

Gilchrist Elementary School PTO – May 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Scotty Crowe, Caroline Weiss, Eva Horton, Colby Lindsay, Belinda Wise, Melissa Tate, Mary Linzee Branham, Kim Katzenbach, Tracy Bishop, Lea Richardson, Denis Burns, Meredith McMillan and Alex Camerino

The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm

Approval of the minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from 4/13/23 by Colby Lindsay, second by Mary Linzee Branham. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report:

- Kindergarten spirit sales were a big success
- Please turn in any end of year expenses ASAP as the books will close 6/30/23
- Umbrella stands purchased for Paw Print Patio

Teacher Liaison, Caroline Weiss for Amanda Whitaker and Victoria Bradshaw:

- Ideas for fall fundraiser (Old Boosterthon) went out to the teachers & students
- Belinda Wise suggested the name "Great Grizzly Run"

VP Academics – Caroline Weiss for Jenna Neilson:

- 5th Grade Activities: Tanya Renn & Caroline Weiss met with Ms. Sims and all sign-ups went out

Grizzly Giver, Mary Linzee Branham:

- Received \$500 today, for a total of \$800 since last letter went out
- Looking for ideas for things to give Grizzly Givers that are cost effective; maybe sell the magnets with spirit sales
- Total given this year \$13,100 as of 5/10/23

Grizzly Guys – Denis Burns:

- May try to do a clean-up day in late summer and get Grizzly Guys to help
- Suggestion to set up a booth for Grizzly Guys at future events like orientation, etc
- Suggestion to have a PTO/kid friendly back to school social hosted by Grizzly Guys doing a cookout and play date

Action Items:

- 1. Colby Lindsay and Caroline Weiss– Auction proceeds \$10,000:
 - \$30 to teachers = \$1890
 - \$600 sensory department
 - \$2,000 garden club – Mr. Crowe said the school will match the remaining \$3,000
 - \$4,300 media center projector
 - \$500 media center book replacements
 - \$710 – drums for Mrs. Register music room
- Denis Burns made motion to approve the above \$10,000 allocation, Belinda Wise second, this passed unanimously.
- Mr. Crowe – Gilchrist will give each teacher \$50 to start the school year and Leon County approved \$300/teacher for next year
- Hester Ndoja is sending out an anonymous survey to all teachers regarding silent auction
- 2. School Ready School Supplies:
 - Teachers have not been satisfied with supplies companies we have used in the past

- Alex Camarina – parent and owner of School Ready spoke about business: all supplies are name brand, no hassle to the teachers, parents can order all supplies and have them shipped to school – parents can click and unclick items they do or don't need from each list
- Denis Burns suggested to add sponsor for additional purchase of supplies for children/families in need. PTO will help get a list of how many would qualify to receive this sponsorship.

Mr. Crowe:

- Thank you for Going Coastal event, everyone enjoyed it
- Testing going well – all online this year and is data the state uses – 5th grade science test is the only pencil/paper test
- Kindergarten orientation went well, already have 90 enrolled for next year
- Parent survey is out and due May 19, 2023
- Steam bowl came in 2nd place to Hawksrise
- Summer school has about 82 kids enrolled
- Summer camp is filling up fast
- Construction take place this summer, 4th grade is the major renovation and this will cause the A/C to be off in that building so the office for the summer will be moved to the 3rd grade building
- FSU athletes can now get paid by the university for volunteer hours and FSU reached out to Gilchrist saying they want hours and have lots of hours to fill

Caroline Weiss:

- May 19 is the Silent Disco for all kids – headphones were delivered and need volunteers to help wipe them down between each group
- August PTO social is being planned now, thinking August 7 at Casa Grande – more info to come
- Kindergarten splash party will be August 6
- August 7 = class posting, 4 pm
- August 8 = orientation, 1-3 pm
- August 10 = first day of school
- PTO is looking for chairs for committees for this fall
- We will have some summer meetings to plan the “Great Grizzly Run” with PTO

Melissa Tate:

- Last newsletter is going out next week and there will be a 5th grade insert for graduation

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tracy Bishop, second Lea Richardson 1:05pm