

Garrisonville Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2020



- **Meeting Called to Order by Erica Edenton at 6:33pm**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Approve February Minutes**

Welcome

Spirit Nights

- Vinny's Italian Restaurant
 - Thank you to all who joined us!
 - Had about 13 students and a few teachers
 - Students received spirit token for showing up
 - We earned \$68 for our PTO
 - First time ever having a spirit night at Vinny's
 - Not super organized
 - Manager didn't know we were coming even after we confirmed several times
- Spirit Night at U.S. Academy of TKD (March 27th)
 - CANCELED due to the D.A.R.E staff vs. law enforcement basketball game
 - We are looking into booking something different for March. Stay tuned! If we can't, we'll skip it.
 - Sam's has said they'd allow us to do another one
 - We've brought in more income from spirit nights this year than we projected in our budget
 - Looking to possible schedule one for mid-April instead since March is busy

Gaga Pit

- Thank you to the Boy Scouts for installing our Gaga Ball Pit! It has been very popular during recess!!
 - Have there been any injuries?
 - Biggest complaint has been dirt in the eyes

- Some teachers have started a rotation system so only 1 class can use the pit at a time to avoid injuries and too many people participating at once
 - Pit should fit about 20-25 people safely, which is about the size of 1 class
 - Kids know they are not supposed to participate if it's not their day
 - Other thoughts
 - The pit becomes very muddy when it rains
 - Is there a way to put a floor on it?
 - Most effective method may be to fill it with mulch – possibly rubberized to further prevent injuries from falling
 - The pit is not in the best location because it is so congested around the playground
 - Intended to have it installed on the opposite side of the playground
 - Monitoring it for the first few weeks to see how it goes and decide if it should be relocated
 - Potential to use next year's boosterthon money to purchase another
 - Will wait and see if there is still a demand for it before making a decision
 - Novelty right now

ASE

- Thanks to all of our ASE teachers!
 - Did teachers prefer having it 4 weeks vs 6?
 - Pros: Less classes, easier having to stay after school fewer times
 - Cons: Because it was so long, some kids were just exhausted and checked out – especially the younger ones, more behaviors this time around
- We had 108 participants
 - 5 of those were scholarships

Board Nominations

- President
 - Jessica Whiteley nominated Erica Edenton
 - Seconded by Tammy Atkins
- Vice President(s)
 - Tammy Atkins nominated by Jessica Whiteley
 - Seconded by Erica Edenton
 - Todd McLean nominated by Jessica Whiteley
 - Seconded by Erica Edenton

- Treasurer
 - Jessica Whiteley nominated by Tammy Atkins
 - Seconded by Erica Edenton
- Secretary
 - Meghann Gillette nominated by Tammy Atkins
 - Seconded by Erica Edenton

Outdoor Movie Nights

- Possible dates
 - April 24th, May 1st, 8th (Mother's Day weekend) & 15th
 - Cost
 - Probably will be the same thing school does for their movie nights
 - We cannot charge admission with the movie license, but we can charge for concessions
 - Concessions
 - Possibly take pre-orders or you get something like pizza, popcorn and a drink for a certain amount of money

Survey Results for School-Wide Field Trip

- PTO sent out a survey to all members via email requesting a individual votes to fund the cost of transportation for all students to the Fredericksburg Nationals game on May 13th
- Final tally – 61 yes, 1 no
 - Therefore, PTO will cover the \$1,800 cost for student buses

Sweethearts Dance Recap

- Budget was \$500
 - We came in under budget at \$206.35
- Income - \$1,345 before expenses
- Feedback/Thoughts?
 - Marine volunteers weren't as involved as in the past
 - They were blocking doors, watching water areas, etc.
 - Thought there would be more chaperone-like people in the dance, but it was still crazy with kids running around and on bleachers
 - Volunteers didn't feel comfortable correcting people's children if their parents were not correcting their behaviors
 - Could close bleachers going forward and put out chairs for those who need a seat

- Entrance directions need to be more prominent directing people into the right line to pay
- Suggestion to work with Ms. Ranttila to have the kids learn different synchronized dances to encourage more dancing
- Suggestion to have a song for daddy/daughter and mother/son to get parents to participate
- 4 instances where parents or grandparents didn't know they had to stay with their students for the event

Bingo

- Erica & Tammy's 5th year planning Bingo!
- Budget - \$750
 - Most goes towards concessions and we make that back
- Friday April 3rd
 - Doors open at 6pm, Bingo starts at 6:30pm
 - Mr. Harris and Ms. White will be our guest callers
 - All students who attend will receive a lucky token for their chain
 - 10 games of bingo with 2 winners each game
 - Kids 4-12
 - Adults 13 and up
 - Chances to win 5 Door Prizes
- Cost
 - Bingo is FREE – extra cards will be for sale for \$5 each
- Raffles
 - Raffle tickets will be for sale
 - 2 for \$1
 - 10 for \$5
 - 25 for \$5 – NEW option added this year
 - As of right now, we have over 81 raffles!
 - Flow of raffles
 - Close raffles in groups so that all numbers aren't called at once
 - Call winners for smaller items first, more expensive items towards the end
 - Could encourage people to purchase more raffle tickets for other items if they do not win in the first round
 - Suggestion to put winning numbers on a screen or whiteboard to expedite the process and claiming of prizes

- Concessions
 - Sam's Pizza (Cheese and Pepperoni)
 - Chick-Fil-A Sandwiches
 - Nachos with cheese
 - Individual bags of chips (donation request)
 - Soda, water, juice pouches (donation request)
 - Candy
 - Baked goods – Tammy Atkins' sister donates all
 - NO Hot Dogs this year
 - Not popular – usually buy 4 packs and have 2 leftover
- Vendors
 - Spots are almost full!
 - Teenage girl with cotton candy business will be here
 - Those who shop with vendors will have a chance to win a special raffle.
 - Last year, the prize was an Amazon Echo. Stay tuned for this year's prize.

Treasurer Report

- ASE
 - Total Income: \$4,381
 - Expenses: \$2,498
 - Profit: \$1,883.02
- Sweethearts Dance
 - Total Income: \$1,345
 - Expenses: \$206.35 (majority went to janitorial expenses - \$125)
 - Profit: \$1,138.65

Principal Report (by Mrs. Odlum & Erica Edenton)

- Ms. White is getting married in Jamaica over spring break! So excited for her!
- PTO provided 16 flavors of Oreos for the teachers to compete in a "March Madness" Oreo challenge the week following spring break

Upcoming Events

- Friday, 3/13 — Professional Day – NO SCHOOL
- Monday, 3/16 – Friday, 3/20 — Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

- Friday, 3/27 — DARE Basketball Game (Mrs. Odlum is playing in it!) Come cheer!
- Friday, 4/3 – Bingo
 - Doors open at 6pm, Bingo starts at 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:09pm

After Meeting Planning

- Starting discussions for Staff Appreciation Week

PTO Members in Attendance

1. Jodi Odlum
2. Erica Edenton
3. Todd McClean
4. Meghann Gillette
5. Jessica Whiteley
6. Tammy Atkins
7. Heather Ulstad
8. Rob Long
9. Berit Aloisio
10. Amtulnoor Grosser