

Gilchrist Elementary School PTO Board Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2022

Present: Scotty Crowe, Caroline Weiss, Parker Sullivan, Melissa Tate, Colby Lindsay, Belinda Wise, Hester Ndjoja, Mary Mica, Adam Young, Abby Vail, Amanda Whitaker, Eva Horton, Becca Lata, Meredith McMillan, Amelia May, Megan Funkhouser, Rebekah Weldon, Jenna Nielsen, Nicole Whitfield, Dina Abbott, Denis Burns

Call to Order: 12:01pm – Caroline Weiss

Principal's Report- Mr. Crowe:

- Commending Abby and Boosterthon – Great response, 59% of profit to school, since we exceeded our goal
- STEAM to Kick off 11/1/22
- Amanda Whitaker secured \$10k grant for STEAM
- Met with Nesmith for walk through and he will be putting together a model for us
- Faculty and staff excited for chowder luncheon upcoming

Approval of Minutes: motion by Colby, Second by Abby, Minutes approved.

Financial Report – Colby Lindsay: Budget looks great thus far, deposit made to our account for all cash/checks that have come in up to this past Friday, reminder to all to turn in expense reports ASAP

Teacher Liaison- Amanda Whitaker:

- STEAM grant to go towards 15 drums for Ms. Register's classroom, a mural, STEAM carnival and other non consumables for classroom use
- Student council has been elected.
- Veteran day 11/10 – flyer going home soon, hallway parade 9-10am
- Student council SOCKtober for Big Bend Homeless sock drive
- Send Amanda sign up genius links for events so she can push out to social media

VP Academics – Jenna Nielsen:

- **AR** first quarter ends 10/14- teachers selected what they are doing. Not all celebrating on 10/14
 - Some teachers are holding \$ and doing something free this time to do something bigger later
- **Faculty meeting- Nicole Whitfield:** – trail mix, No meeting in November, December -cookie exchange look for sign up genius
- **Chowder luncheon- Meredith McMillan:** sign up genius link went out yesterday, committee discussing decorations, will be held on stage, Groovy theme

VP Engagement – Belinda Wise:

- **Grizzly Givers:** \$2,175.00 in new donations since last meeting, just over \$9,000 total
- **Grizzly Guys:** sent emails to those who attended, met with Greg Katzenbach last week and they will begin planning a "Guys Night Out"
- **Silent Auction:** will not be held on site, mobile auction only. Paying \$800 for auction company to host

- Not held in conjunction with STEAM Carnival
- 2/1/23-2/10/23, with pick up for items the following week
- Need volunteers to ask for donations
- “line cutter” and other school specific items
- Goal is to start soliciting donations by 10/31
- Hester circulated a list of ideas, for us to sign up as leads

Boosterthon- Abby Vail:

- Went smoothly
- We pay % to company
- Earned \$104,500 total to date, giving still open until end of week
- We keep 59% of that
- Abby will make one last push for corporate matching
- Pizza party & rewards for winning class per grade
- Mr. Crowe will camp out as the school wide reward
- Winners will get invites to do Smores with Mr. Crowe that night, date TBD
- Facebook live reading story, or some other method of engagement with school
- Teachers will get 10% of funds in their accounts

Grizzly Gazette- Melissa Tate: Deadline for next edition is 12/10 so that it can be ready to circulate by end of December

New Business:

Hester Ndoja – can we bring Boosterthon in house. Abby and Caroline will look in to this further and we can definitely discuss/evaluate the different packages/levels available. We can do some research on other schools in the area who are keeping their fundraiser in house.

Next Meeting: 11/10 at noon via Zoom or in person (conference room)

Motion to Adjourn at 12:57pm