

**Garrisonville Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2019**



- **Meeting Called to Order by Erica Edenton at 6:40pm**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Approve September Minutes**

**Welcome — Thanks for joining us tonight!**

- **Boosterthon!**
  - Students raised \$46,173.99!

**Budget Report**

- **Boosterthon**
  - PTO profit — \$24,287.20 (a little bit more than we brought in last year!)
  - We are in the process of getting the grade level incentives check out to the teachers
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dare Shirts are in**
  - Under budget – We budgeted for \$900 and the actual cost was \$677
- **Cici's Spirit Night**
  - Raised \$232
  - 100 Students signed in that night. THANK YOU to everyone who joined us in the heat!
- **Gator Gear**
  - Sales are still doing great!
  - Raised over \$150 at Cici's
  - Online sales starting soon
- **Movie Screen**
  - We purchased a 20-foot blow up movie screen for outdoor movie nights

- Look out for information regarding our first outdoor family movie night on Friday, November 15 from 6-8pm
- We hope to have some in the Spring as well

### **Gator Gear**

- Online orders will start October 29<sup>th</sup> and run for 2-3 weeks in order to get orders fulfilled and delivered to students and teachers before winter break
- Meghann is working on the new design

### **Harvest Night/Trunk or Treat**

- Thank you Kate Shifflet, Lindsay Cole, and Rachel Johnson for volunteering for Trunk or Treat!
- Looking for a volunteer to help organize concessions
- Entry fee - \$10 per family
- We have 25 cars signed up. We will give car decorators treats to pass out.
- 3 businesses will also be there with decorated trunks
  - Long Sunday Market, Junior Smiles and US Academy of TKD
- Volunteer sign up will go out this week
  - Signup genius will go out to teachers first and then be sent to parents
  - Need volunteers for concessions, wristband sales, and security
- Car Contest – People will receive tickets to vote for their favorite decorated trunk
  - Top 3 fan favorites will win a prize

### **After School Enrichment**

- Thank you, Ms. Leonard and Ms. Altschuler for organizing and running ASE! – Starts October 16th
- Mrs. Mock will be running the beading class for Mrs. Henion
- We have 79 students signed up

### **Box Tops**

- Please keep scanning your receipts and sending in box tops!
  - We have almost \$70 raised on the app
  - Erica has over 2,000 collected at home to turn in (about \$200 worth)
- We will be doing a contest starting next week
  - Class with the most box tops turned in by October 25<sup>th</sup> will win an ice cream party

- Sheets will be given out to teachers by Thursday and will come home in Monday folders on Tuesday of next week with instructions for turning in your box tops

### **Upcoming Events & News**

- October 15<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm – Chick-fil-A Spirit Night. Drive thru or Dine In
  - Students who sign in at the PTO table will receive their spirit token
- Beginning October 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:45-4:45pm - ASE – every Wednesday for 6 weeks
- October 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm – Trunk or Treat
- October 29<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day by Lifetouch
- October 31 – Early Dismissal

### **Principal's Report, given by Ms. White**

- New Staff Introductions
  - Ms. Waldron – Emotional Support Teacher
  - Ms. Jacque – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
  - Ms. Gallagher – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
  - Mrs. Donnally – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Mr. Goodwin – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Mr. Price – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Miss Clark – Full Time Counselor
  - Mrs. Sears – Part Time Counselor (Thurs & Fri)
  - Mrs. Greenlaw (1<sup>st</sup> Grade) and Ms. Chappell could not be here tonight because of family commitments
- Kristen McKinney-Nash, SCPS Family Engagement Specialist
  - If you expressed interest in working with the staff and parent advisory group, there will be an email coming soon to confirm dates
    - Separate from PTO – If you'd like to be added to the group, email Ms. White
  - SCPS Family Engagement Specialist – new position with SCPS
  - Works with 6 schools to bring family engagement to the schools
    - Focus is on high quality family engagement and impact
    - Looks at how we can increase high impact engagement – going beyond coming to a bake sale or movie night
    - Finds ways to involve academics in these engagements and ways to increase student achievement
    - Dissects events that we have for families

- For example: Parent/Teacher Conferences – This year, we are including students in the process so they can share what they’re learning, strengths, etc
- Adult Book Study on Mindset starts at 8:30am this Friday
  - Flyers were passed out at the PTO meeting
  - Donuts, Coffee and Childcare provided
  - Starts with a quiz about growth mindset – Not hard. Super fun!
  - Will see what we can do about adding an evening session
- C5W Day is 10/31
  - Early Dismissal day
  - Parents are welcome!
  - C5W = Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Creativity, Citizenship and Wellness
  - There will be rotations. Look for notifications to come from your child’s grade level about the schedule for the day.
- November is Month of Military families
  - Veterans Day Lunch is on 11/8
  - LINKS Session for interested families from 1:30-3:30pm – any military connected families are welcome!
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
  - Monday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup>
  - A variety of parent workshops will be held throughout the day
    - Paper went home outlining different sessions
    - Some are “grab and go” and some are presentations
- Boosterthon Funds
  - Crew is coming at 11am Wednesday (10/9) to measure and assess area for a Gaga court to be installed
  - Author Visit in December
  - Classroom additions to come

**Teacher Report, given by Mrs. Carson (ITRT)**

- Mrs. Carson – Gator mom of a 3<sup>rd</sup> gator and soon-to-be Kindergator
- Technology resources for parents
  - We use a lot of programs at school & kids can login at home, too
  - Digital Citizenship
    - Reminding students to be safe in real life and online - Because we do so much online, it’s good for students to hear this from both teachers as well as their parents
    - Ways we teach Digital Citizenship
      - Lessons throughout the year

- 6 Ways We Can Show We're a Digital Citizen graphic
  - Gave a handout to each teacher and highlighted one way each day on announcements
  - Displays the ideas in a way that makes it easier for students to understand how to be responsible digital citizens and how to treat the computers
  - Will be reinforced multiple times throughout the year
- We will have the students submit how they're going to show they're a digital citizen
- Resources at home (handouts provided at PTO meeting)
  - Safe Research Websites
    - Encourage students to use this verified list of safe sites rather than doing Google searches
  - Online Programs we use at school (majority, not all that we use)
    - If you would like instructions for your student to login to Clever (single sign-in website), email Mrs. Carson or your child's teacher to get their Google account information.
  - These handouts will also be available at a parent workshop on Parent Conference Day (10/14)
- Overall – What technology do we have in the school
  - PCs in every classroom
  - Ipevo pens – an interactive whiteboard system - gets kids interacting in the lessons
  - Chromebooks
    - Kindergarten – 14 touch screens per classroom
      - Just got them in. Classrooms should have them next week!
    - First Grade – 2:1 student to chromebook ratio – SO close to 1:1 ratio!
    - Second through Fifth Grade – 1:1 ratio - One chromebook for every student
      - They can go with the students to specials if a teacher wants to use them for a lesson
  - New Checkout Program to come for Chromebooks

- Program coming down from SCPS Central Office – offered in Title 1 schools last year, but now will be offering it to every school in the county
    - Kids without computers or internet at home will be able to checkout a chromebook with Kajeet (wifi you can bring to your home)
    - Logistics of the process are still being worked out
- Other resources
  - Common Sense Media
    - Located on the GES website under Parents tab
    - Allows you to search for movies, TV shows, books and apps and it will tell you how safe it is for your child – Great resource!!
  - Interland
    - Based on Digital Citizenship
    - Presented like a video game. Child has to answer questions on digital citizenship to move through the game. Kids love it!
- Girls that Code – Coming Soon!
  - In-school club to promote the sciences and technology for both girls and boys in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades
  - Will take place in the mornings
- Email Mrs. Carson with any questions - [carsonam1@staffordschools.net](mailto:carsonam1@staffordschools.net)
  - Website doesn't get updated as much as social media
  - GES has Facebook and Twitter pages

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:07pm**

### **Planning Committee Meeting**

- Trunk or Treat (formerly Harvest Night) meeting followed the PTO meeting

### **PTO Members in Attendance**

1. Ms. White
2. Mrs. Odlum
3. Erica Edenton
4. Todd McClean
5. Meghann Gillette
6. Jessica Whiteley
7. Anne Marie Carson
8. Michele Golles
9. Amanda McDanel

- 10. Robert Long**
- 11. Jenna Cooper**
- 12. Ashley Hines**
- 13. Kristina Miller**
- 14. Carlie Jacque**
- 15. Kaylee Gallagher**
- 16. Shelia Aikens**
- 17. Christina Friske**
- 18. Joe Price**
- 19. Amanda Donnally**
- 20. Andrew Goodwin**
- 21. Erin Lopes**
- 22. Molly Clarke**
- 23. Kristen McKinney-Nash**
- 24. Kelley Waldron**