

**Dublin PTA Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2023**

Attending members: Stevie Barry, Rachel Heater, Monica Anglin, Lindsey Banes, Heather Medrano, Jennifer Bennett, Danielle Bigi, Vanessa Alexa, Brittany Parks, Danielle Kraft, Amanda Gibson, Stacy Brand, Erin Pavelich, Jen Weckstein, Katie James

Time Called to Order: 7:02pm

Board Introductions.

- Review meeting minutes from November 2023.
 - Motion to approve: Heather Medrano
 - Second: Erin Pavelich

Treasurers Report: Lindsay Banes

- Amendment LAYA Donation \$500
- Paint Pour class was added as “Student Enrichment” to the budget.
 - Motion to amend budget- Stacy Brand
 - Second: Danielle Kraft
 - No objections.
- Subscription Service Money Minder-\$240 annual
 - Taxes can be filed through the system.
- Monthly expenses:
 - Envelopes
 - October Membership
 - Staff Appreciation (Lounge Shower)
 - Tools for SXI
 - Maria Desmondy Speaker and books
 - MLK Dinner Donations
 - \$1450 Pour painting income with \$500 in expenses
 - Color Run expenses
 - Trunk or Treat Reimbursements
- Motion to approve: Jennifer Bennett
- Second: Stacy Brand
- Audit was completed.
 - Findings: Forms with one signature when two are required. No cash was involved.
 - Check #6064 Made Payable to the State of Michigan, not to Rachel Heater
 - All Checks have cleared after 6/30/2023

Fundraising: Heather Medrano and Kristen Perusse

- Urban Air 12/12-20% back to Dublin PTA
- Color Run funds-Plans for Spring Events

No Applebee's checks. Waiting on Pita Way.
Hungry Howies is coming up on 12/19 from 4-8pm

Membership: Jennifer Bennett

- 143 members.
- Membership drive for November will be carried over to December.
- Membership prize for 100% participation is still up for grabs
- Members will receive free popcorn voucher for Bingo Night.

Special Committees: Stevie Barry

Reflection- 17 Submissions.
Waiting on judging to be completed.

Bingo Night: Vanessa Alexa and Brittany Parks

6-7:30 on 1/19. Super Hero themed.
Looking for sponsors for Markers, Pizza, concessions.
Registration forms will be sent home after the new years.

Principals Report: Danielle Bigi

Congratulations to our teacher of the year, Mrs. Squires! She will be celebrated at the board meeting in January. First trimester report cards will be available for families to view around 4:00 Monday afternoon. Conferences are next Thursday, December 14 from 12:00-8:00. If you have not yet signed up for a conference, sign up is still available on Skyward until Monday, December 11 at 7AM. Dismissal times for conference day, December 14, will be in the Dublin Times this week as they are earlier than a normal half day. Thank you to all that have donated to our food drive! There are still a few more days to donate - through next Tuesday, December 12. Thanks to all those that have helped volunteer at the book fair this week and make it a success.

Teachers Report: Jen Weckstein.

Kinder: Show and tell in writing. Virtual tour of a one room school house. Making holiday gifts for families

First: Moon and Sun patterns in Science. Field trip to Cranbrook Science Museum and Planetarium. Word Detective training to earn badges. Planning a gingerbread theme party at the end of the month.

Second: Non-Fiction reading and writing. Wrapping up 3rd unit in math about addition and subtraction strategies. Visted the outdoor center for winter camp.

Third: Focusing on numbers and operations in math. Reading non-fiction and working on expert topics in writing. Practicing cursive letter formations. Read aloud- Wild Robot and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Fourth-Opinion writing with an essay writing boot camp. Focusing on Non-Fiction text, challenges and strategies. Geography- Five Regions in the United States and will start focusing on federal government.

Fifth: Wrapped up narrative units and are starting informational reading and writing units of study.

VP Report: Monica Anglin

LAYA Donations were completed.

Legislative report: Stacy Brand

Walled Lake Updates

- Board of Education Special Meeting, November 29, 6:30 p.m., Educational Services Center
- 25th Annual MLK Celebration, January 15.
 - Mr. Peace presentation.
- Also consider supporting locally, Walled Lake Schools Foundation for Excellence-
- <https://www.wlcsd.org/community/foundation-for-excellence/donate>

National PTA

- Registration is NOW LIVE! Annual Legislative Conference March 5-7, 2024. Join PTA leaders and other passionate advocates in our nation's capital for National PTA's Conference
- **Teen Accounts on Uber**
 - Uber teen accounts are here and they have teamed up with National PTA and Safe Kids. Worldwide on teen safety tips and guidelines.
- **Many Parents Don't Know When Kids Are Behind in School. Are Report Cards Telling Enough?**
 - Nearly nine out of 10 parents believe their child is performing at grade level despite standardized tests showing far fewer students are on track.

Presidents Report: Rachel Heater

- Foundation for Excellence. If Dublin sells 15 tickets the PTA gets an a bonus entry for prize money.
- Structured Spending Committee Report
 - Trash Cans for the Playground area
 - Bike Rack
 - JBL Sound System
 - Spirit Enhancements
 - Teacher Grants

- Motion to Approve \$13,000 on Report
- All Yays. No Nays.

Jen Weckstein asked to consider headphones for classrooms. Will research options.

We need a nominating committee for board seats being vacated this year.

Raffle Winner: Free Pizza at Bingo-Brittany Parks

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55pm.