

Gilchrist Elementary School PTO – January 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Present: Scotty Crowe, Caroline Weiss, Eva Horton, Laurie Cox, Tiffany Cruz, Parker Sullivan, Colby Lindsay, Lea Richardson, Mary Beth Tyson, Maureen Burns, Denis Burns, Tracy Bishop, Becca Lata, Amanda Whitaker, Belinda Wise, Hester Ndoja, Melissa Tate, Mary Linzee Branham, Jordan Jacobs, Meredith McMillan

The meeting was called to order at 12:04pm

Principal's Update:

- Thank you for the cookie exchange, it was very successful and appreciated by faculty and staff.
- Buckling down for testing season coming up
- Many activities planned for Black History Month
- Volunteer Breakfast scheduled for 2/10
- Excited about the STEAM carnival
- Silent auction upcoming in early February- lots of teachers submitting experiences, good items coming in
- Ryan has submitted our paperwork to the school board for Café project, we will be on the February 14 agenda

Guest speaker, Laurie Cox: wanted to introduce herself, let us know she is available and wants to be helpful, proud of and impressed by the work we're doing.

Approval of the minutes: Motion to Approve Denis Burns, Seconded by Colby Lindsay. Approved unanimously

Treasurer update: No major updates at this time, \$800 Grizzly Givers increase not reflected yet, otherwise no real budget changes

Teacher Liaison, Amanda Whitaker:

- Student Council to host Winter Clothing Drive
- Custodian appreciation day 2/9/23 – Student Council will be switching roles with custodians/lunch provided
- Olympics opening ceremony 3/2/23
- STEAM carnival/touch a truck 3/4/23
- PTO to assist with food trucks, concessions, parking
- 11-1pm on 3/4/23 is time frame
- Also hoping to have Student Council represented at Springtime Tallahassee- more details/confirmation to come
- Tentative Mother/Son Date night 4/21/23 FSU baseball game

Academics

- Faculty meetings – Tiffany Cruz
 - 1/19 faculty meeting – Yogurt Parfait bar sign up genius has already gone out

- Teacher appreciation – Meredith McMillan & Jordan Jacobs
 - Week of March 6
 - Coffee cart, boxed lunch, remaining dates TBD
 - Will be decorating lounge, stocking snacks
 - Sign ups to go out early February
 - May need volunteers for re-stocking and other serving

School Engagement

- Doughnuts with Grownups – Tiffany Cruz
 - Dates 1/24 & 1/25
 - Krispy Kreme doughnuts, Red Eye coffee
 - What should we do about parking?
- Silent Auction – Hester Ndoja
 - Over 124 donations so far
 - Approximately \$15-16k in value of donations
 - Outstanding donations need to be in ASAP
 - Mobile auction company mid-late next week will upload and proof so it can be launched and people will be able to register
 - Amanda to work with Hester on marketing, flyer, newsletter, social media, email
 - Registration info to go out early so parents know how to register
 - Incentives for getting registered early?
 - Belinda, Caroline, Hester to meet tomorrow to discuss further in detail
- Sweetheart Soiree- Belinda Wise
 - Sign up genius to go out
 - Denim & Diamonds theme
 - Need help Friday 3-5
 - Saturday need help selling the tickets at the door 6-8pm
- Grizzly Givers- Mary Linzee Branham
 - Not a lot of updates
 - Received new \$800 donation today
 - Will do another push for donors before end of the school year
- Grizzly Guys- Denis Burns
 - Goal to expand
 - Will be requested to help with parking, concessions for STEAM carnival
- Newsletter – Melissa Tate
 - 3rd week of February
 - Will send out a cutoff date for submissions

Café – Mr. Crowe to get us on Spring schedule with Nesmith pending school board approval on Feb 14, hoping to have it done around or during Spring Break

Boosterthon – We will conduct official vote at the February meeting.

Brief discussion regarding Roberts model. They did a hybrid; but still kept majority of the money.

Other business: Update from Caroline about special area teachers, they each got gift cards for \$300.00 based on school wide contributions.

No other new business noted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45; Motion made by Tiffany Cruz, seconded by Denis Burns