

Gunpowder Elementary School
PTA Board of Directors Meeting
August 20, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Present

Christine Smith (BCPS), Christine Davis (BCPS), Kristin Bull (BCPS), Tori Banks, Renae Canoles, Christine Green, Chris Hagan, Leann Grutkowski, Phyllis Henry, Stacy Jones, Rose McQuay, Denise Prem, Kathy Perry, Mary Rew, Stacey Schwink, Kathyrne Snyder, Bobbi Sue Stiles, Melissa Strohman, Amy Thomas, Shannon Wagner, Laurie Wagerman.

Approval of Minutes by Consent

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the May 13, 2009 and July 14, 2009 meetings were approved with no corrections.

President's Report - Chris Kirtz

Chris informed everyone that the Perry Hall Improvement Association indicated that there will be construction in the Oakhurst, Gunview and Perry Hall Communities. Heavy traffic is expected near Gunpowder Elementary School.

Chris advised the Board of the new BCPS policy regarding flyers from outside sources, including the PTA. All flyers must be approved by the Principal and a form will be provided indicating this approval.

Skateland event - A motion was made by Shannon Wagner and seconded by Christine Green to hold two skateland events, one each during winter and spring breaks.

Movie Night - A motion was made by Shannon Wagner and seconded by Stacey Schwink to approve the signing of the contract for the rental equipment and movie licensing for the Movie night to be held at Honeygo Park.

Chris informed the Board of our challenges this year regarding using the school for events. Beginning in October, Gunpowder Elementary will be installed with new windows, blinds and doors. This renovation will take place on Friday evenings and Saturdays. All events, except for Hot Dog Night, will have to take place at another venue until the renovation is completed. Chris is currently looking at other locations to hold our PTA events.

Treasurer's Report - Shannon Wagner

Shannon presented the 2009-2010 budget prepared by the committee of Chris Kirtz, Kathyrne Snyder, Stacey Schwink, Shannon Wagner and Stacy Jones. A summary of the items included in each line item was discussed as well as a few changes to the amounts being budgeted. A motion was made by Leeann Grutkowski and seconded by Chris Hagan to approve the budget as presented.

Membership - Rose McQuay

The PTA theme this year is "Growing for Our Future". Dues will be \$8 for the first member and \$7 for additional members.

Fundraisers – Chris Hagan and Melissa Strohmman

Kid's Stuff Books will be delivered on August 25, 2009 and will be distributed the 1st or 2nd week of school.

The Race for Education fundraiser will not be executed this year due to the required 8 week commitment, the 15% commission to Race for Education, the restriction that no other fundraisers at school can be going on and the anticipated large postage bill.

It was presented to the Board that our own home grown a-thon will be this year's fundraiser. Volunteers are needed.

Newsletter – Chris Hagan

The newsletter schedule was distributed. Chris asked that everyone write their own contributions to the newsletter. The deadlines are on Wednesdays.

Webmaster – Chris Hagan

A brand new website has been created for GES PTA. It includes a calendar of events, forms, directory to register, faculty list and a shopping mall link where the PTA will get a commission from anyone first going to our website and making a purchase.

Volunteers

The first volunteer training will be Friday, August 21, 2009 at 2pm in the library. Everyone must watch the video each year. Depending on the form completed last year, you may or may not need to complete a new form. The video will also be shown on Back to School Night.

Spirit Day

The first Spirit Day will be on Hot Dog night and we are asking GES students and staff to show their school spirit by wearing blue and gold.

Pitch in for Progress

Pitch in for Progress is scheduled for October 3, 2009.

Market Day

The market day cutoff is September 10, 2009 and the pick-up will be September 16, 2009 in the gymnasium.

Faculty Report – Kristin Bull

There was none.

Principals Report – Christine Smith

Mrs. Smith introduced Mrs. Christine Davis, the new assistant principal for Gunpowder Elementary. There are 4 new teachers at GES this year – Ms. Spinoso (2nd grade), Ms.

Bittner (4th grade), Ms. Anderson (kindergarten) and Ms. Kutcher (2nd grade). Ms. Johanson will be a long-term substitute for Mrs. Forrest.

We currently have 507 registered students with 13 pending registrations for a total of 520 students.

The proposed field day will be discussed with teachers. The most immediate concern is parking.

New Business

Audrey presented the Macy's Day tickets where the PTA sells tickets for a one day shopping discount at Macy's. The cost of the tickets is \$5 and the PTA keeps the proceeds.

Shannon Wagner asked that everyone start thinking ahead and realize that with her personal schedule to expect a 10 day turnaround time for checks. If you need a cash box, please plan accordingly.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Sue Stiles

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