

**GES PTO**  
**January 13, 2020**  
**Meeting Minutes**



- **Meeting Called to Order by Erica Edenton at 6:32pm**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Approve December Minutes**

**Welcome back!** Hope everyone had a great winter break!

**Holiday Festival**

- Thank yous!
  - Thank you, Jenna Cooper, for organizing the concessions!
  - Thanks to all of our awesome volunteers!
- What can be changed for next year?
  - Only feedback we've heard is that some of the food was cold
  - Will make sure to make better use of the kitchen warmers next year
- Extras
  - We have plenty of holiday games and crafts left for next year
  - Hot chocolate bar items that were leftover were donated to the teachers/staff after the event for their '12 Days Before Winter Break'
- Contests
  - 4th grade had the most participants and got to watch their teachers compete in a donut eating contest before break
    - Mr. Sargent won and chose 4 students to participate as well just for fun
    - Video is on Facebook if you missed it!
  - Congratulations to our 3 coloring contest winners who each won a \$5 Sweet Frog gift card. It was a tight competition with so many amazing and creative designs!
- Other thoughts
  - We received a lot of positive feedback
  - Lots of vendors!

- If you have suggestions on how to make things run smoother, let us know. We are open to any ideas and help for next year's event!

### **Staff "Thank you"**

- We provided breakfast and coffee for teachers/staff the Friday before winter break
  - Chick-fil-a chicken minis, oatmeal, donuts and coffee

### **BoxTops**

- We will be receiving a check for \$534.80
  - Total from collected clipped and receipts on the app to date
- Please continue to collect and send in boxtops and scan receipts
  - Our goal is to hit \$1,000 this school year! (We're over halfway there!)
  - Next collection will be in March

### **Gator Gear**

- We will set up Gator Gear at the Sweethearts Dance and February Spirit Night at Vinny's on 610
- If you'd like to purchase something before that time, please email or message us via Facebook and we can bring it to school
  - Most of what we have in stock - t-shirts and accessories (bows, car magnets, bookmarks)
- Most likely will not be doing another online store order until next school year because cost of printing is too high for a low quantity of shirts

### **Winter ASE**

- 9 classes to choose from
  - A few parents have applied to teach – everyone who applied has been approved
- Classes this session will be longer - 1.5 hours for 4 sessions – Wednesdays in February
  - Registration coming soon

### **Treasurer Report**

- Gator Gear
  - Online Sales
    - Income - \$3,657.00
    - Expenses - \$3,030.94
    - Profit - \$626.06
  - Year-to-date
    - Income - \$6,265.62
    - Expenses - \$4,737.26
    - Profit - \$1,528.36

- At least \$800 profit in remaining items already printed that we have in stock
- Holiday Festival
  - Income - \$2,661.17
  - Expenses - \$1,089.34
  - Profit - \$1,571.83 (\$680 was from vendor fees)

## **Principal Report**

- Gator Week
  - 1<sup>st</sup> week of March – kicks off March 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Do not have school that Tuesday for Presidential primaries
    - Trying to come up with something creative to work around that
  - Daily Event Schedule
    - Monday (March 2) – Word Parade
      - Students are reading Rhino in Right Field
      - They will choose any word from the book and dress up as that word for a parade around the school
    - Tuesday (March 3) – No School
    - Wednesday (March 4) – Wacky Wednesday as always!
    - Thursday (March 5) – TBD
      - Students are voting this week to determine what this spirit day will be
    - Friday (March 6) – Super Gator Pride Day
      - Reptile World Show
      - Gator Rappers at lunch
        - Each grade will have a specific lunch time
        - Families welcome to join their students for lunch and performance by Gator Rappers
  - Packets will come out 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February going over each spirit day
  - All students will get a token to go on their chain and a Gator Week wristband
  - Families can decorate aka “gatorize” their house
    - If you live outside of the school zone, send in a picture to Mrs. Carson and it will go in the slideshow of gatorized houses
  - Finalizing which day Gator Patrol will come through neighborhoods
    - Packet will let you know the day, time and order of neighborhoods
    - Will not get to every street – mostly main roads in each of the neighborhoods – zone has grown with new Winding Creek neighborhoods
    - Deputy will escort the bus
    - Goodies will be thrown from the bus

- Gaga Ball Court
  - Octopit should be here in early March
  - Will let Gator families know when it arrives so we can get volunteers to help set it up

### Questions or comments?

- Request from Mrs. Carson
  - If anyone knows someone who has a career in computer science (especially coding), we are looking for people to speak to the Girls Who Code club at 9am on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Please email [carsonam1@staffordschools.net](mailto:carsonam1@staffordschools.net)
    - Would like to give them experience with people who use it in day to day life
  - Girls Who Code is a nationwide program with the original goal being to show girls that computer science is attainable to them
    - We have opened up this club to boys and girls
    - Our goal is to show them coding, why we use it and career paths that you can follow
    - Showing them that it's not just on computers – robotics and verbal as well
    - Open to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders
      - 50 signed up so it was split into 2 sessions
      - Many boys signed up!
      - Eligible for funding with the number of students who signed up

### Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, 1/14 — Sam's Pizza and Subs Spirit Night
  - Dine-in or carry-out only
  - Last year was a huge success – biggest they've ever had
  - We do not get credit for delivery orders
  - We will have activities for the kids to do at the table
  - Class with most participation will win an ice cream party!
    - Make sure to sign in!
- Friday, 1/17 — Early Release — Elementary only
- Monday, 1/20 — No School — Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Wednesday, 1/22 — GES Movie Night — 4-6pm
  - Flyers went home in Monday folders
- Monday, 1/27 — No School — Professional Work Day
- Monday, 2/3 — PTO Meeting 6:30pm in the library

- Friday, 2/7 — Sweethearts Dance 6:30-8pm
  - There will be NO advance ticket sales
  - Doors open at 6pm for ticket purchases
  - Cost per family is \$10

### **Meeting Adjourned at 6:56pm**

### **Planning Committee Meeting**

- Sweethearts Dance meeting followed the PTO meeting

### **PTO Members in Attendance**

1. Ms. White
2. Erica Edenton
3. Tammy Atkins
4. Todd McClean
5. Meghann Gillette
6. Jessica Whiteley
7. Anne Marie Carson
8. Michele Golles
9. Robert Long
10. Berit Aloisio
11. Kristina Miller
12. Heather Ulstad