

Garrisonville Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2018



- **Meeting Called to Order by Katie Lewis at 6:30pm**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Welcome, given by Katie Lewis**
 - What is the PTO & What do we do? As the PTO, we will promote the education and well-being of all children at home, in school and in the community. We will provide a forum for and foster discussion between parents, administrators, educators, and the community. Through parent involvement, sponsorship programs, and raising funds we will enhance the educational facilities for our children and provide additional opportunities and resources not provided for by the school's budget. We look forward to partnering with you throughout the year to make this possible!
 - How can you participate?
 - Pay Dues
 - Vote
 - Attend Meetings
 - Read the Minutes
 - Follow us on Facebook
 - Volunteer
 - Love, PTO – you will see us writing Love, PTO everywhere. It's a reminder that we love the teachers and staff, we love our kids and we love the school.
- **2018-19 Executive Board Introduction**
 - President – Katie Lewis

- Vice Presidents
 - Erica Edenton
 - Maryanne Bowen
 - Meghan Gelinas
- Treasurer – Gina Buchanan
- Secretary – Becky Mulder

- **Welcome New Teacher PTO Representatives**
 - Our Teacher Representatives
 - Ms. Dodge – 2nd Grade teacher
 - Ms. Patton – 1st Grade teacher
 - Alternate – Ms. Henion – 4th Grade teacher
 - Alternate – Ms. Fitzhugh – Focus teacher

- **Thank You!!!**
 - Meghan Gelinas – Meghan Gelinas did an awesome job with our Welcome Back Teacher Breakfast, the cute cookie jars gifts for the staff, the Orientation Night Staff Dinner & the Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast.
 - Erica Edenton – Erica secured our Agenda Sponsor – Dr. Kumra & Junior Smiles covered the **FULL** cost of our Agendas! For the savings of \$2700!!
 - Meghann Gillette – is the creator of this year’s awesome Gator Gear, our PTO Calendar, the new PTO Logo & Website Banner, and the PTO magnet.
 - Kate Shifflett – Kate Shifflett spent the summer creating our new website. Check it out! www.GATORPTO.com

- **Budget Report**
 - Over/Under
 - Income
 - Membership – Over!! We already have 183 members. In 2017-18 we had 150 members. We have an increase of 33 members and \$330 already!
 - Gator Gear – Gator Gear is selling really well! With our new chair we are on track to exceed our projected profit for the year.
 - Expense
 - Staff Shirts – Over - \$90 over due to 15 new staff members

- Student Agendas – Under - \$2500 under due to FULL cost sponsorship by Dr. Kumra and Junior Smiles of Stafford
 - Summer School Buses – Under - \$500 under amount projected
 - Pancake Breakfast – Over/Under? - It was discussed that Hot N Fluffy closed and a new pancake breakfast sponsor would be looked for.
 - Emerging Request Roll Out
 - We have a new process for requesting funding this year. It was decided at our April budget meeting to not allocate all of our funds to a specific funding category to allow for teachers and staff to request funding as needed throughout the year. Fund requests will be submitted to the PTO and then voted on at the following PTO meeting. Emerging request forms will be emailed to the staff and will be available on our PTO website.
 - Boosterthon T-shirts are an example of how emerging funds will work. It was brought to our attention that many of the staff and students love the Boosterthon and we were able to put that to a membership vote and fund the shirts this year!
 - Proposed Budget Items – there are no current emerging requests to discuss
- **Boosterthon Update**
 - The theme for this year is Mindspark Mystery Lab
 - Dates for Boosterthon
 - Wednesday, Sept 12th - Pep Rally
 - K-2nd - 1:15
 - 3rd-5th - 2:30
 - Team Huddles – every day in the gym until the fun run
 - Wednesday, Sept 19th – Preschool Fun Run –Time TBD
 - Friday, Sept 21st - Fun Run
 - K-3rd – 9:30-10:15
 - Principal Challenge 10:15
 - 4th & 5th – Color Run 10:30
 - Boosterthon T-shirt Update – arriving 9/11 at school.
 - Boosterthon is giving back 100K to the Children’s Miracle Network
 - We will need water volunteers and cornstarch throwers the day of Boosterthon, be on the look out for the sign up genius.

- **After School Enrichment Update**
 - Fall ASE Dates – 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/19, 11/26
 - Classes will be Monday this session, from 3:45-4:45
 - We are currently soliciting ASE Teachers
 - Registration Starts – 9/24 & closes 10/5

- **Volunteering**
 - Serving on a committee - please let us know if you are interested in volunteering for a event committee.
 - Other volunteer opportunities – throughout the year we will have many opportunities to volunteer for events and staff appreciation, those will be delivered through sign up genius.

- **2018-19 Committee Chairs**
 - New Chairs
 - Boosterthon – Berit Alosio & Amanda Bomar
 - Bulletin Board – Jessica LoFiego
 - Fall Harvest Night – Jenna Cooper & Karen Kimble
 - Gator Gear – Megan Gillette
 - Photo Back Drop – Sarah Tucker

 - Chairs Needed
 - Pancake Breakfast – we are still looking for 2 chairs for Pancake Breakfast, please contact us if you are interested
 - School Store – we are looking for chairs to open the school store. It was decided at the April budget meeting to wait on opening the school store until we had chair volunteers
 - Spirit Nights – we are looking for 2 people to help make our Spirit Nights fun! Spirit night dates are already in place, but we need people to help set up and facilitate contests.

- **Gator Gear**
 - Update on Sales given by Meghan Gillette: 120 shirts sold, 6 bags. 69 shirts returned due to printing error, 62 remaining to be sold.
 - The printer offered to do on site printing for one our events to make up for the shirts that were printed incorrectly. Pancake Breakfast being considered.
 - Upcoming Gator Gear Order: possible logo options were shown and discussed. It was decided to keep the options limited. Also

discussed were “Gator in Training” shirts and 5th grade shirts with names on the back. It was decided since 5th grade has Dare shirts with names on the back they were not needed.

- **Fall Harvest Update**

- Fall Harvest will be Oct. 26th
- The executive board contact is VP Maryanne Bowen
- New Chairs – Jenna Cooper & Karen Kimble
- Wanna help? - Committee is forming now – Nadine Rottner has joined the committee and we are looking for more volunteers

- **Upcoming Events & News**

- Sept. 12th – Boosterthon Pep Rally
- Sept. 20th – Early Dismissal
- Sept. 21st - Boosterthon
- Oct. 1st – PTO Meeting
- Oct. 5th – Early Dismissal
- Oct 8th- Columbus Day – No School
- Oct. 16th – Cici’s Pizza Spirit Night
- Oct. 26th – Fall Harvest Night
- Oct. 31st – Early Dismissal

- **Back to School & the Switcheroo**

- Ms. White reported that the Kindergarten Switcheroo went well. 15 staff members were in classrooms to observe the first week and help place students. It’s off to a good start. The school will be asking for parent feedback next month via email.

- **Principal’s Report, given by Ms. White**

- Suggested some of Boosterthon funds be used for the garden. Possibly putting concrete under picnic tables. Any parents with connections for concrete? Please let us know.
- GES renovation is scheduled for next summer.
- ESL back to school night was successful.
- The school has grown to 570+ Gators, staff increase from 105 to 128.
- A different staff member will be featured every month at the PTO meeting and parents are asked to submit topics they would like to hear about to Mrs. White or the PTO.
- Ms. White introduced the PTO staff representative, Ms. Dodge

- Mrs. Dodge: Thank you to PTO for the lawn mower. Mrs. Dodge also talked about the wonderful garden club at GES and explained flexible seating. 2nd grade loves the movement it allows and students are taught to sit in flexible seating.
- **Questions or Comments**
 - Amanda Green proposed a Crayola marker recycling program and will head that up.

PTO Members in Attendance:

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| 1. Katie Lewis | 28. Tammy Atkins |
| 2. Erica Edenton | 29. Mari Savickis |
| 3. Maryanne Bowen | 30. Michelle Madore |
| 4. Megan Gelinas | 31. Amanda Green |
| 5. Gina Buchana | 32. Berit Alosio |
| 6. Ms. White | 33. Kate Long |
| 7. Ms. Odlum | 34. Amanda Bomar |
| 8. Ms. Lopes | |
| 9. Ms. Dodge | |
| 10. Ms. Patton | |
| 11. Ms. Aikens | |
| 12. Ms. Henion | |
| 13. Ms. Reep | |
| 14. Ms. Carson | |
| 15. Ms. Farrell-Kuzma | |
| 16. Javona Powell | |
| 17. Gloria Powell | |
| 18. Desaray Walker | |
| 19. Jenna Cooper | |
| 20. Hillary Mahle | |
| 21. Susana Williams | |
| 22. Travis Williams | |
| 23. Cathy Rinck | |
| 24. Meghann Gillette | |
| 25. Jaime Hilbman | |
| 26. Kristiana Miller | |
| 27. Margaret Mayhew | |