that the cookies sold were not the greatest and MCM was not the best to work with. Decided to pass and explore other options.
- Alison - Board positions open for next year - President, Vice President, Secretary, Enrichment, DEI and Clothing coordinating. It is important that we fill these positions so the PTO does not dissolve next year. We will be working on sharing information and the importance of keeping the PTO active to fund important school activities, supplies, field trips and enrichment
  - Discussed creating a flyer to give information to families
- Jen Jackson - requested check for poster maker supplies for \$1500. Already voted into our annual budget. Alison will ask Joanna to cut a check.
- Adrienne Robatzek (for Ms. McBride) - Thanks the PTO for recent book purchases for the staff. Books will be in the break room before February vacation.
- Meghan N/Meg S - possibility of doing something for Earth day 4/22 - clean up day?
- Meg S - Wanted more informations about the previous Carnations sent to students (years past as a 5th grade activity)
  - Activity was dissolved at the request of the teachers as it was not equitable in the classroom and often caused unnecessary upset and teacher spending

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## Votes

- Vote \$600 - Budget for Boys and Girls Club kids night out: snacks, drinks, cotton candy machine, DJ, etc. | Vote approved \$600

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The next DWS PTO meeting will be 3/4/2024 at 7pm in the dws library  
The next town wide PTO meeting will be 2/28/24 at 9:15am in the school admin bldg  
The next SEPAC meeting will be 2/15/24 at 6:30pm in the school admin bldg