

Garrisonville Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2021



Meeting Call to Order by Meghann Gillette at 6:33pm

Welcome

Membership Update

- 153 members currently — goal was 150
- 60 staff members and 91 families!
 - We will leave the sign up form linked on our website, in case there is anyone still wanting to sign up

Boosterthon

- Pledging closed on September 9
 - Ms. Offineer's 5th grade class won with \$130 per lap raised
 - Ms. Rizzo's 3rd grade class came in 2nd with \$109 per lap raised
- Principals' Challenge
 - Wednesday, 15th at noon – substitutes will be provided for Mr. Sargent and Ms. Hale as they take on Mrs. White and Mrs. Odum in the "Double Dare Challenge"
 - Will video to show virtually to students in their classrooms
- Thank you for being flexible with our change in outdoor plans
 - Forecast for the run called for rain for more than a week prior to the run
 - Logistics with COVID protocol called for moving the run inside
- Comments
 - Bridgette Farrell-Kuzma — Malcolm and Chris were amazing – race day site where one of them didn't have a known Boosterthon representative Maybe spread out in the future so the kids know at least one rep there.

- Stephanie Sonnenberg — The kids all had a blast! It would be nice to have information front loaded and broken down more for teachers who have not participated before.

Treasurer's Report by Jessica Whiteley

- Membership hit our budgeted number — \$1,500
- Boosterthon numbers are not in yet – hope to have those in the next week
- The budget will change to account for no income from Trunk or Treat this year

Trunk or Treat

- October 29th with rain date, November 5th
- COVID mitigation
 - All mitigation protocols must be implemented and followed to the fullest extent
 - Anticipating that this will be a highly attended event — there isn't a way to do it traditionally and have it remain safe and in compliance
- Alternative Option
 - Activity that will occur during the school day
 - There will be a sign-up forthcoming to decorate trunks and come to the school during a designated time slot and park in the car rider lot
 - There will be guidelines for the decorations
 - Students will come to school dressed-up and have the opportunity to walk around with their parent during a 15-20 minute scheduled time slot (parents and younger siblings MUST sign in at the main office and MUST follow all health/safety mitigation protocols, including wearing a mask at all times while on school property)
 - All students will get a pre-packaged “goodie bag” to take home. Students will vote on their favorite trunk
 - There will be many more details to come regarding the event, but a huge positive is that ALL students will get to participate! Mrs. White will insure that scheduling has the least educational impact on student learning! 😊

Gator Gear

- New items
 - Gator pop-its in various colors will be available
 - Gator Socks multiple versions (tube socks) will be available
 - Still looking for a good water bottle option
- Purchasing
 - The link for purchasing will go out soon
 - There will not be many “extra” sizes etc, ordered

- Families can custom order directly from the site!

Principal's Report by Mrs. White

- Thank you to ALL for your hard work!!
 - GES Staff and students are working hard to insure all are following all health/safety mitigation strategies
 - Daily functioning is back to where it used to be in regard to student learning
 - If a potential exposure occurs, the nurse will contact you and explain the quarantine procedures, etc.
 - There have been a couple of handfuls of situations where quarantining is necessary (under 40 staff/students). These cases have resulted from community contact/potential spread situations.
 - The areas of highest potential are on the bus and in special needs rooms where physical distancing is not as easily achieved/maintained.
- Upcoming dates
 - October 8th marks the end of the 1st quarter
 - October 11th is a teacher workday, no school for students
 - Teachers will be reaching out to parents to set up parent/teacher conferences to review 1st Quarter data (as well as testing data). Virtual meetings are preferred, however, if necessary, face-to-face arrangements can be made
- Parent volunteers
 - Allowed in the building; however, safety mitigation strategies are imperative, and there are very specific circumstances
 - Contact your child's teacher if you are interested in potential opportunities.

Upcoming Events & News

- **Sept 14** — Picture Day – tomorrow!
- **Sept 15** — Sam's Spirit Night – class competition! Winning class gets a party!
- **Oct 4** — PTO Meeting
- **Oct 11** — No School, Columbus Day
- **Oct 29** — Trunk or Treat alternative plans – rain date would be November 5th

Open Comments/Input

- Bridgette Farrell-Kuzma - Do you know what percentage of pledged dollar amount (approximately) has been collected from boosterthon?
 - These numbers are still being calculated and will be shared once they are finalized, but we did reach and exceed our fundraising goal!

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05pm

Virtual Meeting Attendance:

- 1. Alexis White**
- 2. Jodi Odlum**
- 3. Meghann Gillette**
- 4. Jennifer Herbert**
- 5. Jessica Whiteley**
- 6. Jaimie Brandt**
- 7. Amanda Leonard**
- 8. Betty Fitzhugh**
- 9. Chrisjanie**
- 10. Bridgette Farrell-Kuzma**
- 11. Cynthia Childress**
- 12. Jackie Orton**
- 13. Jenny Hale**
- 14. Katie Shifflett**
- 15. Meg Courtney**
- 16. Milissa Roseberry**
- 17. Molly Clarke**
- 18. Deborah Reep**
- 19. Stephanie Sonnenberg**
- 20. Robbie Sonnenberg**
- 21. Kristina Miller**
- 22. LaMonica Jackson**
- 23. Michele Golles**
- 24. Sana A**
- 25. KC KC**
- 26. Pavankumar781**