

## **Gilchrist Elementary School PTO – August 08, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Scotty Crowe, Caroline Weiss, Eva Horton, Colby Lindsay, Mary Linzee Branham, Kim Katzenbach, Tracy Bishop, Lea Richardson, Denis Burns, Amanda Whitaker, Jenny Beesley, Mary Mica, Rebekah Weldon, Tawnee Peters, Elise Elegeert, Shannon Ruscitto, Hannah Goree, Kat Layton, Molly Corder, Allison Manning, Bryant Manning, Nicole Whitfield, Catherine Gopal, Andrea Runk, Regina Fields, Holly Edenfield, Maureen Burns, Hester Ndoja, Courtney Williams, Paige Shiver, Lauren Shoaf, Chelsea Murphy, Parker Sullivan, Abby Vail

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm

### **Treasurer's report:**

- Great Grizzly Run is our biggest fundraiser, with a new name this year. The PTO will vote at a later date on how we will allocate the funds raised.
- The auction was new last year, and it went very well so we will continue it again this year.

### **Teacher Liaison, Amanda Whitaker:**

- Discuss role she has between teachers and PTO
- Kindergarten drop off will be delayed on the first day to 9 am and the teachers will come out and get all the kids.
- No boo-hoo breakfast this year.

### **VP Academics – Eva Horton:**

- Kindergarten week has gone well, splash party was a great success with around 100 kids and the boy scouts helped out. Ms. Lynn was a hug help. Laurie and Amanda did an awesome job chairing this event.

### **Corresponding Secretary – Lea Richardson:**

- Welcome week going well– all bulletin boards have been updated, Publix ordered for lunch for teachers and staff.
- Need more for stock the lounge – Parker is doing a Costco run to re-stock.
- Frother's Daughter is coming for an end of the first week treat for the teachers.

### **Grizzly Giver - Mary Linzee Branham:**

- We have new items for the different levels of Givers this year,

### **Grizzly Guys – Denis Burns:**

- Intro to what Grizzly Guys is.

### **President – Caroline:**

- Committee sign-ups going on, we welcome all the help we can get; all are welcome and we have working parents, mom and dads helps.
- We will decide on the Grizzly Run initiative in the next few meetings.
- Fall book fair is coming up soon – there will be a spring book fair as well.
- The art show is in the spring, put on by Ms. Mendenhall and these funds support art.
- We still need faculty meeting chair and/or co-chairs
- PTO meeting are for everyone – meet at noon, second Thursday of every month.
- Please be sure everyone fills out a volunteer form to come on campus.

**Action Items:**

- Colby presented the proposed 23/24 budget and noted that one change to what was presented was that there were three new teacher hires. Colby requested approval of the budget including the addition of the new teachers who will have their accounts funded as the other teachers. Denis moved to approve the budget as presented with amendments and the motion was seconded by Rebekah Wheldon and approved unanimously.

**Mr. Crowe:**

- Thank you for everyone coming out tonight.
- Renovations have gone well and hope to have 4<sup>th</sup> grade back in their classrooms mid fall.
- Orientation went well, thank you to all for coming and all who helped out.

**Motion to adjourn** meeting by Colby Lindsay, second Kim Katzenbach 7:20pm