

**Gardner Road Elementary
PTO Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2024**

Welcome and Introduction: Stephanie Thomas

Community Engagement Committee: Stephanie Thomas

Principal's Report: Patrick Patterson

- December had a lot of great events including Santa and the Woot Woot Bags.
- The bench is being ordered for Orlando and the construction company is donating all of the concrete to place it in.
- New barriers have been put into place to help with drop off and pick up for safety concerns.
- Navigating recess time due to the lack of the blacktop space for kids who do not come in with snow gear.
- Construction updates:
 - Back of the building is being bricked.
 - Roof is almost finished
 - 11 classrooms are taking shape

Site Based: Janice Jarvis

- Working with the new Math curriculum and vertical alignment.
- School wide cookbook came out during the holidays.
- In the middle of the school wide food drive.

Treasurer's Report: Autumn Osborne

- Profit from the Holiday Shoppe \$3,463.35
- Request to move the Holiday Shoppe to an evening event due to some concerns with students who can not shop or choose not to shop.

All Elementary PTO: Stephanie Thomas / Patrick Patterson

- Ridge Road would like to set up a planning meeting for 4th grade Unity Day. Gardner Road is proposing February 7th.

Staff Requests: Open Floor

Old Business:

- **Box Tops / Coke Rewards / Pop Tops**

- **Math Kangaroo Club**

- See attached flyer (club mid session report) Jackie Pan

- **School Store**

- Lita, Bonnie, and Donny are "retiring" after this year. They have 1 volunteer to take over (Stephanie Craddock) but would like a few more because it's too much for 1 person. Steph posted on Facebook and had 3 other people express interest. Will pass names along to Lita to figure out a training plan.

- **Unfundraiser**

- Current total = \$3,121.27; Need a date and a volunteer to make popcorn for all students. (Maybe Amy Burns during lunch?) – Steph would like to send the flyer home again since the beginning of the school year might not have been financially feasible for some families... when would be an ideal time frame to send that home again?
- Possibly changing the goal to \$5,000 vs. \$7,000.
- Choosing a date for popcorn party for the students: January 26th during lunch

- **Bowling Night**

- Low turnout but splitting the alphabet was SO NICE. Definitely need to do that in the future too.

- **Fall Book Fair**

- Profits down a bit (Steph will leave a copy of book fair profit history in mailbox for comparison)
- \$6964.43 total sales which is down from last year
- We receive 50% back in Scholastic Dollars
- Spring Book Fair will be the buy one get one free sale and is connected to the Book Bingo Event.

- **Santa Read Aloud & Movie Night**

- Low turnout

- **Holiday Shoppe**

- See above report

- **Woot Woot Wagon**

Current / Upcoming:

- **Bingo Night (1/12)**

- We have enough prizes and prize bags
- Stephanie will bring the bingo supplies

• **Red Robin Fundraiser (1/24)**

- Flyers were sent home. Is it ok to ask Sue Pirozzolo to share district wide via social media? Patrick will call Sue and ask.
- Will touch base with Applebees for a February night.

• **Craft Night (2/9)**

- Previous social media post resulted in no volunteers to lead crafts. We can do another post, but we need a deadline for volunteers to sign up and then we need a plan for how the night will run. Are we doing advance signups? We do not have another PTO meeting to plan prior to the event and our last couple of craft nights have not been well organized.

• **Additional After School Clubs**

- 4 parents have shared an interest in starting a club. A copy of those parent surveys will be in the PTO mailbox. We listed a start date for clubs of 1/29 so we need to get a flyer to students ASAP if we are going to move forward with additional clubs. Steph has started to create a flyer, I just need to know if we're going forward with it.
- Going to touch base with the families to see if we can get them all on the same day.
- Will need to get a flyer ready and plan for after February break and run to the end of March.

Other:

- 4th grade celebration's first meeting is coming and will determine how to reach out to others to be involved.
- Changing the Mud Run to the Color Run for one year.
- Spirit wear sale in the spring

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 6:00 PM