

Attendees: Ed Sciciliano, Jen Egan, Dani Scalise, Sarah Hillman, Catherine Newbury, Genevieve Kueter, Kate Chanin, Steve Wheeler, Christa Antkowiak, Allison Zyrilis, Sarah Beth Stonoha, Shira Sebo
Minutes from January were reviewed and approved. Minutes will be posted to the website.

Co Chair's Report (Ed & Jen):

- **Dialed Action Sports Event:** is a go for May 26, 2020 with 2 shows ~ 9:30 and 1.
 - \$450 deposit has been processed.
 - Discussed inviting families to the afternoon show. Messaging to parents/caregivers needs to reflect that regular dismissal process will occur so students don't leave early.
 - Ed is reaching out to Mystic Cycle Center and Groton Police to ask for their engagement to offer a bike safety component to the program.
- **Basket Raffle:** Chairs: Catherine, Genevieve and Sarah;
 - Date TBD, sometime in June 2020
 - Suggestions from current leadership and other parents provided: calling it a Bonanza vs. Raffle, cellophane and tickets available from last year, check in with Karen Waggoner who was past Chair for ideas, Mrs. Carta and Wilson have offered volunteer opportunity to 5th graders to help with basket assembly, ice cream truck paid for by PTO and advertising to families to bring a picnic dinner to have outside, custodians assist with table set up/break down, pick a rain date because outside is ideal
- **Math & Science Night:** Chair: Dani; Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020.
 - Dani provided an update: currently seeking volunteers via last year's list of attendees and with Robin's contacts, will need follow-up as several have not gotten back to her.
 - Mr. Wheeler will follow up again with high school contact for student volunteers.
- **Yoga with Genevieve**
 - Genevieve found yoga to be successful from her perspective and a well-liked experience for the kids. Other staff and parents who were there concurred that students really enjoyed it and that it was a great way to use the Monday enrichment period.

Treasurer's Report (Dani):

- Checking currently has \$17,163; savings account \$3,500.23. This does not include the deductions to pay the fee for the Dialed Action Sports program (-\$1,500) or yoga (\$1,150)

Principal's Report (Steve):

- **Yearbook:** Gretchen Romilly is chairing again this year (yes!). She will present at an upcoming meeting. The company she is using this year will send someone to take candid photos at school.
- **GaGa Ball Pit:** Mr. Wheeler provided an overview of what a GaGa Ball Pit is, how he envisions using one for outside physical activity for the kids, the importance of the roll out so that all rules and games are well-established, how it will be supervised, dimensions and material, and discussion around where it would be temporarily located at SBB so that it can be moved to a permanent location at the new school in 2 years. He suggested anyone interested in seeing the Pit from the PTO go see one set up at another local school.
 - It was voted on tonight that the PTO will vote to approve funding for the GaGa Pit that he chooses at the next meeting that will range from \$2,000-\$4,000.

Other Business:

- **Read Across America Week:** Sarah Beth Stonoha provided an update on this year's plans:
 - Full "Spirit Week" of themed activities for all students that coincides with Dr. Seuss's Birthday and National Reading Day with guest speakers, trivia, and buddy rooms.
 - PTO approved \$400 for reading themed gifts for students.

- **Mystic Art Association After School Program:** Kate Chanin reported that the MAA has sought funding again this year to help support this after school program at SBB during the second week of March. They will know if they receive the funding within the next few weeks. If they receive it, the PTO discussed funding enough extra to allow for 2 groups of students to participate in the program during two different weeks (K-2 and 3-5). Kate is going to find out if the MAA can do 2 weeks and also about whether the funding was granted.
 - Funding: PTO to cover \$350 per program if funding is granted from MAA's outside grant request (MAA funds \$275) or \$625 per program if the funding isn't granted. PTO to vote next session.
- **ABA Field Day:** Shira Sabo provided information about how her team brings the students in the ABA program to a gymnastics outing on Field Day for their own excursion. Autism Awareness T-shirt sales help fund the outing. This year they sent the flyers to the whole district. In the past, the PTO has coordinated paying for the t-shirts, collecting t-shirt sales profits, using the profits to fund the outing and covering any overages. Dani and Ed will work with Shira on this again this year and PTO to vote on next session.

Next meeting is March 3, 2020. Meeting adjourned.