

Minutes

Garrisonville Elementary PTO Meeting ~~Agenda~~ 1/22/2024



Meeting Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm by Asheli Polychrones (PTO President)

Pledge of Allegiance- led by Kathryn Pendleton (PTO Secretary)

Approval of November meeting minutes- November meeting minutes presented for approval by Kathryn Pendleton, with a motion to second the approval by Stephanie Sonnenberg

Treasurer's Report by Jessica Meade- All the money came in for Trunk or Treat and we did really well. We made about \$1,200. Our profit was higher and our expenses were lower for that activity. Our expenses and income for the Holiday Festival were lower than planned but we still made some money, with a good chunk of it from the silent auction. For our Spirit Night at Zava Zone we made \$100, and at Sam's Pizza we made \$52. The financials will be attached with the meeting minutes.

Winter Festival Wrap-Up- Thank you so much to Jenna Cooper, Meghan Moon, Tabitha Lee, and Vicky Majano for chairing this event! The event went really well. Vicky and Meghan have some suggestions on how to improve the Elf Shop next year. We were able to sell all the excess gifts in the Elf Shop from last year, so next year will be a fresh start. The silent auction was smaller than the past couple years, but we still had great prizes. Jessica Meade mentioned that next year we can start even earlier and get some better gifts, and suggests having a plan to make the end of the silent auction run smoother.

Zibibbo Sweethearts Pizza Kits- We are doing the pizza kits again this year, but unfortunately the pick up will be after Valentine's Day on February 16th. It will hopefully be a fun activity for the weekend of Valentine's Day for families. The last day

to order is January 25th. You must pick up the kits at the restaurant. If you have any questions, please email the PTO board.

Mrs. Sonnenberg suggested we print our fliers on colored paper so they stand out to parents.

Sweethearts Dance- February 9th from 6-8 pm. The event will be sponsored by Rockwood Homes. The attendees will receive complimentary water bottles, cookies, and treats. We need volunteers! Please consider volunteering for this event so things can run smoothly. We have some NHS members coming to help out, but need some adults as well. Please look at the sign up genius and see if you are available to help in any way. Each kid will get one raffle ticket. There will be twenty gifts given out during the raffle. Please only send money to the school for this event during the week of January 29-February 2.

Spring After School Enrichment by Mrs Sonnenberg- Mrs. Sonnenberg and Ms. Butaitis are organizing Spring ASE. A blue flier was sent home with the registration information and the course offerings. Registration is closing tomorrow (January 23). Classes are \$45 for one child, and \$20 for additional children. The dates for this session will be 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, and if needed, a makeup day of 3/6. We were able to recruit 18 courses for this session, and we're excited to offer an intro to Spanish course. You can pay online, and if you want to pay by cash or check, send it in a bag or envelope with your Gator's name on it so their teacher can send it to the PTO. We are grateful Ms. Leonard has organized this in the past, and thank Mrs. Sonnenberg and Ms. Butaitis for taking over.

Family Bingo Night- Scheduled for April 5th. We may not be able to hold this event if we don't have a chairperson and volunteers. Please let us know if you would like to chair this event. We have a lot of the supplies already. This is an after school event.

Principal Report by Ms White- Dr. Taylor shared his proposed budget with the school board last week. You can watch those meetings on the county website. Our budget does not look very promising for next year. It will require advocacy on the part of our families that education is a priority here in Stafford. You can reach out to school board members, and the board supervisors. We were proposed to get a modular unit for next year, but that will not be happening. We have enrolled eighteen students just since coming back from Winter break. By Fall 2026 there will be two elementary schools that are scheduled to be opening. Gator Week is coming next month beginning February 26th. It will be held the last full week before Spring break. We started our One School

One Book to go along with the word parade during Gator Week. Ask your Gators about the book they are reading here at school. We will be sending home more information soon about the different spirit days.

No Questions or concerns from PTO members

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm by Asheli Polychrones

Upcoming Events:

Jan 16-25: ASE Registration

Jan 25: Last day to order Zibibbo Pizza Kits

Jan 31: Spring ASE begins

Feb 9: Sweethearts Dance

Feb 13: PTO Meeting (virtual)

PTO Members in attendance:

Alexis White

Jodi Odlum

Amanda Leonard

Stephanie Sonnenberg

Kathryn Pendleton

Jessica Meade

Jessica Brown

Erin Altschuler

Asheli Polychrones

Meghan Moon

Meghann Gillette

Michele Golles

Susan Harker

Vicky Majano

Katie Kolb

Milissa Roseberry

Two other members joined the meeting without a name assigned to their google meet profile

