

Garrisonville Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2021



Meeting Call to Order by Meghann Gillette at 6:34pm

Welcome

Treasurer's Report by Jessica Whiteley

- ASE
 - Really great turnout this session!
 - Numbers are not exact quite yet – money is still coming in, we still have to pay teachers and get reimbursement checks out

- Chipotle Spirit Night
 - Made \$176.98

- Gator Gear
 - Income of \$6,684 and profit around \$3,300

- Budget
 - Deep dive into budget to take out profit from all events that would usually take place in the second part of the year, so we know what we're working with at bare minimum
 - Currently we're primarily doing community/school activities without profit
 - Budget still in the black, including the \$5,000 that we rollover into next year
 - No questions for Jessica from meeting participants about budget

Winter Scavenger Hunt/Book Drive

- Update on behalf of Jenna Cooper – Holiday Festival Chair
 - Scavenger Hunt
 - Since we could not have a traditional holiday festival, a winter scavenger hunt was created

- Flyers went home in student agenda folders
- Can find things at home or around town
- Turn completed sheets into your classroom teacher and we will collect on Dec 13th
- Classrooms with the most collected will win a fun prize the week before winter break
- Earn an extra point by including at least 1 photo with your scavenger hunt sheet
- Book Drive
 - All students will receive a surprise delivery to their classroom before Winter break
 - Each child will get a wrapped book
 - We have a total of 492 books donated so far and still accepting donations – Less than 100 to go! (*at time of meeting* - donations now closed)
 - PTO purchased many of the remaining on-sale books from the Scholastic book fair last week
 - See our Facebook page for details about donating.

After School Enrichment Update

- 2 more classes to go this session
 - Last class is Wed, Dec 15th
 - Lots of positive feedback so far, parents happy, kids having fun!

Spirit Nights

- Panera Spirit Night
 - Tues, Dec 7 (tomorrow!) from 4pm-8pm
 - PTO earns 20% on all purchases – includes delivery and curbside orders, as well
 - Code to place an order online or through the Panera app is PRFUND
- Thank you to everyone who came out to our Chipotle Spirit Night last month! We raised \$176!

Gator Gear

- Delivered to classrooms today! (Dec 6)
 - Oldest gator should have received your order
 - Those who requested alternate pickups (at the time they placed their order) may pick up their items in the front office, M-F from 9:30am-1:30pm
- 108 orders total! More than we've ever had for a Fall/Winter sale!

Fundraising

- Amazon Smile
 - Make sure to add Garrisonville Elementary School PTO as your charity of choice when you shop Amazon Smile for the holidays
 - Brings in about \$30-60 per month
- Minted.com
 - New fundraiser with stationary company
 - The code FUNDRAISEGARRISONELM will get you 20% off of your order and they'll give our PTO 15% back.
 - Use them for invitations, holiday cards and other gift items
- Box Tops
 - Fundraising has gone down significantly since they've moved away from clipped box tops
 - If you're able to download the app, find our school and scan your receipts, it would be so helpful!

Volunteer Opportunities/Upcoming in 2022

- We don't know what 2022 holds for large social gatherings
 - Half of our families are new to the school in the last 2 years and we don't want to get too far away from our traditions
 - Sweethearts Dance and Bingo are 2nd Semester events
 - Currently, we don't have chairs for either event
 - If we can't hold the events as normal, we'd like to get creative to find an alternative option and would still like to find volunteers to head those up
- School Store
 - Many people have expressed interest in staffing the school store, but we still need someone willing to get it up and running
 - If you'd be interested in volunteering, please let us know
- Volunteer Opportunity – Friday, December 17th
 - Signup Genius will be posted this week
- Thank yous
 - Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far this year!
 - Miss Altschuler and Miss Leonard for ASE, Jenna Cooper, all of the families who set up for Fall Fun Friday, the Crosswell family for handling school beautification
 - I'm sure we're missing mentioning some here, but THANK YOU!!!
- Upcoming
 - Annual Reptile Show is booked for Gator Week
 - Last week of Feb into the 1st week of March
 - Do not know yet if it will be in person or done virtually like last year

Principal's Report by Mrs. Odlum

- Ms. White not feeling well
 - Wanted to thank PTO for supporting American Education Week and the 12 Days of Winter fun for staff ahead of break

Open Comments/Input

- Ms. Golles – Thank you to everyone for coming to the book fair! It was a great success!
 - Another book fair is planned during Gator Week

Upcoming Events & News

- **Dec 7** — Panera Spirit Night — 4pm-8pm
- **Dec 13** — Scavenger Hunt Sheets Due to School
- **Dec 15** — Last ASE Class
- **Dec 20-Jan 3** — No School, Winter Break
- **Jan 10** — PTO Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 6:49pm

Virtual Meeting Attendance:

1. **Amanda Leonard**
2. **Chrisjanie**
3. **Erin Altschuler**
4. **Heather Ulstad**
5. **Jennifer Herbert**
6. **Jenny Hale**
7. **Jessica Whiteley**
8. **Jodi Odlum**
9. **Kate Shifflett**
10. **Kristina Miller**
11. **Meghann Gillette**
12. **Michele Golles**
13. **Pavankumar781**
14. **Sana A**
15. **Tina Johnson**
16. **Todd McLean**
17. **Vicky Majano**