

Garrisonville Elementary
PTO Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026



Meeting conducted by Jen Herbert (PTO President) Meeting started at 6:08 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the March Meeting Minutes by Vicky Majano (PTO Secretary) A Motion to approve the March Meeting Minutes was made by Asheli Polychrones and seconded by Kristina Miller.

Treasurer's Report by Jessica Meade (PTO Treasurer) We made more money than budgeted for ASE this spring and made less than budgeted for Gator Gear.

Budget Update A proposed budget will be emailed out for a vote this evening to approve the proposed budget for the next school year where we will see a roughly 16% decrease on students and 14% decrease in staff.

Bingo

- Kristen Niedfeldt- Chairperson
- First bingo card is free, additional cards will be available for cash purchase. CASH ONLY EVENT (except food vendors). More bingo cards means more chances to win prizes!
- Friday April 17th @ 6-7:30 PM, door will open at 5:30 PM
- Gator families are able to bring in their own dinner and eat in the cafeteria during the event we just ask that no glass be brought in. We will have 2 food truck options: a burger truck and dessert truck.
- We will have a 50/50 raffles and ticket raffle along with a wonderful variety of prizes.
- We ask families to bring their own blotters or markers.

End of Year Picnic

- Saturday May 16th- Time TBA 11 am to 1 pm
- Objective: To celebrate this awesome school year with our Gator Families, sending off our 5th gators and students moving to other schools due to redistricting.
- Yearbook/ Signing Page event- get your friends signatures
- Food Trucks available
- Event will be held outdoors in the playground area
- Yearbooks Update from Mrs. Kuzma: Yearbooks are on sale now, a flyer was sent home with each gator with purchase instructions., along with a link on our facebook page. Sale will end next Wednesday and they are \$20 for now, with the price going up to \$25 later.

- We are unsure of getting them before the picnic but the PTO will figure out a way to get signing pages for each gator in attendance to collect their friends' autographs and keep them for a lifetime of memories!

Emerging Requests Update 1 request was received that was under \$500 so the board has approved it and a check will be coming to Mrs. Palacios for it.

Staff Appreciation

- May 4-8: We are in the process of planning this awesome week to celebrate our teachers. We will send out information and sign ups for ways to show our teachers and staff love. Flyers and emails will be coming on ways to help.

Announcement of New Board Members 2026-2027 School Year

President: Meghann Gillette

Co-VPs: Ashlei Polychrones and Breanne Smith (this will be emailed out for a vote tonight and closes at 5pm on Sunday)

Treasurer: Jessica Meade

Secretary: Julianne Green

Principal's Report by Mrs. Clemente

Mrs. Odum gave the report: Purple up day is this Wednesday to celebrate our military families. SOLS for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade are coming up so we ask families to please help your gator stay well rested the night before and not plan any appointments on testing days. Academic Night will be on April 16th from 5-7 pm please RSVP so we have enough materials per family. The Fine Arts Festival will be 4/26 and 4/27 from 11 am to 4 pm at Colonial Forge HS please enjoy the art displays and musical show. Field Day will be Friday May 22nd.

Old business/Questions/Comments Jennifer announced that the annual Fred Nats Game day for special pricing for Gator Families will be on Sunday 5/3 at 1:30 PM, the link to purchase tickets will be on our facebook page and a flyer will be coming home soon.

Upcoming Events:

- April 15: Sweet Frog Spirit Night 4-8 pm
- April 17: Bingo Night 6-7:30 pm
- April 21: Staff Workday
- May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week [Fred Nats 5/3 at 1:30 PM](#)
- May 16: Saturday- PTO End of School Picnic
- May 25: No School (Memorial Day)
- May 29: Last Day of School! [Correction May 28](#)

Meeting Adjourned [The Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Meghann Gillette and seconded by Asheli Polychrones.](#) The meeting ended at 6:33 PM.

Members in Attendance:

In Person: Meghann Gillette, Jodi Odum, Bridgette Farrel- Kuzma, and Deewa Hewad

Virtual: Asheli Polychrones, Kathryn Curran, Kristina Miller, Jordan Lee, Nicole Clemente, and Amanda Brewer.