

**Garrisonville Elementary PTO Meeting
Minutes
January 7, 2019**



- **Meeting Called to Order: by Katie Lewis at 6:30 PM**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Motion to approve Minutes from the last meeting- -approved**
- **President's Report**
 - Elections: Elections for next year's board will be held in March. There are a minimum of 4 positions that need to be filled. Erica Edenton and Tammy Atkins are considering continued service. A detailed document outlining the roles and responsibilities was passed out and can be obtained by anyone interested in running. The current board intends to facilitate a turn over in March enabling the new board to set their budget for April.
 - Thank you to Meghan Gelinis for another fantastic Staff Appreciation event. The Chili Luncheon was a big success.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - December ledger is as follows:
 - Beginning balance: \$25446.42
 - Ending balance: \$26,394.52
 - Pancake breakfast Income: \$3,362.91
 - Pancake breakfast Expenses: \$1007.66
 - Net profit: \$2355.25 with an unaccounted balance of \$130
 - The auction and raffles were great and very popular.

- **Committee Reports:**

- Pancake Breakfast: A big “Thank You!” to chairs, teachers and parents who helped make the event such a success! The auction made more than \$1,500. The Grinch was a huge success and will be invited back in the future. Changes to be made: Moving forward, we’d like vendors to either A) Pay a \$20 fee and not donate to the auction or B) forego the fee and donate an item values at \$20+ for the auction.
- Spirit Night: The Mantle Coffee Shop will host again on March 14. The “Random Band” will be playing and Gator Gear sold. There is a possibility of an additional spirit night at Chipotle.
- Gator Gear: A refund is currently being processed because of the prior issues with our Gator Gear supplier. The current inventory is not on the website because it’s not supported by our current platform. The chair is working on a list that can be posted on the site and FaceBook so that parents/ staff can message or email and pay by check or PayPal. It was decided that Gator Gear will be sold at upcoming Spirit Nights so that Gators can have easy access before Spirit Week.
- ASE: Fliers went home today and list 11 class options. The class days will be Thursday with the exception of Mr. Harris’ art class which will be held on Mondays. Students will be allowed to register for both a Monday and Thursday class if eligible. Karen Kimble will be in charge at the school on ASE days. Any ASE inquiries that come to the PTO email account should be forwarded to Kate Long.
- Sweethearts Dance: Holly Biller and Kate Fuster are the chairs and began with an all call for DJ services. Depending on who they are able to secure, they may ask for an increase in the \$600 budget to cover this expense. The date of the dance is February 8th. The chairs request a time change to 6:30 – 8pm (set up at 5pm) to accommodate the younger students. Anne Marie has offered to be in charge of allergy free snacks. She will ensure that the allergy free items don’t get mixed in with the others and remain safe for students. Water cups will be available. There was a discussion that included several ideas on how to manage the “chaos” of the event, especially the sweets. Nothing was decided however there will be a letter/ newsletter/ email going out to families which describes the intention of the event as a “family dance where parents can be involved in demonstrating how children should behave at such events that they will encounter in middle school and beyond.” There should be no “drop offs”, but a family centric evening. The pricing is to remain the same as in previous years.

- **Emerging Requests:**
 - None

- **Upcoming Events & News**
 - February 8th Sweethearts Dance
 - March 8th Bingo
 - March 14th Spirit Night at The Mantle
 - March 18th kicks off Gator Week

- **Teacher's Report**
 - There will be a Zones of Regulation report at the next meeting

- **Principal's Report, given by Ms. White**
 - Ms. White shared the flyer with Town Hall dates for the upcoming redistricting meetings. The school board has hired a firm to conduct a study and make recommendations that will likely impact all 17 of Stafford County's elementary schools. The firm will submit several options and the board has agreed to vote and move forward with one in March 2019 for the upcoming school year. Garrisonville is currently under capacity (at approx.. 70%) and will likely see a large influx of students. The estimate is that enrollment could possibly increase by 200-350 students. There is also a possibility that GES could lose current students because of "natural barriers" and the desire to create school feeder zones made up of contiguous neighborhoods. It was emphasized that change is never easy but that kids, especially, are resilient. Everyone will be looking for ways to ease the transitions and welcome the new Gator Families in the summer/ fall. Parents are highly encouraged to attend the school board meetings, familiarize themselves with the maps and reports on their website and to contact Pat Healy (Rock Hill District) with any questions.
 - Ms. White described the beginning stages of the school's renovation which is set to begin in May. Field Day will be moved up to May 3rd because later in May, the clinic and office will be operating out of the library. GES will receive updates to floors, walls, ceilings and doors. Plans have been made to invite former students who have participated in the creation of the Gator murals to come back and enjoy them one last time before they are painted over. High Definition photos have been taken to preserve the art and will be displayed. There is a plan

set so that, moving forward, each outgoing 5th grade class' mural will be displayed until that class graduates from Sr. High. Then it will be photographed and painted over to create space for the next year's gators to add their mural.

- The first Gator Week planning meeting is next week. The science theme will be incorporated.
- **Questions or Comments**
 - Kate Fuster suggests that there be more incentives for PTO Board Members, Chairs and Volunteers to help with events. Specifically that they have free or reduced ticket price.
 - Kate Long asked for feedback about communication that she can report to the Superintendent's Office.
- **Meeting Concluded at 7:20pm**

PTO Members in Attendance:

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| Maryanne Bowen | Anne Marie Carson |
| Katie Lewis | Tracy Brokesh |
| Meaghan Gelinias | Gina Buchanan |
| Erica Edenton | Ms. Kuzma |
| Tammy Atkins | Meghan Gillette |
| Lindsay Cole | Ms Dodge |
| Kristina Miller | Ms Golles |
| Ms. Patton | Todd McLean |
| Erin Lopes | Kate Long |
| | Holly Biller |
| | Kate Fuster |

(Planning Committee Meeting Followed for Sweethearts Dance)