

# Garrisonville Elementary PTO

## Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2022



**Meeting Called to Order by Meghann Gillette at 6:32pm**

**Welcome**

**Treasurer's Report by Jessica Whiteley (given by Meghann Gillette)**

- **2022-23 School Year Budget**
  - Emailed to members for a vote after the April meeting
  - Has been approved
  - PTO has purchased next year's agenda folders under budget
    - Budgeted for \$1,000, purchased for \$966
  - Movie license has been purchased for \$584 - 1 year license
- **Other purchases/expenses remaining this year**
  - Kindergator shirts, socks and hair bows have been purchased for their May orientation
  - Field Day
  - Water Cooler/Copier Lease
  - Emerging requests to be presented later in the meeting

**Staff Appreciation**

- **Thank yous**
  - THANK YOU to all of the families who donated to stock the staff lounge!
    - Crosswell family, Christina Friske, the Armijo family, Camelle Jones Boston, Jessica Whiteley, Crystal Jones, Camelia

Costas, Lauren Allen, Jennifer Crick, Sara Gill, Shanna Jensen, and Helen Strickler

- Many packages delivered without names attached as well
  - We ended up with a variety of snacks - chips, cookies, candy bars, granola bars, pop tarts, lots of k-cups and creamers and used some of the PayPal donations to buy sodas
  - Photos posted on social media
- **Other Surprises**
  - Staff received a new green Keurig and a new refrigerator from PTO
  - Gerry Brooks made a special video shoutout on announcements this morning (May 2)
  - More surprises throughout the week that we'll keep to ourselves for now

THANK YOU TO THE TEACHERS AND STAFF! YOU ARE SO APPRECIATED!

## **School Year Wrap-up**

- **Fred Nats Night**
  - 324 tickets have been sold!
  - 30 4th and 5th graders have been practicing with Ms. Hale to sing the national anthem before the game
  - Our remaining tickets were released to the public, but the game is not sold out, so if you haven't purchased tickets yet, there is still time to do so.
  - Wear Gator Gear to the game, if you can!
    - Some Park Ridge families may be joining us
- **End of Year Survey**
  - In the next week or so, an emailed survey will come out
    - General questions to seek feedback on events, meeting times, membership, etc for next school year
    - Please help us by taking the survey!

## **Event Committees for 2022-23**

- **Chair/Co-chairs**
  - As of right now, plan is to have all budgeted events next year - Trunk or Treat (or some type of Fall event), Holiday event, Sweethearts Dance & Bingo
    - In order to move forward with planning, we will have to have a chair, co-chair and/or committee - board will help as well
    - Do not want to place all of the pressure on staff volunteers

- Trunk or Treat
  - Need this committee chaired and filled by the second week of school in order to move forward with the event
- Holiday event
  - Jenna Cooper has volunteered to chair
- Sweethearts Dance & Bingo
  - Need chairs and committees
- Other committees without chairs
  - Membership
  - Spirit Nights
  - School Store
  - Staff Appreciation
- **End of Year Survey**
  - As mentioned before, this survey will gauge interest and collect information from those who might be willing to help cover positions

Brandon & Jessica Meade don't mind sharing chair position for an event - potentially Trunk or Treat

## Emerging Requests

- **Proposal given by Mrs. White**
  - Request for 8'x12' classroom carpets for grades K-3
    - Used for students for instructional purposes throughout the day
    - Currently 4 classrooms per grade level for a total of 16 carpets
    - Next year, 5 classrooms per grade level for a total of 20 carpets
  - Request for kidney-shaped dry erase tables for grades 4-5
    - Used for students for instructional purposes throughout the day
    - 6' long kidney-shaped table for small group instruction
    - Currently 4 classrooms per grade level, for a total of 8
    - Next year, 6 classrooms per grade level, for a total of 12
  - Cost - Approx \$10,600 for all classrooms
- **Funding Sources**
  - Remaining school Boosterthon funds (approx. \$5,500)
  - Emerging request funds (approx \$5,000)
  - Any excess would be taken out of school's grade-level incentive Boosterthon funds from 2022-23 school year
    - Would need to purchase soon to guarantee arrival for start of the school year in the Fall

- **Budget Question**
  - What/where does money exist to pay for items?
    - \$21,070.93 will be in the account after expenditures
      - The money is there to forward, if needed
      - \$5,000 that we set aside for emerging requests every year has not been used
- **Voting to Approve or Deny Proposal**
  - Virtual poll using Google Meet
    - 12 Votes for YES
    - 0 Votes for NO

## **Principal's Report by Mrs. White**

- **Thank you!**
  - We appreciate all of the Staff Appreciation Week goodies!
- **End of the Year Rundown**
  - 17 school days remaining
  - Many staff recognition nights this month
    - SCPS recognizing years of service - 5 years up to 35 years
      - 15 of our staff being recognized
    - Teacher & Service Employees of the Year - Mrs. Kuzma and Mrs. Kortman from GES
    - May Retirements - Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Seger
  - Movie Night - May 12
  - Fred Nats Night - May 13
  - 5th Grade
    - Moving on Celebration
    - DARE Day
    - Kickball tournament
    - Drive Through - May 24th - info to come
- **Great Learning Adventure**
  - 3 weeks in June
- **August**
  - Kindergators will start school the day before 1st-5th graders (Tuesday, August 9th) to get oriented - similar to switch-a-roo and then Kindergators will get their teacher assigned on Wednesday
  - Office open all summer - reach out if needed
  - Open House information will come as soon as the county sets it

## **Open Comments/Input**

- Movie Night - Ms. Golles

- SING 2 - Thursday, May 12th (only open to 100 gators due to spacing)\*\*\*\* this number of students has been modified since meeting on May 2nd
- Yearbook - Mrs. Kuzma
  - 181 yearbooks have been purchased so far, contracted for 201
    - Last year 180 total purchased (which included 34 extras)
    - Need to determine final quantity to purchase
      - Last push to go out this week

## **Upcoming Dates**

- **May 12** — Movie Night - 2:30-4:30pm
- **May 13** — GES Night with the Fredericksburg Nationals
- **May 20** — Field Day
- **May 25** — Last Day of School (early release) - dismissal at 12:20pm

## **Meeting Adjourned at 7:09pm**

### **Attendance:**

1. **Alexis White**
2. **Meghann Gillette**
3. **Jennifer Herbert**
4. **Jaimie Brandt**
5. **Stephanie Sonnenberg**
6. **Robbie Sonnenberg**
7. **Jessica Meade**
8. **Brandon Meade**
9. **Heather Ulstad**
10. **Michele Golles**
11. **Jenny Hale**
12. **Betty Fitzhugh**
13. **Bridgette Farrell-Kuzma**
14. **Karina Savala**
15. **Kristina Miller**
16. **Tracy Brokesh**
17. **Amanda Leonard**
18. **PavanKumar781**
19. **Chrisjanie**
20. **2 unknown**