

Garrisonville Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda

August 22, 2023 5:30pm



- Welcome- Meeting called to order at 5:35 by Asheli Polychrones (PTO President)
- Thank Yous and Membership info
- Proposed budget with Jessica Meade- Budget will be emailed later this week for membership vote. Amazon Smile previously helped with about \$500 a year but will no longer be an option, so we are hoping to increase our Box Top earnings. Download the Box Top app and start earning. We increased the budget for Boosterthon to match what was brought in last year. A change from last year is that we will be charging an entrance fee for the Trunk or Treat and Sweethearts Dance and will be holding these events in the evening. The goal is to make these community events that raise money for the PTO to provide fun events for our students. Each meeting Jessica Meade will have year to date budget updates. A change to the budget this year is an increase from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the school wide project. The school has asked for an increase to cover instructional supplies and quality experiences for students. Additionally, we want to continue to provide students with school supplies instead of asking parents to provide the supplies.
- Boosterthon Info: earning prizes, amount school keeps, business donations- We are hoping to earn \$35,000 for our school. Grade levels keep 10% of the earnings. Booster allows us to keep 100% of business donations.
- Volunteer opportunities
 - Fun Run - August 31
 - Water Volunteers:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45afab2da2f49-booster#/>

A parent at the meeting asked if families can come to the Fun Run to watch their Gators. Ms. White confirmed that parents can come watch, but must bring an ID to present before entering.

- Fall Picture Day - October 11- We will need volunteers to help this run smoothly. More info and a sign up will be forthcoming. A few members at the meeting already signed up to help.
- Trunk or Treat - October 27- We will need lots of volunteers so keep an eye out for different opportunities to help.
- Upcoming events:
 - August 25 - Gator Gear orders close (<https://www.gatorpto.com/online-store>)
 - August 31- Boosterthon Fun Run
 - September 1 and 4 - No School
 - September 5 - Panda Express Spirit Night 4:00-7:00 pm
 - September 12- PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30 pm- We may only do a virtual meeting from here on out, but will email soon to let everyone know.
 - October 3 - PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30 pm
 - October 13 - PTO Movie Night 6:30 pm- We will send out an email to vote on which movie to watch
 - October 27 - Trunk or Treat 6-8 pm
 - Looking ahead to the Sweethearts Dance in February - DATE TBD based on location.

● Principal's report by Ms. White- Each month at our PTO meetings, we like to have a staff member present and give ideas and resources on how families can support their Gators at home. Every year there is a school improvement plan. The state report will come out soon and we can see how we compared to other schools in the area. We saw a 10% increase in reading last year with our students coming out of the pandemic. Math scores have always been above 90% and science has always been great as well. We are, however, in the yellow for our attendance performance. Attendance is very important and impacts the overall score of our school. Let Ms. White know any suggestions you may have. The official school nurse starts next week.

- Open for questions-
 - Can we have everyone's name on the board? Asheli Polychrones (President), Jessica Brown (Vice President), Jessica Meade (Treasurer), Kathryn Pendleton (Secretary)
 - Do we know the times for the Fun Run? K-1 will run from 9:30-10:30, 2-3 will run from 10:30-11:30, and 4-5 will run from 11:30-12:30
 - There will be another in school volunteer training session on September 7 at 1:45 pm (separate from volunteering for PTO sponsored events).
 - More information will be coming with volunteer opportunities. In order for PTO to function, we need volunteers! We love all the help we can get and look forward to a great year!

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm

Members in attendance (in person and virtual):

Jasmine Lee, Amanda Brewer, Meghann Gillette, Christina, Alexis White, Amanda Leonard, Bridgette Farrell-Kuzma, Katie Kolb, Jennifer Parker, Brianna Nilsson, Meghan Moon, Lauren Ziemba, Jenna Cooper, Amtuloor Grosser, Savannah Saenz, Joanna Brown, Mrs. Brokesh, Kristina Miller, Melissa Roseberry, Michelle D'Amico, Andrew Chavez, Vicky Majano, Michelle Golles, Lamonice Jackson