

**Garrisonville Elementary PTO Meeting
Minutes
November 5, 2018**



- **Meeting Called to Order: by Erica Edenton at 6:30 PM**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Motion to approve Minutes from October 1st, 2018- -approved**
- **Officers' Report**
 - Admin has asked that PTO and any volunteers refrain from congregating in the front office as it's too loud and distracting.
 - 60 families attended Spirit Night at Cici's earning \$124. Ms. Dodge's class was 1st place for attendance. Ms. Lopes' class was 2nd. Both classes earned a game of Scatterball with Ms. White and Ms. Odlum.
 - The full Treasurer's Report will be shared at the next meeting on 11/26/18.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - Fall Harvest: A big "Thank You!" to chairs, Karen Bigelow and Jenna Cooper. Food sales were excellent and beyond expectations. A few problems were brought up.
 - 1) All of the baked goods arrived, but not on time. In the future, let's denote the time we'd like parents to drop them in the office
 - 2) The teachers had a difficult time judging how much candy to hand out because they didn't know how much was available. In the past, we've run out of candy but this year there was a surplus. In the future, let's distribute the candy evenly among the classrooms so that the teachers can gauge.

- 3) The issue of congestion was once again brought up. It was noted that a few of the teachers set up their games at the entrance to the classrooms, preventing people from entering and causing them to remain in the hallways. In the future, let's have the teachers set up their games inside the room to decrease hallway traffic.
- Spirit Night: The Mantle "Dance Off" is this Thursday at 6:30pm. We need a teacher volunteer to dance alongside Deputy Diggs and a video of Ms. White. 15% of sales will go to the PTO.
 - Gator Gear: The order is not yet finished. There have been multiple issues with the company. We hope that it will be finished by Wednesday and out by Friday.
 - Staff Appreciation: Thank you to Meghan Gelinis for her wonderful caramel apple snack bar!
 - ASE: Classes are going great! Soon, dates for the Winter session will be selected and sent to Admin for approval. Then, teachers will be recruited.
 - Pancake Breakfast: The date is 12/1/18 and will be held from 9:00am – 11:30am. Teachers' Volunteer Sign Up Genius will be sent soon so that teachers can have first choice of the jobs they'd like to serve in. We will be doing grade level baskets for the raffle. A flier will go home next week. There will also be multiple craft vendors in the café and hallway, as well as the bookfair happening in the library.
 - We have had lots of members offer to help with committees
 - It's not too late to join the PTO! www.gatorpto.com
- **Emerging Requests:**
 - Ms. Sweatman requests \$80-\$120 for 2-3 scholarships to "Girl Smarts". PASSED
 - Ms. Carson requests \$1,500 for 4 classrooms to test the paid version of the Seesaw website. PASSED
 - Ms. Aikens requests \$1,300 for a math program kit and to host a schoolwide math night for families. PASSED
 - **Upcoming Events & News**
 - Nov. 8th – Mantle Spirit Night, 6-9 – dance off with Ms White and Deputy Diggs @6:30
 - Nov. 12th – Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL
 - Nov. 21st- 23rd – Thanksgiving Break
 - Nov 26th – PTO Meeting 6:30 in the **Cafeteria**
 - Nov. 26 - Dec 1 - Book Fair (preview day Nov 20)

- Dec. 1st – Pancake Breakfast

- **Teacher’s Report, given by Ms. Golles**

- There are lots of activities happening in the library!
- Visits: September: 99 classes October: 102 classes
- Books checked out: September: 4009 October: 4239
- Pebble Go Login: September: 292 October: 1384
- Each grade level has a unique focus
 - K) Selecting books/ Fall colors
 - 1) Maker space (students created a gate)
 - 2) Marker tables/ fiction and non fiction pairing
 - 3) Destiny / Pebble Go
 - 4) Destiny to search and find books / take a “shelfie”
 - 5) Digital breakout / citizenship

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

- Nothing to report at this time.

- **Questions or Comments**

- **Meeting Concluded at 7:03pm**

PTO Members in Attendance:

Maryanne Bowen
Erica Edenton
Tammy Atkins
Meghan Gillette
Theresa Harris
Ms Dodge
Ms Golles
Ms Aikens
Todd McLean
Melissa Guerra

Kate Schifflett
Jenna Cooper

Karen Bigelow
Berit Alosio
Kate Long
Jordan Lee
Ms Carson
Ms Courtney
Ms Roseberry
Heather Schroeder

(Planning Committee Meeting Followed for Pancake Breakfast)