

Garrisonville Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes



March 8, 2021

Meeting Called to Order at 6:33pm by Todd McLean

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Gator Week Wrap Up

- THANK YOU SO MUCH to Ms. White, Mrs. Odlum and all of the teachers and staff members involved in making Gator Week amazing for our kids despite the challenges of this year!! Everyone truly went above and beyond to give the kids such a memorable week and we appreciate ALL of you!
- Reptile World Shows
 - We were able to have Reptile World come out 2 days in a row to stream the show from our gym.
 - Mr. Michael contacted us afterwards and wanted to make sure we let everyone know that he and Mr. David were so grateful to return this year and that the teachers and students were amazing.
 - We hope everyone enjoyed the presentations and their encounter with the albino boa constrictor!

Gator Gear

- Gator Week sales raised \$193
- Remaining stock is listed on our PTO Facebook page
 - Feel free to email us at any time to purchase
 - Items can be delivered directly to your child's classroom, the front office or to your home, if in the GES school zone

Membership

- \$1 for Spring 2021
 - With COVID and financial uncertainty/hardships on families, we didn't want to burden anyone at the start of the school year with membership fees

- Given that it's late in the year and we are still limited in events, we wanted to run a \$1 membership drive to comply with our bylaws.
- Anyone who registers and pays the \$1 dues:
 - may run for an executive board position
 - is eligible to vote on PTO matters
- Register and pay dues online - gatorpto.com
 - On the homepage, click the Join/Donate menu item
 - Complete the registration form
 - Submit the PayPal payment through a separate link
 - Your membership does NOT require you to attend our meetings or volunteer for anything, but we encourage you to participate in any way that you can to support our school!

Executive Board Elections

- Positions & Descriptions
 - President
 - Preside at all meetings of the organization
 - Facilitate the flow of communication among board members, parents and the school
 - Oversee fundraising for all school events
 - Serve as a liaison between the board and the school principal, including establishing event and meeting calendar each year
 - Vice President
 - Serve as an aide to the President
 - Preside in the absence of the President
 - In the case that a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, serve the remainder of the elected term
 - Responsible for the organization and oversight of all special committees and their members with reporting responsibilities to the executive board.
 - Secretary
 - Keep a permanent and accurate record of all meetings
 - Take attendance at all meetings
 - Email meeting minutes to all members within 7 days of each meeting
 - Other duties such as signups, taking surveys and general promoting of events.
 - Treasurer
 - Primary responsibility for accounting within the organization
 - Keep an accurate record of revenue and expenditures; and in accordance with the budget adopted by the PTO, shall make disbursements as required
 - Present a financial statement at every PTO meeting as well as any additional requests by the executive committee

- Make a full report at the end of the school year that documents the starting balance, total expenditures and total revenue throughout the year
 - Responsible for preparation and submission of the year's PTO taxes
- Nominations & Elections
 - If you want to nominate someone or nominate yourself, email us by March 29th with your nomination
 - Any member in good standing (dues paid) is eligible
 - Elections of contested positions will be by blind email vote of paid members in April
 - If multiple members would like to serve on the board in the same capacity, we can potentially add "co-" positions
- Other ways to volunteer
 - If you don't have interest in an executive board position, we will hopefully have the need for event chairs next year, provided covid restrictions are lifted.
 - While we don't know exactly what our events will look like next school year, we always have the need for volunteers to help in other areas like box tops, school beautification and spirit nights
 - Email us at any time if you're interested in helping!

Staff Appreciation

- Questionnaire to go out to staff about preferences/ideas
 - Seeking input regarding ways to celebrate or ideas staff may have
 - We know things can seem redundant and we want to make sure the things we choose to do will make you feel appreciated
 - Welcome any ideas now or through the questionnaire

Open Comments/Input

- Garden by 2nd grade classrooms
 - Could use some love
 - Typically, a family "adopts" or does work on it each year – don't want to promote gathering with a cleanup day

Principal's Report by Mrs. White

- SCPS letter sent to all families last Friday
 - Beginning April 20th (last quarter) elementary schools will go to a 8am-1pm or 9am-2pm schedule, 4 days a week, depending on what time the school currently begins the day
 - GES has already done this to an extent
 - Difference is our hybrid kids will get to stay in the building until 2pm without going home
 - Schedule allows for more instructional time
 - Only virtual work will be on asynchronous Mondays
 - If your teacher hasn't reached out to you yet about switching to hybrid or to 4 days in-person, they likely will this week

- Working to have GES begin this schedule hopefully before the county date of April 20th
 - Figuring out logistics with lunch, traveling and transitions to specials, etc.
 - GES WILL be able to maintain 6 feet social distancing in all classrooms
 - Other county schools may distance between 3ft and 6ft, but we are able to maintain the 6ft distance
 - Transportation
 - Our buses are currently at capacity so we are relying a lot on our families for transportation
 - Noticeable impact on car rider line
 - Week after spring break, will change pick up and drop off
 - Half of the car rider numbers will be dropped off and picked up in the back of the school like normal. The other half will be dropped off and picked up in the front small loop by the library
 - About 200 car riders right now – will try to divide the lines as equally as we can
 - Ideally will decrease the amount of time waiting in line and speed up the process of getting the kids into the building
 - More info will come by March 22nd
 - YMCA
 - Beginning April 20th, YMCA will move back to GES for before and after care
 - Tuesday through Friday
 - Before care – 6am-8:30am
 - After care – 2pm-6:30pm
 - YMCA will be required to follow COVID protocols including masks and social distancing of students
 - SOL Testing
 - Still will be happening
 - Offered for hybrid and virtual students
 - More information will be shared next month
 - Picture Day
 - March 31st and April 1st
 - Will confirm with hybrid kids which day your child will have picture taken so do not need to dress for it twice
 - At school, in the Gator Dome, socially distanced
 - Virtual students – will enter similarly to Reptile World snake experience
 - Will sign up for a slot on a specific day/time
 - Yearbook

- With picture day late this year, we are hoping for an end of the school year yearbook, but it could have a summer arrival, like last year

Upcoming Dates

- **4/12** – Virtual PTO Meeting
- **5/3-5/7** – Staff Appreciation Week

Gift Card Winner Announced!

- Congratulations to Michele Golles! You've won a \$20 Amazon Gift Card!

Meeting Adjourned at 7:01pm

Attendance

1. Alexis White
2. Jodi Odium
3. Todd McLean
4. Jessica Whiteley
5. Meghann Gillette
6. Michele Golles
7. Milissa Roseberry
8. Bridgette Farrell-Kuzma
9. Kate Shifflett
10. LaMonica Jackson
11. Jessica Meade
12. Jennifer Stahly
13. Jennifer Herbert
14. Kristina Miller
15. Marissa Rae
16. Jamie Hilbmann