

Garrisonville Elementary
PTO Meeting Agenda 11/14/23



Welcome/meeting brought to order by Asheli Polychrones (PTO President)- Meeting brought to order at 5:32 pm

Pledge of Allegiance by Jessica Brown (PTO Vice President)

Presentation of October meeting minutes by Kathryn Pendleton (PTO Secretary)- October meeting minutes presented for approval by Kathryn Pendleton, with a motion to second the approval by Jessica Meade.

Treasurer report by Jessica Meade (PTO Treasurer)- We got \$814.64 for our spirit night at Five Guys! Three of the four food trucks that came to movie night gave us a portion of the proceeds: Flavor Town catering gave us \$40, Good Puff gave us \$100, and Lunchbox on Wheels gave us \$150. For Trunk or Treat, we made over what our budget income was and went under on our expenses. Gator gear was the biggest order ever which was great! Thank you for ordering! We went over on our expenses, and went over on our income as well. The October financials were emailed this week and were included with the agenda if anyone has any questions.

Outdoor Movie Night Feedback- Overall, the feedback we received from the event was positive. We did get a few comments about the high price of food for the food trucks. Food trucks will generally not come to events if there are too many other dinner food trucks. If we tried to get another one, others may back out because they are ultimately trying to make a profit. We can't control how much they charge for their items. It is an option to bring your own food to an event like this. We just ask that there are no glass containers and no alcohol. People were happy that the blankets got to be put up front, with the chairs behind. Some mentioned wanting a bigger movie screen. PTO would have to purchase a bigger screen. This is not out of the question, but it would be a significant purchase that would need to be voted on by the PTO members. Thank you to Ms. Leonard and Ms. Kortman for helping with the IT side of things, and thank you to Meghann Gillette for chairing this event and making it such a great time for our Gator families!

Trunk or Treat Feedback- The feedback we received from this event has been largely positive. Gator families liked that the event took place after school. Families liked that activities were spread out, and there was plenty to do for Gators of all ages. The entrance process seemed to work well with getting people in quickly. Some negative feedback we received dealt with the trunk area being over crowded and too dark. We are looking into other options for future events and next year's Trunk or Treat. We would like to provide a map in the future so families know where all the activities are located. Thank you to all the volunteers, and Stephanie Damiani for chairing this event. It was a great night!

Upcoming events:

Last day of Fall ASE- Nov. 15- We want to give a huge thank you to Ms. Leonard for organizing this event over the years. Congratulations to her on being named Teacher of the Year!

November 16 Sam's Spirit Night 5-9pm- We will not get credit for delivery, only carry out or dine-in orders.

November 17 Fall Picture Retakes- Email your child's teacher if you would like retakes for your child.

Winter festival- Dec. 2 (needs to be discussed)- Megan Moon will be one of our chairs for this event. We will have a Cafe with goodies to buy. The Elf Shop is for the Gators to buy gifts. After taking a selfie with your Gator for security measures, high schoolers will assist your Gator in the Gator dome to purchase gifts. Each item will be \$2 and your Gator will be given a ticket to purchase something. We are asking that they only spend twenty minutes shopping, and only ten to fifteen will be allowed in at a time so it doesn't get too busy and overwhelming. We will have a silent auction that will include items such as: lunch with the principal, art day, Dude Perfect gift basket, gift cards. We have about fifteen vendors that will be donating silent auction gifts as well. Our singing Gators will be performing at 10:30 am, and will need to arrive by 9:45 am. The Book Fair will be open from 9:00-11:30 in the library. We absolutely need parent volunteers, please!

December 21-January 3- No school

January 9 Spirit Night at Panera 4-8 pm

January 15 No School

February 9 Sweethearts dance- We will be having this event after school, but in order to make that happen, we need volunteers! There will be a ticket limit due to the capacity of the cafeteria. More information will be sent out soon.

Spring ASE needs a chairperson- We have done a Fall and Spring ASE over the years thanks to Ms. Leonard. We will need a chairperson for the Spring ASE or it will not happen, unfortunately. We would love at least one teacher liaison at the school to help out, and one parent. Ms. Leonard will send you whatever you need to get started and be successful.

Principal's report by Ms. White- A huge thank you to Meghann Gillette for chairing our movie night, Stephanie Damiani for chairing Trunk or Treat, and Jennifer Herbert for the staff appreciation treats. Thank you to Ms. Clarke and Ms. Lokrantz for putting together the Veterans Day event, and thank you to the families that participated. We are excited about our Purple Star recognition from the state! Thank you to everyone for being patient during the power outage. The Stafford County Multi-Cultural Fair will be this Saturday from 11-2 at North Stafford High School. Maki Williams and Kathy Guzman will be there representing Garrisonville with a table from Japan. The end of the quarter is on December 20. If you aren't receiving the Gator Gram every other Monday, please call the office.

Open for questions- Ms. Golles provided more information about the Book Fair, which will be open during the Winter festival from 9:00-11:30 am. The Book Fair starts on Tuesday November 21. Kids can shop in the morning, and parents can shop from 12:30-2:00 on the 21st, and the entire week after (November 27-December 1). You can enter right by the library doors.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm by Asheli Polychrones

PTO members in attendance:

Alexis White

Jodi Odium

Amanda Leonard

Jessica Meade

Meghann Gillette
Jessica Brown
Asheli Polychrones
Kathryn Pendleton
Michelle Golles
Meghan Moon
Susan Harker
Jasmine Lee
Melissa Palacios
Nicole 025
Katherine Conner