

GES PTO Meeting Minutes May 12, 2015

Meeting called to order @ 6:05pm

Secretary's Report: Accepted by Tetreault, 2nd Alicia Hunt

Treasurer's Report: Accepted by Chris Anderton, 2nd MaryEllen Giard

Fundraiser/Activities: Book Fair/Ice Cream Social: May 15th 5-7pm; **Basket Raffle** May 15th 5-8pm (tickets will be sold until 7:30PM and must be present to win) Still looking for volunteers to help during the event. Contact Ashley @ ashleyhughes33@yahoo.com if you are able to help.

Ruby Tuesday Give Back: 5/15-5/17 flyers will be sent home again tomorrow

Yearbook: SOLD OUT, they usually sent a few extras so if you did not get one, you may still have a chance.

Staff Appreciation: Thank you SO much for all the donations...everyone felt very appreciated

Muffin Morning: 3rd grade, this Friday 5/15

Wildlife Program: 3 more days left for visiting the school. Kids seem to be loving the program. We need to discuss whether to add in a fall program for next year or if we would rather have another option.

Box Tops: Mrs. Wheeler's class won the pizza party with 2,440 box tops. Ms. Zimmitti had 2,000 box tops in 2nd place and Ms. Breault was in 3rd place with 1,878. Box tops can still be sent in, they will count towards next year's totals. A HUGE thank you to the Fasula family for all their hard work through the years with the GES box tops, it is truly appreciated.

Dodd Stadium: Tickets for sale \$8 each...Griswold day at the field is 6/20/15 and the principal will pitch the first ball with a student. If you have a student who would like to be in the running to pitch the ball at this game, it will be auctioned off this Friday 5/15 at the basket raffle. If you are not able to come to the Griswold night at the field, tickets can be used at ANY home game this season.

Please note that fundraisers are not mandatory and the PTO gladly accepts monetary donations as well as your time in helping make the fundraisers successful.

New Business: Officers are all voted back in to stay for the 2015/16 school year. Kristie Fontaine (our secretary) would like to take the next school year off. Alicia Hunt and Rhonda Tetreault will take over for next year. Zoey Bonomi spoke on behalf of LOOP. LOOP has picked out some benches which would be installed on the playground and they are working on getting it approved. The benches would be around \$400 each and they are looking to purchase 1 with money from LOOP and hoping PTO will purchase 1. Kathi Williams suggested to have a continuous memorial donation fund to help pay for benches and potentially picnic tables and they will research this. Gina Barber accepted up to \$500 to cover for a bench and Alicia Hunt 2nd this decision. PTO would like to purchase a couple garbage cans for outside, Joe will research this. PTO also discussed using money from the playground funds to purchase a first aid kit for the playground

FUNDRAISER VOTING for 2015-16 School Year: Parents are wondering if we can send out fundraisers with more purchasing time and PTO agreed this would be beneficial to all. We voted to keep all our previous fundraisers, but eliminate the braided bread. We will add in a one-time sale of wolverine car magnets in the fall and also add in a spring square 1 art in time for Mother's Day. In the spring instead of braided bread Ashley Mckinney is going to start a new fundraiser selling spring bags and household items. We are going to research selling monkey spirit sticks for the school and use these as an incentive for the children. Gina Barber is researching "GIVE-BACK" nights at various locations. We will be adding on more family movie nights, a trivia night for adults, family roller skating night and possibly other family events.

Old News:

Principal Comments: Mr. B said SBAC testing is going great and almost done. He went to a training yesterday on how welcoming your school is and walked away hoping to follow some of these new ideas within the school for next school year. Hoping everyone got out to vote tonight. **Respect Rally** is this Friday at 2&2:30pm

Community News: Bicentennial Parade is this Saturday at 1pm.

Banner Award (teacher participation award): Ms. Williams and Mrs. Giard

Parent Attendance: Greta Silva and Diane Fasula

Teacher Attendance: Mrs. Bill & Mrs. Wheeler

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55PM

Next PTO Meeting- **Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 6:00PM** (possibly)