

## **Gilchrist Elementary School PTO Board Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2022**

**Present:** Scotty Crowe, Caroline Weiss, Parker Sullivan, Jenna Nielsen, Adam Young, Eva Horton, Meredith McMillan, Becca Lata, Mary Linzee Branham, Devin Smith, Tiffany Cruz, Amanda Whitaker, Dina Abbott, Holly Edenfield, Vanessa Pacheco Bell, Cassidy Blood, Hester Ndoja, Brenna Giblin Melissa Tate, Belinda Wise, Colby Lindsay, Abby Vail

**Call to Order:** 12:05pm – Caroline Weiss

### **Principal's Report- Mr. Crowe:**

- Open House successful, feedback welcome from parents/staff. He will let us know what he hears.
- Book Fair successful, so much so that we ran out of inventory. Definitely need additional POS machine for next year
- Excited for Boosterthon kickoff
- Transportation has improved
- Enrollment up to 871, new 4<sup>th</sup> grade class getting started
- “traditional start of the school year” seems welcome by all faculty and staff and the students are enthusiastic

**Approval of Minutes:** motion by Belinda, Second by Abby, Minutes approved.

**Financial Report:** Only revenue so far is in Spirit Sales and Grizzly Givers which will net higher so no worries there, supply cost a bit higher than past years. Budget attached.

### **VP Academics:**

AR: 1<sup>st</sup> celebration (teachers picked by grade level)

Assembly was a success, décor was cute, bracelets were a hit

Book Fair: Over \$3,700 direct to school in profit

Faculty Meeting: Drinks only needed, will purchase remaining food for 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

Chowder lunch: Plans will start in October, and sign up genius to go out by mid-month

Teacher B-days: First part of the month is the goal to do these, Eva is handling with a personalized cookie which has been a hit.

### **VP School Engagement:**

Grizzly Givers: \$6,994.30 as of last week with 31 donors so far; Mary Linzee getting benefits out to sponsors this week and next

Grizzly Guys: first meeting 9/15; pulling for Dads to get involved, goal would be to have at least 10 show up

Spirit Sales: huge success, have already had to re-order some items. School store on website to purchase as well. Faculty orders have been popular too.

**BOOSTERTHON:** 1 month away

Eva and Molly to help with day of

T-shirts being finalized, logos from Hannah, design from Full Press

5<sup>th</sup> Grade white shirts for color run

Meeting next week -2 weeks out

Looking for new school wide incentive, considered letting 5<sup>th</sup> grade pick (no pudding or sliming teachers)

Fun Run date 10/7

Sign up genius for volunteers to go out after call when we figure out times etc for different grade levels

**Teacher Liaison-** Amanda Whitaker

Email her with needs for weekly newsletter as early as possible

Boosterthon social media posts will hopefully get to her sooner to get out timely

Send signups to her for posting on social media as engagement is higher there

Veteran's Day Parade v. Bring Vet to School Reception – school wide survey? Cub scouts will present colors

STEAM Carnival/Auction March 2023

**Boosterthon Fundraising initiative:**

Ideas include tech needs, teacher accounts (10% of net), lunch patio (seating, shade, landscaping, enhancements and making the area more inviting) – it needs a name, sensory area ESE, game room needs rehabbing updating and expanding (new emphasis on PBIS) , AR end of year silent dance party celebration

Motion from Abby Vail to launch the Lunch Courtyard as the signature project with additional funds being allocated for Technology updates and Teacher accounts, Second by Mary Linzee Branham. Passes unanimously.

Grizzly Gazette deadline 9/30 to Melissa Tate.

All Sign up needs need to go through Shelby Augustyniak.

Next Meeting 10/13 at noon via Zoom or in person (conference room)