Guilford Elementary School PTA

Meeting Minutes

Date 3/12/19

GES Media Center

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Somerville

Meeting called to order: 6:31pm

Motion to approve minutes by: Melanie Tindale

Seconded by: Andrew Doumeoux

**Administration Report:**

* 6 delayed openings since last PTA meeting, HCPSS goal is if we need to close early, it’s at 90 minutes, to not impact buses.
* Mrs. Hennessie nominated for Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Waite nominated last year, Mrs. Hennessie this year and won! Dr. M surprised her last week.
* March Madness for Reading. On April 12th there will be an assembly unveiling the winner. (link on Facebook page)
* 5th graders are MISA testing (Science testing) this week, 2 days
* Report cards next year will be changed. Only changing the way the grade learning behaviors, not grades. Right now we have 12, the change will be to 5. Grades 1- meeting progress, 2 – making progress, 3-no progress. The committee hopes to roll out a slower transition to no letter grades until middle school.
* Had a great Sunshine club day, staff was surprised and loved it!

**Presidents Report:**

* National PTA has proposed a dues increase from 2.25-3.75 which means our base rate (plus MD rate) would be around 5.75, vote in July, Thursday, 3/17 there will be a town hall meeting online (Melanie has the link if you are interested)
* Request from Media if PTA could help purchase a second set of Black Eyed Susan books. They would need $208.00, Melanie motioned, Jennifer seconded the motion, Stephanie asked where the money would come from… Raise craze brought in more than expected, so we have the money. Vote approved.
* We have an open position next year, VP so 2 months before, we need to set up a nominating committee, no fewer than 3 people. Jennifer Somerville, Amanda and Jenny Doumeoux (Lois Damoza has been talked into being PTAC rep next year

**Treasurers Report:**

* So far, we have raised 4,629.65, Box tops $412 Amazon smile 43. Resturants night 289.00
* we funded an assembly $500 for Jan. postponed til Feb.
* 3rd grade submitted reimbursement,
* spent almost $400 for Raise Craze on supplies for evening of kindness.
* Total Expenses for this period, 1,31728 (about 3,000 from our income budget), which includes that 1158 from reserves (to balance)Several things we have planned that will bring in more…
* May is a big month, Teacher Appreciation , Yearbook and Field day

**Fundraising Report:**

* Paint Nite round 2 is on the way! A paper will be sent home and online sign ups.
* Box Tops were submitted, around $90 worth.Cheeburger brought in around $119, Tomorrow is Modern Market, 50% donated. Flyer went home last week.
* Raise Craze did wonderfully, for next year, Melanie would like to change up the incentives structure. Out of the 450 students, only 58 registered, but they brought in a lot of money. Next year, maybe do this earlier in the year? Also some way to recognize acts of kindness done in the school by classes. It was great seeing Mr. Davis dressed as a huge penguin. It was a hit! Maybe start at Back to School night, can we move Jump Rope for Heart til the Spring?
* April 12, we are having a concert, “Magical Mystery Girls at 7pm, Ridgley Run. Online ticketing, not yet set up… we’d like to make enough to cover our reserve pull. Can we run concessions without a treasurer present? Andrew and Jenny can help preshow, Jenn Somerville can help with concessions.
* Online Auction/Tiger Eyes… we need items, April 15 8am-29th 11:30pm (Bidding Owl) Items are needed. Tiger eyes flier needs to be sent out. Ray volunteered to go around to businesses. Melanie too.
* Do we want to do a Spring Spirit Wear? Motioned and seconded not to do Spirit wear in the spring.

**Volunteer Coordinator Report:**

**Membership:**

**New Business:**

* Amanda, quick announcement about GTAC, the committee meets with Central office to deal with GT and other issues. Parent Academies are for parents to learn more about GT.
* Parents can nominate any educator for a educator that makes a difference , held on April 2, 7pm at Reservoir HS, GES had(4 nominations) Ms. McNamara, Stetz, Cousins and McDaniel (and Ms. Stahler)
* A flier will be going home this week for Silver Knights
* SECAC – Beth, parent forum April 6 at MRHS 8:00pm, will have a key note speaker and breakout sessions. Information will be there on Maryland’s Ready to Read Act.
* May 1 from 7-8:30, SECAC meeting. Nominations for educators

Meeting Adjourned: 7:44pm