

Gardner Road Elementary

PTO Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017

Number of attendees: 11 President: Jenny McKenzie, Vice President: Jennie O'Herron, Secretary: Amy Crandall, Principal: Patrick Patterson

Parent Council:

- Capital budget passed.
- Parking drop off is way better at both the Intermediate School and Gardner Road.
- Regents grade may not be used in the final grade for courses in the future.
- A new protocol for sports injuries regarding who to call for ambulance was discussed.
- There was dissatisfaction with homecoming dance with DJ music choices.
- Talked about Varsity H providing t-shirts for students and coaches.
- The first project for 2030 will be a road way at the middle school, roofing projects, and computer upgrades.
- Gardner Road parking lot needs to be torn up and redone and heating vents need to be replaced.
- The district wants to get a unified sports program added to HS for disabled and non-disabled students.
- New electronic signs for schools may be included in the capital project.

Principals Report:

- When the parking lot is redone they will run electric for signs. Parking layout will have a big median going down middle to eliminate driving in wrong direction. Both entrances will be both in and out. Concrete planters or something similar will be included to prevent cars from driving into the building. Any money left over will be directed to towards the playground.
- Thanks to PTO for Halloween Hoopla, and for donating to make a difference day, career day, and Veteran's day.
- Aaron Reynolds - Author visit May 21st. PTO may need to buy him a lunch.
- NYS Math will be on May 1-3 and ELA will be April 11-13.
- Spelling Bee info has gone out. Grade level bee will be in December and local bee will be in January.

Site Based:

- Character education BINGO is ongoing, and our students are excited about it.
- Still talking about professional development with ELA and math.
- Planning of celebrate Mondays and veterans day.

Treasurer's Report:

- September – November income: \$20,043.62; September – November expenses: \$8705.08.

Staff Requests:

- Starbucks submitted by several teachers approved
- Patrick Patterson - \$27 for difference in scholastic books submitted - approved

Old Business:

- Book Fair- Laurie Schwenke, Mrs. Herforth – paid \$384 in taxes, and we made a profit of \$3800. There is a healthy point balance right now.
- Halloween Hoopla Recap – photo booth pictures weren't printing. Rethink prizes to have different variety
- Box Tops – no info
- iPad update – 6 in each class and 15 in library
- Student memorial and star update – Dedication to be on December 1st.

New Business

- SchoolKidz – We will rework the program to fix the problems from last year. We should order a lot earlier. Need to specify brand names for supplies. They compensated us for the service \$1200. Treu's office supply has offered to do supplies too. Sending letter to teachers to ask for their opinions.
- Holiday Shop 12/11-12/13 – everything is purchased and sorted and priced.
- Family Fun Nights- January 19 roller skating, February 23 swimming, and April 6 TBD.
- Spirit Wear in Spring? – will discuss later maybe do it in February or March
- Filling VP and Secretary- vote in at December meeting
- Project graduation donation – tabled for discussion at parent council meeting by Phil on December 6th.

Closing:

Next meeting 12/5 at 6 pm