

Garrisonville Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2021



Meeting Called to Order by Meghann Gillette at 6:33pm

Welcome

Membership

- About PTO
 - What is PTO & What do we do?
 - Goals:
 - More involvement
 - More communication of opportunities
 - More fun for everyone
 - COVID rules for events
 - Priority is keeping students and staff safe and healthy and learning in the building face to face
 - Guidelines will be relayed at the time of the event
 - How can you participate?
 - Join the PTO
 - Come to meetings
 - Collaborate/ share ideas and suggestions
 - Volunteer
 - Support fundraisers: box tops, Amazon Smile (add Garrisonville PTO)
 - Follow on social media – Facebook, Twitter [gesgartorpto](#)

Introductions

- PTO Board
 - Meghann Gillette – President

- Todd McLean – Vice President
- Jennifer Herbert – Vice President
- Jessica Whiteley – Treasurer
- Jaimie Brandt – Secretary
- GES School Administration
 - Alexis White – Principal
 - Jodi Odlum – Assistant Principal
- Parent Introductions ☺

THANK YOU'S

- Crosswell, Whiteley, and McLean families for their time spent mulching, weeding, planting, edging, and cleaning up around our school entrance and playground!
- Mrs. Kuzma for creating an amazing yearbook in the spring for the 2020-21 school year.
- Erin Altschuler and Amanda Leonard for co-chairing ASE again this year
- Jessica Whiteley for taking over Box Tops
- Jenna Cooper for volunteering to chair our Holiday Festival
- Junior Smiles of Stafford, Kumra Orthodontics & Gracie Barra for sponsoring our Boosterthon shirts this year and Debbie Stump for being one of our community sponsors
- All of our GES staff for making these first couple of weeks back at school great for our Gators!
- All the families who have reached out to us expressing their willingness to help this year!

2020/21 School Year Wrap Up

- Picnic Tables: Arrived and were assembled today, 8/23/2020!
- Blacktop resurfacing/repainting: we will need volunteers to help paint stencils onto the resurfaced blacktop

Treasurer's Report by Jessica Whiteley

- Budget Overview – a work in progress (rolling budget this year)
- Over/Under
 - Membership - \$950 – under goal
 - Gator Gear \$1700 – over profit
 - Staff Shirts Expense – under
 - Welcome Back Lunch Expense - under
 - \$5,000 from last year carried over
 - Anticipating potentially \$4,000 more to carry over

Membership

- Current numbers - 95 members

- Need to add staff #s
- Membership form is on the PTO website with 2 links: one to join and one to Paypal for paying \$10 yearly membership

Boosterthon

- Theme: Sports City Worldwide
 - This year's characteristics are: Curiosity, Practice, Confidence, Humility, and Endurance
- Kickoff/Program Outline
- Tshirts: ALL students and teachers will get a shirt
- Volunteers: more details to come on this in the upcoming week

Trunk or Treat

- We have not sought county approval for this event yet.
- Dates: October 29 tentatively – Rain date November 5
- *Chair/Co-Chair STILL needed for this event, please message or email if interested*

2021-22 Committee Chairs

- If anyone is interested in chairing/co-chairing any of the following OPEN Committees, please reach out to the PTO through email, we'd love to have any and everybody!!
 - ASE - Erin Altschuler and Amanda Leonard
 - Beautification - OPEN
 - Boosterthon - PTO Board
 - Box Tops - Jessica Whiteley
 - Bulletin Board - Jennifer Herbert
 - Fall Harvest/Trunk or Treat - OPEN
 - Gator Gear - Meghann Gillette
 - Membership - PTO Board/OPEN
 - Photo Backdrops - OPEN
 - Holiday Festival - Jenna Cooper
 - School Store - OPEN
 - Spirit Nights - OPEN
 - Staff Appreciation - OPEN
 - Sweethearts Dance - OPEN
 - Bingo - OPEN
 - Yearbook - Bridgette Farrell-Kuzma

Gator Gear

- Update on sales
- New design rollout/online ordering

- New designs and new custom ordering opportunities will be available within the next month. We will send an email to all families with a link to ordering opportunities.

Principal's Report by Mrs. White:

- Thank yous
 - Thank you to PTO Board
 - Thank you to ALL GES Families
 - Thank you to the Gator Students!
 - THANK YOU TO THE AMAZING GES GATOR STAFF!!
- Boosterthon
 - Launch starts August 24 with Grade level pep rallies
 - families are unable to attend, however, there will be a Facebook Live Stream of one of them.
 - Fun-Run information forthcoming
- COVID Information
 - Concurrent live instruction will be used for the following TWO scenarios: positive COVID-19 test and/or quarantining situation
 - Mrs. White will send out an email to families to explain more details regarding Chromebook and Division FAQ breakdown and with more GES specific details

Open Comments/Input

- Gator Gear
 - Requests for facemask and water bottles, Gatorific fidgets/pop-its for potentially new items
 - When will Gator Gear be available for sale again?
 - New designs and new custom ordering opportunities will be available within the next month. We will send an email to all families with a link to ordering opportunities.
- Ideas
 - Student Entrepreneurs: - Farmers market/winter bazaar
 - Sticker design, t-shirt design, opportunity for families to purchase, school song writing contest
 - (potential opportunity for merging with the school store)

Upcoming Events & News

- **Sept 2** — Fun Run
- **Sept 3, 6** — No School, Labor Day Weekend
- **Sept 13** — PTO Meeting
- **Sept 14** — Picture Day
- **Sept 15** — Sam's Spirit Night

- **Oct 4** — PTO Meeting
- **Oct 11** — No School, Columbus Day
- **Oct 29** — Trunk or Treat

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm

Virtual Meeting Attendance:

1. **Alexis White**
2. **Jodi Odlum**
3. **Meghann Gillette**
4. **Todd McLean**
5. **Jennifer Herbert**
6. **Jessica Whiteley**
7. **Jaimie Brandt**
8. **Amanda Leonard**
9. **Amtulnoor Grosser**
10. **April Erhardt**
11. **Asheli Polychrones**
12. **Betty Fitzhugh**
13. **Bridgette Farrell-Kuzma**
14. **Camelle Boston**
15. **Chris Torres**
16. **Christina Horan**
17. **Deandra Neal**
18. **Deborah Reep**
19. **Hannan Seid**
20. **Jessica Hall**
21. **Brandon Meade**
22. **Jessica Meade**
23. **Kristina Miller**
24. **LaMonica Jackson**
25. **Lashanda Jordan**
26. **Litzy Matamoros**
27. **Marissa Maweu**
28. **Michele Golles**
29. **Jason Sherry**
30. **Roshell Mckoy**
31. **Sana A**
32. **Stephanie Chezemedes**
33. **Taylor Farris**
34. **Tina Johnson**
35. **Tracy Brokesh**