

## PTA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

1. Call to Order - 6:30 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of February Minutes
4. President's Report (Chris Kirtz)
  - a. County proposed new traffic light at Klausmier and Belair Rd intersection.
  - b. GES parking lot news:
    - i. Possible 2020 new teacher parking lot.
    - ii. Currently Administration is considering putting gravel down to extend the current parking lot space.
  - c. The new community off of Farmdale Rd could possibly allow for a parent drop off point.
  - d. County also proposed requiring all buses to make a left out the school parking lot to cut down on traffic issues.
  - e. GES PTA will have all new Officers for next year.
    - i. Possibility of Co-Officers or having current Officers work with new ones until routines are established.
  - f. It was suggested that all Grades have "Meet and Greet" dates over the Summer since we will have so many new students due to redistricting.
  - g. The PTA Officers have created a form to be completed by Staff Members/Teachers when requesting funds from the PTA.
    - i. The form needs to be handed in one week before the PTA Meeting.
    - ii. A motion can then be made at the meeting and the request can be voted upon.
    - iii. The Staff Member making the request needs to attend the PTA meeting to discuss the request.
5. Treasurer's Report (Katie Calise)
  - a. We received \$780 from the latest Box Tops initiative. The overall total for the 2017-2018 School Year is \$1,143 in Box Tops.
    - i. Sophia Doerr won the Box Tops Contest.
6. Committee Updates
  - a. Scholarship (Jenny Phillips)
    - i. Deadline to turn in application is 4/3/18.
    - ii. We have many volunteers who will help to read essays.
    - iii. Our Teacher Representatives are Ms. Holland and Mr. G.
  - b. Shamrock Shuffle (Falon Addair)

- i. Budget of \$150
  - ii. DJ Alex has and plans to continue to volunteer his services while he has children attending GES.
- c. Penny Wars (Chris Kirtz)
  - i. Collection jugs will be by the walls between the Cafeteria Doors.
  - ii. Parents have volunteered to make March "Pot of Gold" display for this Fundraiser.
  - iii. All proceeds will benefit the Lupus Foundation.
  - iv. Flyers explaining the process will be sent home later this week.
- d. Hershey Park Tickets (Megan Power)
  - i. Ticket money is due 3/14/18
  - ii. There is only one price for tickets this year.
- e. Restaurant Nights (Megan Power and Michelle Morrow)
  - i. Pie 5 Fundraiser brought in \$175
  - ii. Panera Bread- 3/19 from 6-9pm.
  - iii. Friendly's Night- 4/25
- f. World Culture Night (Alex Karoutsos)
  - i. We are still in need of Countries to be represented.
  - ii. Flyer for sign-ups will be coming home soon.
- g. Spirit Wear
  - i. Orders due 3/18
  - ii. Orders will be delivered to GES the week after Easter.
- h. Teacher Appreciation Week
  - i. May 7-11
  - ii. Appreciation Luncheon is set for May 10<sup>th</sup>.
    - 1. Volunteers for this day will be needed from 9:30-2:30
- 7. Parent's Night- "Screenagers" (Mrs. Kahan)
  - a. Parent's Night scheduled for 4/24
  - b. Discussion of showing the film:
    - i. \$500 Licensing Fee to show the film
    - ii. Film covers the following:
      - 1. Limiting screen time
      - 2. Making a contract with your child about the use of screen time.
      - 3. The rise in student violence correlating to the amount of time children are spending in front of technology.
    - iii. Currently we are considering having break out discussion sessions about the topic instead of showing the film due to the cost.
- 8. Faculty Report (Ms. Elliott)

- a. Mrs. Cross is very excited that the proceeds from Penny Wars will be going to the Lupus Foundation.
    - i. Mrs. Cross plans to be on the announcements during the week of Penny Wars to explain the Foundation.
  - b. Students will each be given \$5 for Field Trips from the PTA.
  - c. Students will only be permitted to add their money to the Penny Wars jugs on their way to the Cafeteria. This is a change from previous years when students could make their deposits during arrival time in the mornings.
9. Principal's Report (Mrs. Cunningham)
- a. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell is planned for June 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. New safety signs up at every Exit reminding people not to let others in/out of the building.
  - c. Black History Month was a huge success. Students took ownership of their work and it went well.
  - d. Kindergarten Round Up- Representative from the new school will be at GES to meet families as some of them will be attending the new location.
  - e. Safe Keeper Routine
    - i. Occur during Kindergarten morning meetings.
    - ii. Teacher and students pledge to keep each other safe at school.
  - f. Self-regulation will continue to be a focus and taught.
10. New Business
- a. Remember to submit volunteer hours on GES PTA website.
  - b. Volunteer Breakfast is scheduled for the end of April.
  - c. There will be no PTA meeting for June. We will meet at Conrad's to celebrate the end of the year together. PTA will pay a portion of the bill. The date is set for 6/6/18.