



Dowling PTO Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 8, 2024

6:30-7:30pm meet.google.com/fwq-ajpm-dcu Join by phone: (US) +1 646-664-1209 PIN: 373 333 509#

Time	Topic	Owner
5 minutes	Welcome & Connection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special welcome to anyone who's attending for the first time! Brief time for community in attendance - favorite parts of winter break 	Andrea Martin
10 minutes	Upcoming Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday Stay and Play on the Ramps 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., weekly Thanks, Principal Page, for your help in making this possible! It will be a good opportunity to meet other Dowling parents and families. The PTO will be seeking volunteers to be present for this, to close up the ramps at 5, so keep your eyes open for a volunteer signup! Changes to Get Outdoors Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Ed Event Tuesday, 2/20 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. If you can volunteer, please let the board know! Skating & Sledding 2/8 and 2/29 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Matthews Park If you can volunteer, please let the board know! <p>The outdoor events are slightly different this year, but all are still great opportunities to connect with families and enjoy the outdoors.</p> School Dance – Friday, 3/15, likely 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Carnival – Saturday, 5/18 Will be celebrated along with Dowling's 100 year anniversary! Volunteers will be needed for this as well. More to come re: details! 	Andrea Martin
10 minutes	Principal Update <p>It's "tour season" at Dowling. Thank you to parents who are recommending Dowling to neighbors and families! We are finding that so many tours are for people who have been hearing about the school through word-of-mouth</p> <p>School fair is occurring at Minneapolis College (formerly MCTC) if you know people who would like to have a chance to learn more about schools.</p> <p>Open House event 01.18.2024 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. for families who are undecided. There will be another Open House in the spring for all registered kindergarten students.</p> <p>Additional events: Site Council is helping to host an author night. 01.23.2024 6:00 -7:30 p.m.</p>	Kari Page



	<p>Night of the Arts – for 1st and 3rd grade families – will be 03.25.2024.</p> <p>Budgeting process: Principal Page will be seeking feedback about priorities for budgeting. Keep an eye out for surveys to offer your feedback on what should be prioritized.</p> <p>Q: Staff support/intervention positions – will those positions continue in future years?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dowling has to show the programs are working.2. It will also need to be a priority of the new superintendent.3. Parents can always advocate for this work to continue to be supported.	
10 minutes	<p>Read-A-Thon Update - One World, Many Stories!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Timeline - what to expect Shirt design has been selected – designed by Carter Murray. Primary focus of Read-a-thon is getting reading minutes. Anything counts – reading, being read to, listening to audiobooks, etc. Kick off 02.12.2024 (through 02.29.2024) Shirts and envelopes are received that day. Read-a-thon typically raises $\frac{2}{3}$ of PTO funds for the year.● Ways to help Adults can help by making sense of the numbers on the envelope. Closing celebration on 03.22.2024. Help with tallying minutes will also be needed!	Katie Murray
10 minutes	<p>Treasurer Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● GiveMN results: \$8,999 raised! (Our goal was \$8500.) Thank you to everyone who donated.● Thank you to people who helped to support Eagle Bluff.● Read-a-thon goals● Notable STEAM projects approved for funding VocalEssence Witness concert. The tickets were donated, but the PTO is supporting the bus trip. Native American musician visit Midwest Food Connection	Peter Huckfeldt & Tommy Drake
10 minutes	<p>Site Council & Equity, Gender, & Inclusion Workshop Updates</p> <p>Site Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-branding subcommittee has been created-working with Principal Page on working on an Equity, Gender, and Inclusion workshop. Topics to be covered such as race/equity, gender expression, etc. <p>Lisa would like to hear from other families about interest areas for a workshop like this. Please fill out this form to share your feedback!</p> <p>https://forms.gle/nxZCju7BHKMgKZxR7</p>	Lisa Priest



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5 minutes	Questions/suggestions Are you interested in joining the PTO board? Please reach out if you have questions and/or are interested! Roles are typic	
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