

**Dublin Elementary
PTA Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2023**

Members: Rachel Heater, Monica Anglin, Kim Negohsian, Mimi Curlee, Kristin Perusse, Danielle Bigi, Wendy Shultz, Jason Schultz, Stacy Brand, Megan Young, Mary Doyle, Elizabeth Cairo, Andrea Fisher

Meeting Called to order: 7:03 PM

Reading and Approval of the Minutes: APPROVAL Monica-motion/Heather-second

Treasurer:

- not a lot in December
 - admin fees: postage; bank check items
 - 2 more memberships
 - Membership-almost met her budget
 - teacher reimbursements
 - teacher conference dinner
 - \$5000 deposit from donation
 - Trunk/Treat reimbursement-little over net budget, but brought in money
 - Dine Out Night-paid from Culver's
 - couple outstanding checks
- APPROVAL Heather-motion/Kristin-second

Fundraising:

Dine Out Night:

- will call Hungry Howies
- next one 1/17
- 4pm-8pm all sales go to us, don't need to mention Dublin
- look into Feb before Mid-Winter Break
- waiting on Applebee's about \$390

Cookie Dough-later this month

- Melissa Otton is helping
 - touching base with the company in April
- Spiritwear on Memberhub

Membership:

- 233 members
- 76 student members
 - students to get swag bags
- Directory: email sent to those that wanted printed \$2
 - if want to add to directory email PTA

Teachers: Ms. Doyle/Ms. Vackaro

<p>PreSchool ECSE/SXI Tuition/GSRP</p>	<p>The GSRP & tuition preschool classes have been focusing a lot on social emotional skills, recognizing our letters and rhyming, and A LOT of sensory play</p>
<p>Kindergarten</p>	<p>Kindergarten continues to work on our super powers to become readers and writers. In Readers Workshop we have been working on our pattern power. Stories with patterns help us build our reading powers. In math we learned about "capacity" and on that day we had an angel food cake in which we filled the cake to capacity with strawberries. Of course we topped it off with whipped cream! Yum! We are just starting a science unit called "Pushes and Pulls".</p>
<p>1st Grade</p>	<p>In first grade, we just wrapped up our science unit on insects and are getting ready to start our next science unit on that states of matter- solids, liquids, and gases. In reading, we are currently working on retelling stories using the book "Ella Sarah Gets Dressed" as our mentor text. We will also be starting the iReady Diagnostic in both reading and math and look forward to sharing results with our families in the coming weeks.</p>
<p>2nd Grade</p>	<p>In 2nd we are in the midst of a new expert writing unit! It's been pretty cool to watch our young authors' write books about topics that they know a lot about. In Reading we are working on building our fluency so that we can sound like the characters in our books when we read! We just wrapped up our science unit on new plants and are moving into a social studies unit on the geography of our community.</p>

3rd Grade ✓	In Social Studies, we have been learning about Michigan geography and are just beginning a unit on Michigan government. To help us bring our learning to life, we are taking a field trip to Lansing on January 30. On this trip, we will visit the Capitol building and the Michigan History museum. We are very excited! We'd like to thank the PTA for their generous support by paying for our museum admission fees.
4th Grade ✓	Fourth grade has started analyzing soil to begin our science unit on landforms. We are also learning about the nation's economy in social studies.
5th Grade ✓	<p>Fifth graders are working on informational pieces on "How to be Their Best Self." We all learned about the power of positive self-talk and they will continue researching topics that they want to learn about to become the best version of themselves (Ex. goal setting, building confidence, making friends, health and fitness, being more organized, etc.</p> <p>In reading, we are working on our informational/non-fiction unit. Students are learning how to read carefully to identify main ideas and supporting details. They are teaching others what they are learning and have shared some super cool facts!</p> <p>In science, students are beginning their basic chemistry unit. They are learning about chemical reactions, and how to create and separate mixtures and solutions.</p> <p>Our current social studies unit is about colonization touching on what brought people to the Americas and what life was like for different economic and social groups.</p>

Vice President:

Provided updates below on BINGO Night and Daddy Daughter Dance

Book Machine:

- it was delivered
- get google form for book recommendations going out to teachers
- start ordering in February
- stock/reveal in March

Reflections:

- 2 move to states-Dublin has not made it this far in a long time
- Adalyn Thompson
- Callie Anglin

BINGO: January 20

- pre-register-
- members get free popcorn
- boards for 6 games

- still need donations for prizes
- 2 big winners per/game

Daddy/Daughter Dance: April 14 at Clifford Smart

- having simple snacks
- Starry Night theme
- getting DJ that was used at Trunk or Treat and is matching price from last year
- Megan Young volunteered cotton candy

STEM Night: February 10

- flyers to go home next week
- Challenge Island-Penguin sled
- PTA vs. non-PTA member pricing
- cap event at 75-concerns were discussed

Talent Show: March 22 6pm at WLN

- 5 practices/attend 3
- will start in mid-February
- volunteer sign up going out end of January
- students in 2 acts max
- zero weapons/profanity, etc.
- permission slips will be going out in google form
- contact Mimi with questions

Legislative Update: Stacy Brand

Michigan PTA

Nation's Report Card

The Nation's Report Card is based on the National Assessment for Educational Progress, a test that has been given to 4th and 8th graders since 1969. However, it was not given in 2020 nor 2021. The results from 2022 show stark declines in both math and reading at both grade levels. You can find nationwide and statewide results at <https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/>.

Did you know that a resource called the Education Recovery Scorecard was created that lets you know how your Michigan school district compares? The Nation's Report Card gives statewide results. However, researchers in education at Stanford and Harvard collaborated and utilized the Nation's Report Card and MStep results from 2022 to create a way to compare this data at the individual school district level. You can find information about all Michigan school districts at <https://educationrecoveryscorecard.org/>

American Rescue Plan Act- Parents Input on COVID Dollars

Did you know that the American Rescue Plan Act requires parent input on how your district spends its Covid dollars? The Nation's Report Card and The Education Recovery Scorecard demonstrate that many students across the state have been impacted by learning loss in reading and math. In addition, American Rescue Plan Act Covid Relief

monies must be spent by fall of 2024. The combination of both shows that now is the time to reach out to your district to find out how they plan to address learning loss and how they plan to continue to get community input during this process. The Michigan PTA has hosted webinars regarding this issue and both the National Assessment for Educational Progress and Education Recovery Scoreboard have additional information on their websites, as well.

Resources:

Michigan PTA webinar on Activating Family Engagement:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8RrJJm1Gi8A&t=4s>

Michigan PTA webinar on the American Rescue Plan Act:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SaAGuC7rNN0&t=20s>

Learning Loss: What Can We Do About It: National PTA President Anna King sat down with NBC's Kate Snow, Turnaround for Children Founder and child psychiatrist Dr. Pamela Cantor and Excellence Community Charter Schools Co-CEO Dr. Charlene Reid to answer questions from parents on pandemic learning loss following the release of the Nation's Report Card. Watch the discussion now on TODAY Parents Facebook page to see what they had to say.

Michigan PTA 2023 Advocacy Day in Lansing

To be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall (under the Capitol itself).

Michigan PTA's Legislative Platform – Now and Moving Forward We invite you to have a voice in developing the focus of Michigan PTA's 2023-2024 Legislative Platform and Learn About Emerging Issues

Join us! Registration is \$25 per person:

<https://michiganpta.memberhub.gives/advocacyday2023/Campaign/Details>

Attendees should set up individual meetings with their legislators at any time from 1:30 p.m. on. Michigan PTA's Advocacy Day is focused on grassroots advocacy – the cornerstone of PTA! Since our founding, PTA has recognized the importance of advocacy in improving the lives of our nation's children. Attend Advocacy Day to become more effective advocates, and to share your knowledge with others. This is a great opportunity for both adults and students to learn new skills. Please contact Michigan PTA Advocacy via email at childadvocacyvp@michiganpta.org with any questions or suggestions.

VoterVoice Action Alerts:

All current open actions can be found here: <https://michiganpta.org/alerts>

Current action: Urge Congress to Prioritize the Health & Safety of Every Child

National PTA

Registration is Now Open for National PTA's 2023 Virtual Legislative Conference (LegCon)!

Taking place March 7-8, LegCon is an opportunity to convene with fellow PTA leaders and advocates for

learning, networking and advocacy meetings with federal policymakers. This year's virtual LegCon will feature daily keynotes, concurrent policy workshop sessions, National PTA's annual Outstanding Advocacy Awards Ceremony, a Hill Day Celebration and remarks from key administrative officials and congressional champions. Advocacy efforts will be focused on the health and safety of every child, especially strengthening federal policies and federal funding opportunities for family engagement, school and community safety, welcoming and inclusive schools and digital safety and well-being. Register today to join us!

National PTA's Top Funding Priorities Included in FY

2023 Omnibus Appropriations Package

Several of National PTA's top funding priorities were included in the FY 2023 Federal Omnibus Appropriations Package thanks in large part to your leadership and voice in advocating for all children. On behalf of our millions of members nationwide, National PTA submitted a year-end funding request to Congress urging them to consider critical federal investments. Among the priorities, the final bill included:

- \$20 million for the Statewide Family Engagement Centers (SFEC) program
- Permanent funding for a nationwide Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) program, which helps families cover the cost of food over the summer months
- Over \$500 million for suicide prevention programs and services, including programs targeted toward supporting K-12 and college students
- An overall increase of \$3.9 billion in funding for education compared to FY2022, including a total of \$45 billion to support K-12 education nationwide

Read a full analysis of the FY 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Package.

National PTA, U.S. Surgeon General Discuss 'Tripledemic' and Youth Mental Health Crisis

National PTA President, Anna King, spoke with Dr. Vivek Murthy, U.S. Surgeon General, about the 'triple-demic' and how we can help protect our families and ease the spread of the COVID-19, flu and respiratory syncytial (RSV) viruses. President King and Surgeon General Murthy also discussed the youth mental health crisis and ways parents can support children's social emotional well-being. Listen to a recording of the conversation.

PTA Day of Service

Save the Date! Our PTA Day of Service will be on Earth Day in 2023 (April 22)! We are excited to highlight our Healthy Earth pillar as part of our Healthy Lifestyles Initiative. Learn more about what your family can do to form healthy habits related to preventing waste and conserving energy and save the date to celebrate Earth Day and plan your PTA Day of Service!

U.S. Kindergarten Vaccination Rate Dropped Again

Vaccination rates for U.S. kindergarteners dropped again last year, and federal officials are starting a new campaign to try to bring them up. Usually, 94% to 95% of kindergarteners are vaccinated against measles, tetanus and certain other diseases. The vaccination rates dropped

below 94% in the 2020-2021 school year. A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study found rates dropped again in the 2021- 2022 school year, to about 93%. Read the article.

Transforming Family-School Partnerships National PTA Webinar Series

The Center for Family Engagement is partnering with the Institute for Educational Leadership for a five-part webinar series to help district, school and parent/community leaders explore National PTA's six National Standards for Family-School Partnerships through panel discussions with leading practitioners, researchers and policymakers who are improving family-school partnerships so that all children can reach their full potential. Join our first webinar in the series: Welcome All Families on Wednesday, January 25, 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. EST. Register now!

Principal:

- MLK event-Monday night at WLN
- students are using the track
- basketball hoops came in, but the wrong size-it being worked on

President:

- MLK celebration 1/16 at WL
- PTSA meeting at Dublin in February
- working on Literacy Library soon to determine need

MISC.

Raffle Winners:

- Melissa Otton-growler
- Ms. Vackaro-water bottle
- Megan Young-water bottle

Meeting Adjourned 7:41 PM