

**Garrisonville Elementary PTO Meeting
Minutes
October 1, 2018**



- **Meeting Called to Order: by Katie Lewis at 6:30 PM**

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Boosterthon**
 - The theme Mindspark Mystery Lab was a big success! Kids loved it!
 - \$44,737 – Pledged
 - Collected 91%!!!
 - \$34,764.82 – Credit Cards
 - \$4792.00 - Checks
 - \$1083.77 – Cash
 - \$3746 – Outstanding, to get to 95% we need \$1729 more (last year we collected 95.4%)
 - The all credit card donation option for next year was discussed
 - If 100% collected, we collected about \$8500 in cash and checks, so those would have to be converted to online payments to not lose money.
 - We would have to give donors option to pay \$2 processing fee or PTO pays, so we could lose money.
 - Recommended to stay with cash/check option
 - Next Year's Boosterthon Date Choices
 - Aug 14th-23rd
 - Aug 27th- Sept 6
 - After discussion it was decided that the September 6th fun run date was the better option. This will give teachers more time to prepare and there were concerns about the heat in August.

- 10% Teacher Incentive – \$3977.48
 - The rain plan is a Glo Run in the gym, possibly using AG Wright Gym
 - New plan for principals challenge next year – students loved it but some could not see.
- **Membership**
 - We have 208 paid members. Yay!
 - PTO magnets & membership fliers went home with students
 - We have had lots of members offer to help with committees
 - It's not too late to join the PTO! www.gatorpto.com
- **Thank You!!!**
 - Berit Aloisio & Amanda Bomar – Boosterthon, T-shirts & the Boosterthon Principal Challenge
 - Meghan Gillette & Kate Shifflett – thank you for getting our Gator Store up and running! It looks awesome! Everyone loves the new styles and the website looks great and is user friendly.
 - Kate Long & Berit Aloisio – You have done a great job running Fall ASE. Finding awesome class choices, facilitating registration, scholarship request, and teacher payments
- **School Board PTO/PTA Budget Meeting**
 - Katie Lewis & Erica Edenton attended on Sept 18th
 - New Superintendent Dr. Scott Kizner was officially welcomed as a Gator and was given a GES magnet.
 - School Board Rep – Patricia Healy (invited to attend a Gator PTO meeting, she said she would love to)
 - Highlights of meeting
- **Budget Report**
 - Over/Under Report
 - Income
 - Membership – Over!! We have 208 members. In 2017-18 we had 150 members. We have an increase of 58 members and \$580!
 - Gator Gear – Gator Gear is selling really well. With our new chair we are on track to exceed our projected profit for the year. We are already at \$3500 – only \$1000 away from yearly projected sales.

- Boosterthon – Over!! We budgeted for \$17,500 and we are on track to exceed that and raise upwards of \$22,500.
 - Expense
 - Boosterthon – Under!! – Last year’s principal challenge was \$300, Amanda Bomar and Berit Aloisio were able to make Ms. White into a Sundae for only \$70!
 - Emerging Request Forms were emailed to teachers and staff
 - Proposed Budget Items
 - APPROVED – The PTO agreed to pay for shipping of supplies to help Dixon Elementary School in Holly Ridge, NC
 - Umbrellas & Gloves for Car Riders - ??
 - Cost would be about \$20 an umbrella plus a \$35 set up fee.
 - There would need to be a minimum order of 12
 - Storage would be needed
 - Was decided to table this for now because there didn’t seem to be a lot of interest.
- **After School Enrichment**
 - Update from Chairs –Kate Long & Berit Aloisio
 - Fall ASE Dates – 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/19, 11/26
 - Classes will be Monday this session, from 3:45-4:45
 - Registration has begun and will close 10/5
 - 87 students signed up and hoping for 100 by the close of registration.
 - The goal is not profit, but extending opportunities to our students.
 - There will be 12 classes this session – please pick more than one choice in case first choice is full.
 - Scholarships still available.
 - Parents will be contacted by October 10th with class placement.
- **Gator Gear**
 - Update from Chair – Meghann Gillette
 - Online Gator store up and running as of today.
 - Order information went home with students Oct 1st
 - 10% off for PTO members, coupon code was emailed to members
 - A teacher exclusive zip up fleece with monogram and embroidered gator was shown – sample will go in lounge - \$40/\$45 price point.
 - Live shirt printing at pancake breakfast is secured – exclusive design with be announced at the next meeting.

- **Fall Harvest Update**
 - Fall Harvest Budget - \$1000
 - Fall Harvest will be Oct. 26th
 - Chairs – Jenna Cooper & Karen Kimble
 - Planning meeting to follow after general meeting
 - Tammy Atkins will process tickets
 - Carnival games will be in classrooms and cake walk in the Gator Dome.
 - Sign up genius coming out soon – please donate and volunteer your time!

- **School Store**
 - Sara Tucker & Melissa Guerra have expressed interest in opening up the school store. Times/Days days discussed. No decision reached.

- **Beautification**
 - Ms. White suggested the picnic area outside the side library doors be paved with concrete. A company will be contacted with an estimate.
 - Ms. White suggested a beautification committee – Mark Tucker to chair.

- **Upcoming Events & News**
 - Oct. 5th – Early Dismissal & Movie Night
 - Oct .8th- Columbus Day – No School
 - Oct. 16th – Cici’s Pizza Spirit Night, 5-8 – class with the most students wins Scatterball game with Ms. White and Ms. Odum
 - Oct. 26th – Fall Harvest Night, 6-8
 - Oct. 31st – Early Dismissal
 - Nov. 5th – PTO Meeting 6:30 in the Library
 - 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. Aikens**
 - DreamBox – a fun engaging and interactive math program

- 8100 lessons completed throughout the building this year
 - The kids love it!
 - Used for remediation and also enrichment
 - In line with SOL's
 - A video example was shown
- **Principal's Report, given by Ms. White**
 - Plan to highlight different teachers at each month's PTO meeting
 - Parents suggested hearing from specialists
 - The school will be sending home parent survey next Monday for parent feedback. This will be a paper copy going home in backpacks.
 - A number of parents at the meeting expressed a desire for a return to having Back to School Night. Back to School Night was originally cancelled due to it being a busy time of year and sporadic attendance by classroom. PTO to do a survey for parent feedback.
- **Questions or Comments**

PTO Members in Attendance:

Katie Lewis
 Maryanne Bowen
 Meghan Gelinias
 Erica Edenton
 Gina Buchanan
 Becky Mulder
 Tammy Atkins
 Meghan Gillette
 Theresa Harris
 Ms Dodge
 Ms Golles
 Ms Aikens
 Ms White
 Gloria Powell
 Todd McLean

Melissa Guerra
 Nadine Rottner
 Kate Schifflett
 Amanda Bomar
 Berit Alosio
 Ms Mahle
 Ms Miller
 Ms Carson
 Ms Fischer
 Ms Patton
 Ms O'Baker
 Ms Reynolds
 Ms Stephenson
 Ms Jones

**(Planning Committee Meeting Followed for Fall Harvest and Pancake
 Breakfast)**