

Gilchrist Elementary School PTO – April 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Scotty Crowe, Caroline Weiss, Eva Horton, Tiffany Cruz, Parker Sullivan, Colby Lindsay, Denis Burns, Amanda Whitaker, Belinda Wise, Melissa Tate, Mary Linzee Branham, Kim Katzenbach, Jenna Nielsen, Tracy Bishop, Victoria Bradshaw, Devin Smith, Chelsea Zupofska, Maureen Burns, Stacie Kornegay, Lea Richardson, Nicole Whitfield

The meeting was called to order at 12:04pm

Approval of the minutes: Motion to Approve the minutes from 3/8/23 by Denis Burns, seconded by Colby Lindsay. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report:

- Not a lot of movement as to be expected
- A few more AR and auction expenses coming in and more AR to come for end of the year

Teacher Liaison, Amanda Whitaker & Victoria Bradshaw:

- We will be receiving a Community Involvement Award for the STEAM Carnival
- Mother/son date day is Sunday, April 21, 2023, meet for picture at sod cemetery
- Kindergarten Orientation April 26/27 (PTO and Student Council to volunteer)

Rosie Wyatt- Re Kindergarten Orientation

- Short program in the cafeteria
- Info packet to hand out
- EDEP/Spirit sales booths
- PTO & student council rep to take small group on a tour
- Cookies & Juice in Cafeteria
- Grizz mascot
- 8 tour groups each day
- Please wear PTO or Gilchrist shirt
- Over 70 kids already enrolled
- Pass word along to get kids enrolled ASAP

We received the largest request for school choice, over 60 students in the lottery alone were approved for GES. Enrollment will be way up next year.

Currently advertising/interviewing/hiring for several positions for next year.

VP Academics- Jenna Nielsen:

AR

3rd Quarter: K-2 ice cream social; 3rd Cotton candy; 4th did their own free activity; 5th snack and extra recess

4th Quarter: silent dance party to come and other independent activities by grade

Faculty Meeting April 20: Tiffany Cruz to handle (try to use drinks and snacks we have in PTO office)

Book Fair: Going well, only issue to keep in mind is the lack of inventory/difficulty with restocking popular items

5th Grade Activities: upcoming, info to be circulated through listserv, social media, classroom emails, flyer etc.

VP School Engagement – Belinda Wise:

Grizzly Guys: No update

Grizzly Givers- 2 new sponsorships since last meeting

Nominating Committee – Tiffany Cruz:

Presents slate as circulated via email

Call for nominations from the floor – None.

Denis Burns – Motion to approve the slate as presented:

Slate:

For President: Caroline Weiss

Vice President of Academics: Eva Horton

Vice President of School Engagement: Parker Sullivan

Treasurer: Colby Lindsay

Corresponding Secretary: Melissa Tate

Recording Secretary: Kimmie Katzenbach

Tracy Bishop- Seconded the motion.

Passes unanimously

Gazette – deadline May 2nd

Action Items:

Colby Lindsay – Budget line items (Auction proceeds)

We earned just shy of \$14k (netting about \$12,500)

Boosterthon \$ was used for windscreen, tables and umbrellas we will just need money for the stands out of auction funds.

\$2,500 to be reserved and kept in PTO account

Discussion about \$10,000 and spending same ensued. Suggestions include: mural along back wall of paw print patio; shade sails; outside of school; chain link mural; sensory room upgrades; media center technology; garden curriculum; poll teacher opinions

Tiffany Cruz made a motion to contribute \$25 per teacher to teacher accounts or Amazon cards, Colby Lindsay seconded, this passed unanimously.

KCCI Official vote: Motion was made by Parker to reply that “we can’t currently make a definite decision at this point; 2nd by Tiffany Cruz. Passes unanimously.

We raised almost \$1,400 at Skate Night for the school account.

No other new business noted.

Meeting adjourned at 1:16pm