

Gardner Road Elementary

PTO Minutes

February 13, 2024

Welcome and Introduction: Stephanie Thomas

Stephanie, Autumn, Nikkie, MaryJo, Jackie, Shannon

Community Engagement Committee: Stephanie Thomas

1. Met at the end of January to discuss tours of the construction. Geared towards community members that are not specifically part of the school community.
2. High School, Intermediate, and Middle schools will be the main focus.
3. Someone from the construction company will be there to discuss what is going on.
4. Date: March 12th

Principal's Report: Patrick Patterson

1. 2nd half of the year is here
2. Valentine's Day and 100th day is here
3. Report cards were sent home last week.
4. The lack of blacktop is difficult this year during recess time.
5. The cafeteria will hopefully be done before the end of the school year. They will most likely not use it until next year.
6. The new 11 classrooms will be ready for the fall.

Site Based: Janice Jarvis

1. Starting the discussion about field day since the locations that it could take place are under construction.
2. What are some new events to bring to school?
 - a. Minute to Win It
 - b. Valentine's Across the Country
 - c. Getting into other staff's classrooms to see what others are doing.
3. Begin talking about the consolidation phases and how to support family and staff in new buildings. What specific events can we plan to support the transition?

Treasurer's Report: Autumn Osborne

1. We were under budget for craft night because we were able to use a lot of supplies we already had

All Elementary PTO: Stephanie Thomas / Patrick Patterson

1. Meeting March 6th at Ridge Road

Staff Requests: Open Floor

1. The librarian is asking for funds to pay for an author visit.
 - a. The Arts and Ed funds budget is closed so they are asking for 100% coverage for this event \$3,650.
 - b. Stephanie will go back to Mrs. Herforth to determine if there are other authors who would be available at a lower cost or an event that we could support?
2. Mr. Kirk would like to create a shirt (Gym Class Hero) for our next spirit wear day. We will touch base with the other special area teachers to see if they would be interested in having a shirt.

Old Business:

- **Box Tops / Coke Rewards / Pop Tops**
 1. None
- **Holiday Shoppe follow-up**
 1. A suggestion was made to Mr. Patterson about the possibility of moving the Holiday Shoppe to an evening event.
 2. A survey was created and sent to all staff. 11 responses were received.
 3. We will take into consideration the idea of sending a smaller number of students at a time to shop rather than an entire class.
 4. Working on a way to support families with the voucher system.
- **Math Kangaroo Club**
 1. Going very well.
 2. The package with T-Shirts and Kangaroos arrived but missing the answer cards.
 3. Student tests are in Patrick's safe.
 4. The students are really enjoying the activities.
 5. The test is on March 21 and takes about a 2 hour time frame. 2:30-4:30
- **School Store**
 1. Current total: \$594.54
 2. The team is not thrilled with their current location and has not been as profitable since the end of the holidays.
 3. In the future, the PTO would like the team to use the tax exempt forms when purchasing items.

- **Unfundraiser**

Current total: \$4023.90

Possibly posting a reminder on facebook.

- **Bingo / Craft Night**

1. Both great events.
2. Decent turnout for both nights.
3. Bring clean up supplies

- **Red Robin**

1. Total: \$355.97
2. Reaching out to Applebee's for a possible night at the end of February/beginning of March.

Current / Upcoming:

- **Additional After School Clubs**

1. Cooking club is still a possibility.
2. Spanish Club is no longer an option.
3. Offering it to 2nd and 3rd graders.

- **Woot Woot Wagon**

1. Scheduled to do a date after break.
2. We will pack bags on the 21st at 10am
3. We will pack bags on March 8th for the March 11th date

- **St. Patrick's Day parade**

1. March 9th
2. The meeting spot is in the front of Center Street/High School.
3. MaryJo is planning to donate her trailer for that day. Will be pulled by a tractor/truck.
4. Liz is planning to be in charge of the decorations. It will be happening in the parking lot that morning.

- **Board Game Night**
 1. Same night as the High School Play.
 2. We will check to move the date to March 22nd to avoid the conflict.

- **Carnival / Mud Run logistics**
 1. Spoke to Mike C and the principals at Intermediate and Middle School.
 2. They are fine with our Mud Run but have to be strategic about the location as they have 6th grade celebration the next morning.
 3. We also need to have enough hands to remove all of the items that night.
 4. Will probably be located in the back area of the school.

Carnival

Current Activities

1. Balloon Animals
2. Face Painting
3. Ice Cream Truck
4. Hot Dog Truck

Ride Your Bike to School Day

1. May 17
2. Could officer Wheeler do an activity around Bike Safety?
3. Is there an activity that we could do to incorporate riding your bike?

4th Grade Celebration update

1. The team has met and the plans are moving forward.
2. They plan to use Higher Hope Church

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 6:00 PM