



Explore & Grow Together  
**Parent Teacher  
Organization**

**DOWLING**  
*Urban Environmental Learning Center*

**Dowling PTO Meeting - VIRTUAL**

**Monday, February 7th, 2022 – 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Time	Topic	Owner
5 minutes	Welcome & introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Successful get outdoors event! Despite the cold</li></ul>	Ellie Karr
5 minutes	Housekeeping - No school: February 21 and 22 Conferences: February 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Conferences are being offered on teacher-by-teacher basis on that date</li></ul>	Ellie Karr
10 minutes	Future events: The following are typically offered Kickoff for Readathon in February, upcoming March has no fundraisers scheduled, <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>March into early April would be a good period to offer an event</li></ul> Goodies for grandparents/Special Friend <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>in late April, typically this person would attend with the child prior to school starting, then visit the first class with child, then get a tour from the principal; open to revisiting these possibilities</li></ul> Bike/ Walk/ Roll to school week <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>First week of May; table set up outside for sign in; end of week kids get prizes (bike helmets;</li></ul> Camp out <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>First weekend of May; any later bumps up against End of Year events; would start 1-3pm with day activities; awaiting confirmation from Principal Page</li></ul> End of year celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Friday, June 3? Need approval from Principal Page</li><li>Carnival-like activities previously; lots of moving pieces, may need</li><li>Different from any Bridging Ceremonies or 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation;</li></ul>	Paige Ware
10 minutes	Other fundraising ideas Historically readathon has been the big fundraiser, but we would like to have a Plan B Other ideas considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fun Run; Move a Thon per Hiawatha / Howe</li></ul>	Ellie Karr

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art To Remember – put student artwork on totes, plates, etc; school takes a percentage? Art show? Arbor Day on April 29</li> <li>• Yard Signs – get logo from Principal Page; Tim H will investigate costs</li> <li>• Coffee – Tim: \$12 per bag [\$4 goes to PTO]; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Melissa: Drivencoffee.com out of Chaska could be passive</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
5 minutes	Treasurer Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total of committed expenses are less than what we have in the bank right now</li> <li>• Result of few grant requests from teachers thus far</li> <li>• RE: Start-up grants: revisit how we offer the grants? Can we be more flexible in amount offered? Can PTO be available to speak with teachers during workshop week?</li> </ul>	Peter and Tim
10 minutes	Readathon Update - Kicks off February 10th	Readathon Committee
5 minutes	Committees: Yearbook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need one more volunteer</li> <li>• Need a photographer to take candid photos (Fridays)</li> </ul>	Ellie Karr
10 minutes	Questions/suggestions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls on the Run – for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade children identifying as girls, developing social-emotional skills paired with physical activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o All genders can coach; females can be head coach</li> <li>o Supplies and registration scholarships are available</li> <li>o 2 days/week for 8 weeks</li> <li>o Reach out to Eva Tangen for more info</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recognizing the administrative and facilities staff at Dowling – it might be a good idea to take steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Staff celebration? Gift cards? Goodies and snacks?</li> <li>o Timing: Teacher Appreciation Week (5/2-5/6 overlap with Bike week)? Or other?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Ellie Karr