

Shutesbury Elementary School PTO
General Meeting Agenda
3/16

SES Conference Room
Anna S, Elizabeth M, Sam S, Isa, Principal Anne

- I. Call to Order 8:23
- II. Review of Minutes [February 2026 Minutes](#)
- III. Officer's Reports
 - A. President's Report
 1. Pizza Pick up- happening a little later. Mass Reading Conference is coming up. Thursday, April 9 is a parent night with Lindsay.
 2. I need the link for the Quarters event to make the flyer and start advertising- Isa will get that. It is on 4/16.
 - B. VP's Report
 1. Literacy night will be on 4/30. The whole thing will be in the gym so they can have pizza.
 2. Donor Database: we should keep track of top bids from the auction
 - C. Treasurer's Report
 1. Sarah Prager GSA reading- \$300; she is a children's author who speaks about LGBTQ. Whole school assembly! 4th-6th.
 2. GSA fundraiser ideas- they emailed us and would like to do a fundraiser during the auction. No. Please pick another date- Town Meeting? Literacy Night? Or any other event that isn't a money-maker.
 3. T-shirt design- done by Pomeline's mother, Elizabeth Federovski, created it. The New Salem Museum has yet to confirm. If they don't, PTO can cover it.
 4. Leverett is doing a reading fundraiser where families pledge \$ for kids to read. They already made \$7000, which was their goal. Different classes compete.
- IV. Principal's Report
 - A. The oil issue was due to an old valve, EPA came out to supervise the switch over.
 1. We have a deep well that is on the other end of the property, so no worries on drinking water.
 2. It's a 10 foot radius around the spill; they have put booms that soak up the oil
 - B. We did a big push for Rural Aid
 - C. We have to do a lot of work to preserve this water because it is a watershed for Boston.

- D. We have a maple syrup project going with K and 1. The date will depend on the weather. They will boil it here for a while and then take it home.
- E. Spring OpenHouse was great- lots of new faces for Kindergarten.
- F. There will be a TINY 6th grade class next year. There are 11 kids and some are going to private school.
- G. Pelham EI might close
- H. They had a staff support presentation to celebrate their strengths.
- I. Anne will ask for the risers from school committee. The silver ones were really unsafe. Lightweight collapsible risers.
- J. Quabbin trip for salmon release was so successful. Buses were free. This year it will be all-school. CNC? Hitchcock Center naturalist? Anna reach out to Jeff Mazur. As of now April 16.

V. Auction

- A. Live auction at the auction 5:30 for 10 min. For totally separate items that don't have bid sheets. Raffle baskets. Kids pulled them.
- B. 4:30-7
- C. This is the first year we are going in with sponsorships- we have about \$2000. We should still have our same goal, but we can feel less pressured.

VI. Old Business

- A. Soups and Games
 - 1. Smaller turnout but everyone had a great time
 - 2. Sam led Bingo because Anne was sick
 - 3. SAC is a good venue

VII. New Business

- A. Mother's Day Flowers- we're not doing it
- B. Flowers for the Musical- Elizabeth will reach out to some stores. We can get a teen to sell them at a table. Fundraiser for us.
- C. MCAS Snacks- grades 3 &4 will go at the same time and 5 &6 at the same time. Parents will be asked for snacks to feed 33 kids. They get the entire day. The entire library/media center will be a testing area and food will be okay. Anne's room will be for testing.
- D. Teacher Appreciation Week- Rose McWilliams is organizing. Next time.
- E. Teacher lunch May 28
- F. Field Day- June 15
- G. Last day of school is June 18
- H. Town Meeting- Library is doing food, there will be childcare. What ages?

- I. Adjournment at 9:28