

PTA Board of Directors Meeting

(pending approval)

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 ~ Gunpowder Elementary School Library

1. Call to order- 6:45pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. President's Report (Chris Kirtz)
 - a. Flyers will be going home with carriers only from now on.
 - b. PTA Teacher Reimbursements are due on 10/15/17.
 - i. Full Time Teachers will be given \$100 and Part Time Teachers will be given funds based on the amount of time they work at GES.
 - ii. Special Area Teachers do not get additional funds.
 - c. Patent First Grant- \$1,000
 - d. Elementary School boundaries meeting to be held on 10/4/17.
 - i. Two representatives from each school can attend.
 - ii. Members of the community may also watch the meeting on the web.
 - e. Approval of September Meeting Minutes
 - i. First Motion- Megan Power
 - ii. Second Motion- Falon Addair
4. Treasurer's Report (Katie Calise)
 - a. Membership money continues to come in.
 - b. Report was given to those present and discussed.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Hot Dog Night (Chrissy McHugh)
 - i. Only 400 people have signed up so far.
 - ii. Need volunteers from 6-7pm
 - iii. We need to brainstorm ideas of how to increase efficiency for the sign-up process for next year.
 - b. Fall Festival (Lacey Wancowicz)
 - i. Date is set for 10/27/17 from 6-8pm.
 - ii. Thinking about giving out tickets for treats to limit the number of times people can go through the treat line.
 - iii. Only asking for donations of water.
 - iv. At this time it does not seem like the gym will be available. The gym cannot be used for games. It is possible that games can be set up in the hallway
 - c. Adpot-a-Family (Redmer Family)

- i. Plan of Action submitted
 - ii. Mrs. DeIaco will coordinate with them to determine which families will need support at the holidays this year.
- d. Read-a-Thon (Karen Connor)
 - i. Fundraiser will run from 10/18-11/3.
 - 1. Looking at the PTA Budget, we cannot afford to wait to do the Fundraiser any later in the school year.
 - ii. Looking into incentives for the school to give to readers, some of the possibilities include:
 - 1. Spirit Sticks or Bracelets
 - 2. PJ Day
 - 3. Extra Recess
 - 4. Scholastic Dollars awarded to the top class
 - 5. Earn tokens and then vote on which teacher to tape to the wall
 - iii. We want to convey to families that this fundraiser is in place of the candy fundraiser.
 - iv. Businesses can make a \$100 donation and they will receive an advertisement on the donation page.
- e. Grandparents/ Generations Days (Mrs. Cunningham)
 - i. There will not be a day for Grandparents during American Education Week due to the fact that the week contains only four days this year.
 - ii. A day will be planned in the Spring to welcome grandparents.
 - iii. It is possible that primary students can be represented in the morning and intermediate students can be represented in the afternoon.
 - iv. Mrs. Cunningham is thinking about using a Google doc to have parents sign up for American Education Week.
- f. Screenagers (Mrs. Kahan)
 - i. We were not able to watch the trailer for the movie since we had to be relocated to the gym for our meeting.
 - ii. It is possible that Mrs. Kahan will plan a movie night at GES to show the film.
- g. Bingo (Shellie Holthaus)
 - i. Now asking for parent volunteers to help.
 - ii. Tickets are \$20 each
 - iii. \$500 Cash Prize
 - iv. 20 regular games, 3 special and other Raffles.

- h. Restaurant Nights (Megan Power and Michelle Morrow)
 - i. Chick-fil-A night is coming up on October 19th.
 - ii. From our Rita's Night in SeptemberGES earned \$249
 - iii. Another event for November is being planned for a trampoline park. The PTA parents are in the planning stages now.
 - i. Box Tops (Melissa Gage)
 - i. Box Top collections sheets are coming home later this week.
 - ii. The due date for this submission session is later this month.
 - j. Committee Organization (Mandy Houck)
 - i. Mandy will be sending out contact lists for volunteer chairs to have information on which parents would like to volunteer for specific events throughout the year.
6. Faculty Report (Ms. Elliott)
- a. Mrs. Lamont passed on her appreciation of the PTA's support of her Summer Reading Program.
 - b. Reimbursement deadline 10/15 for teachers PTA funds.
 - c. The PTA will support the 1st Graders having the Zoomobile come to GES.
 - i. Academic Priorities will help with the cost of \$220.
7. Principal's Report (Mrs. Cunningham)
- a. List of clubs was sent out. Drum Club was not on the original list but is available.
 - b. Cross Country event was very successful, thank you to the PTA for all of your help.
 - c. Wednesday folders
 - i. We will continue to receive flyers and communications on Wednesdays only.
 - ii. The PTA discussed the idea of also having a communications folder. It was decided that this was too many folders and things to keep up with.
 - d. Our School Secretary Diane has decided to retire.
 - e. Hiring a new Third Grade teacher is in progress.
 - i. The new teacher will spend time with all third graders and teachers.
 - ii. Students from each class will be pulled and moved into the new third grade class based on guided reading level.
8. Meeting Adjourned- 7:52pm