

## GES PTA Meeting 09/13/2016

### Call to Order & Welcome by Kimber Johnson, President

- Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

### Approval of June 2016 Meeting Minutes

- Minutes will be reviewed at next meeting due to typo in treasurer's report (approval pending)

### Treasurer's Report by Rachel Smith

- Classroom consumables – category hasn't been used often enough to justify it's existence; will be removed this year
- Grade specific budget includes field day shirts
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade will get subscription to Time Kids
- Landscaping grant is over – category will be deleted
- ROAR cart is now it's own category, pulled out of grade specific activity
- Question about Turkey Trot – will \$200 be enough? Answer: Probably, but we will continue to look at it
- There was a motion to approve the budget by Kimber Johnson, the motion was seconded by Lori Hall
- Please use reimbursement forms to ensure proper book keeping
- Deposit forms are also available for handing in large bunches of money

### Administration Report by Mr. Davis & Ms. Stahler

- Mr. Davis began by requesting brief introductions – many new faces at PTA
- An overview of the professional development day held on 09/12 was given. Staff received instruction in many different areas, including:
  - \* Crisis response
  - \* Instructional Intervention Team functions
  - \* Community circles & restorative circles training
  - \* How to conduct an Indoor Environmental Quality survey
  - \* Training to better identify student mental health issues
- Blue communication folders will come home everyday  
Friday folders are now Wednesday folders  
Continuing to shift to paperless delivery methods as much as possible
- Canvas pages should be available for parents to view (example was shown)  
Digital tools are available on canvas  
Calendars accessible  
Everyone should get a teacher email by the end of the week to view page

- Math groups have been formed – GES is trying to make above grade level curriculum available to a wider range of students
- There was recently a celebration to honor custodial staff – They were presented with the Silver Hammer Award to acknowledge excellence in maintaining the building – Comptroller Franchot, Superintendent Foose, and many other people of note were on hand to congratulate the custodial staff
- Bus driver breakfast was a success – most drivers attended
- ROAR cart starts soon
- A document was distributed seeking parents or community members with any special skills that could be used in an emergency.
- Guilford’s new motto : Excellence in Action (Engage collaborate & persevere)
- Ms. Dobbs has a new group of Peer Leaders getting started

#### President’s Report by Kimber Johnson

- Staff coffee service will be replaced with Keurig machines
- Fall Fest & Turkey Trot – Jamie Brodnax can no longer head up the Fall Fest effort due to work commitments – maybe just do “Turkey Trot” – no Fall Fest? Several different options were discussed including a pumpkin patch, having activities be more self guided, and eliminating the punch cards used in prior years
- It appears that most PTA members are in favor of keeping Fall Fest if possible. A call for volunteers will go out on Facebook. PTA will try to keep the tradition going if it is possible.
- VPI – Roxann did a great job at Back to School Night

#### VP II Fundraising Report by Jennifer Somerville

- We made \$72 from the Kona truck at back to school night
- Mums – need to raise \$1000 (500 us/500 them) in order to make the order
- A website link is a good way to post the info about mums
- Chik Fil A Night coming up

\* Note from Mr. Davis – get info for Pawprints submitted by Monday  
Cathy Corrao can also send out an e-blast when needed

#### Volunteer Coordinator by Melanie Tindale

- Sign Up links will be set up for ROAR cart volunteers asap
- Flu clinic/ dental clinic dates have been set – sign ups coming for those too

#### Hospitality by Mel Stone-Wald

- We have had 3 events so far this year:  
\*Teacher Staff welcome back luncheon

- \* Coffee & donuts for parents (Guy Guzzone showed up)
- \* Bus driver breakfast
- Next: conferences in November, there will be a volunteer list for food donations – food to be brought at 4pm – food should be ready to eat (heated)

### Membership

- Tracy will be taking over
- Membership cards are in, will be filled out
- Numbers are up! We are looking good
- It was mentioned that staff names were needed in order to offer complimentary PTA memberships. There was a question: Why do we pay for the staff? This is not a norm within the county. Answer was given as: We do it for numbers. (To look better by having higher numbers) Staff was asked if they felt this was worth it. Staff that was present did not feel a small fee would be prohibitive to teachers wishing to join. It was decided that we should charge \$5 to teachers (close to at cost)

### Box Tops

- keep them coming

### Spirit Wear Report by Dena Walters

- Dena is working with Becky, our spirit wear producer, to get products made. It was suggested that maybe we should get the spirit wear stuff out a little later so it's not competing with Mums & other promotions. It was agreed upon that we should target late Oct/early Nov

### Social Media by Melanie Tindale

- Old stuff will be getting cleaned out – trying to keep site current

### PTACHC Report by Stephanie Szewczyk

- Notes from 09/06 PTACHC meeting were attached to the meeting agenda

\* Note from the president: Sunshine families – coming back this year. Volunteers needed to provide special treats for our hardworking staff

\* Back to School Night Raffle - Donna Hitesman is the winner

*Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm. Next meeting will be on 10/11/2016 at 6:30pm in the school media center*