



Stadium Drive Elementary PTO
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
6:30 PM

1. Welcome & Introductions (D. Boulos)
 - Welcome to Jody Lee who has joined as the new PTO VP!
 - We are looking forward to another great school year :)
2. Principal Report (G. Hynes)
 - New Staff
 - i. Shelby Bistayi - 5th grade teacher (building sub last year)
 - ii. Jessica Sanford - DK teacher (new to SDE, not new to district)
 - iii. Kali Berry - Building sub (SDE parent)
 - iv. Molly Dittrich - PE (new to SDE, not new to district)
 - v. Michelle Latouf - Music teacher
 - vi. Dorothy Roberts-Johnston - Art teacher (new to SDE, not new to district)
 - vii. Kristin Hinderer - Kindergarten Interventionist
 - viii. Lisa Jones - Math coach from district (each year a coach is assigned from district).
 - ix. Montea Bressman - Staff associate (SDE parent)
 - x. Three student teachers:
 1. Sarah (Lavin - 2nd grade)
 2. Hannah (Price - 2nd grade)
 3. Anna (Dabrowski - 3rd grade)
 - School breakfast and lunch is free this year
 - i. Included as part of the State of Michigan budget
 - ii. The standards for students to receive the meals for free:
 1. Every student is entitled to one free breakfast, and one free lunch per school day.
 2. Students must take a fruit or juice with their breakfast entrée for the meal to qualify as a complete meal and to qualify as FREE.

3. Students must take a fruit or vegetable (they may take both) with their lunch entrée for the meal to qualify as a complete meal and to qualify as FREE

iii. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, please make sure to fill out the required forms as it this applies to other programs within SDE (refer to the weekly SDE newsletter from G. Hynes for more information)

- Tomorrow (Sep 21) is picture day! Bring your smiles!
- Social media - not as active on Twitter (X), more active on Instagram and Facebook PTO page
- Make sure to read the weekly newsletter, which contains LOTS of useful information.

3. Teachers Report (S. Nye & K. Ventimiglia)

- Kindergarten - Learning school expectations and routines, managing their personal belongings independently, also learning the names of classmates by singing name songs and playing rhyming name games.
- 1st - Working on reading and spelling short vowel, learning good reader habits, math - reviewing partnerships up to 10.
- 2nd - Learning about our community, writing - beginning to plan and write small moment stories. Reading - working to build reading stamina.
- 3rd - Working with and building classroom expectations. We are r highlighting the State of Michigan in preparation for the Lansing field trip on Tuesday, Sep 26th.
- 4th - Started our first math unit, which includes place value to million and rounding. Writing - generating ideas for realistic fiction.
- 5th - Role models within the school, coming up with agreements and expectations for the class. Writing - developing personal narratives. Reading - book club - read a book with small group and share ideas.
- Art - Creating sketchbooks in grades 1-5, Kindergarten learning about lines and how to create artwork using paint.
- Music - students getting to know the room and introductory music.
- Media -
 - i. Thanks to all who participated in the Literati Book Fair! From the money raised, a new book order has been placed for the library for kids to enjoy.
 - ii. Birthday Book Club
 1. For a \$10 donation to the library, your child may select a special birthday book from a shelf of brand-new library books. A special dedication will be placed on the inside cover honoring their special day and donation to the library.
 2. For more information and to register: [PaySchools Events - SDE – Birthday Book Club](#)

- Social workers - Helping children transition into the new classroom as well as routines. Zones of regulation are being taught to all grade levels. Classroom lessons on friendship, kindness and inclusion. There was also a new student breakfast to help welcome our new SDE students.
4. Treasurer's Report (D. Boulos on behalf of A. Skene)
- Started off at ~\$20K
 - i. Income - Food truck from carnival, dine to donate from last year at BW, and Kroger/Box Tops.
 - ii. Expenses - Field trips, admin (tax, website), popsicles, etc.
 - Current balance ~\$17K
 - i. Upcoming expenses planned to support PTO calendar of events and related activities
5. Committee Openings & Volunteer Opportunities (D. Boulos)
- We need volunteers to make our events a success!
 - If you are interested, please visit [Volunteer — Stadium Drive Elementary PTO \(stadiumdrivepto.com\)](http://Volunteer—Stadium Drive Elementary PTO (stadiumdrivepto.com)) or reach out to stadiumdrivepto@gmail.com
6. Upcoming PTO Events (D. Boulos)
- Les Trouble PI Assembly – September 28
 - i. Teach how to problem solve and manage conflict
 - Fun Run – October 9
 - i. Packets going home this week
 - ii. Fundraising goal will be \$35K
 - iii. Prizes revamped this year based on feedback (more school wide prizes)
 - Homecoming Tailgate – October 13
 - i. Will have games and a few treats :)
 - Trunk or Treat – October 26
 - i. Similar structure to last year
 - ii. Possible pumpkin decorating contest (to to confirmed)
 - Adult Night @ The Hub (Murder Mystery) – November 17
 - i. Based on feedback from our poll, we will be doing a Murder Mystery theme! yay!
 - ii. Information will be going out shortly
7. Spirit Stick (E. Smalley)
- Spirit stick of the month club went out last week
 - Spirit stick was given to DK, K, and any new SDE students
 - Flyer sent out
 - 122 kids have signed up so far (185 signed up last year), so please sign up if you haven't already!
 - Please sign up by Sep 29th -
 - i. Payment Options (\$13 per Membership)

1. Venmo: @stadiumdrivepto (include name, grade and teacher in comments)
 2. Check: payable to Stadium Drive PTO, send to school in envelope labeled "Spirit Stick of the Month Club" with name(s), grade(s) and teacher(s) noted.
 3. Cash: send to school in envelope labeled "Spirit Stick of the Month Club" with name(s), grade(s) and teacher(s) noted.
- ii. Sign up: <https://forms.gle/FwwMpCWgf8wqsYFR7> (preferred)
8. Directory (D. Boulos)
- 104 responses so far, if you haven't signed up yet please do:
 - i. https://docs.google.com/forms/u/0/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpmi9CXF-03cLB2lWnxIA38PyKuWNUtaDkDP45TqcZRDN1tg/viewform?fbclid=IwAR0tR5eo5hP39lbaY8TyUYwPA4IVH42NXIkXI89cKZB0xAjYrtwZUt_smGM&pli=1&usp=sf_link
 - Will be password protected and placed on the website (www.stadiumdrivepto.com) once ready to publish. Those who participated will receive an email with instructions to access.
9. Open Forum Discussion
10. Upcoming PTO Monthly Meetings
- October 18, 2023
 - November 15, 2023
 - December 20, 2023
 - January 17, 2024
 - February 21, 2024
 - March 20, 2024
 - April 17, 2024
 - May 15, 2024