

Gardner Road Elementary
PTO Agenda
September 17, 2024

Attendance:

Kim Malone
Mary Jo Wallner
Autumn Osborne
Nicole Malnoske
Shannon Radford
Stephanie Thomas
Jessica and Mark Carswell
Debbie Chilton
Olena Shatravka
Megan Lawrence
Carrie Youmans
Kevin Landis
DeSean Lee
Veronica Brodniak
Joesana Naidu

Welcome and Introduction: Stephanie Thomas
introduction and Welcome to new parents

Principal's Report: Kim Malone

- Amazing first 2 weeks of school.
- Students are enjoying all of the new learning spaces that are available now.
- Continue to learn new procedures and routines.
- Thanks to all that attend the ice cream social. It was a nice time for families to come together.
- Jared Campbell came last week for an assembly. Works with the students through music to identify a variety of character traits.
- AIMSWEB is currently taking place. Helps to collect data on student level of function and is a piece that supports whether students need extra support.
- Back to School Night is next week on Thursday.
- Career Day is November 15. Parents can reach out to Jenny Sonsire if they are interested in participating.
- Thanks to the Gardner Road community for welcoming her into the school community.

Site Based: Janice Jarvis / Kim Malone

- The Building Leadership Team that develops a plan used within the school that reviews a variety of activities to complete and areas of improvement.
- This year's plan is currently in draft form and once it has been approved, she will bring back updates for PTO.
- *Last year the Site Team asked PTO to help develop a school wide directory. We are looking for input on how we can support that including the possibility of an approved app. Kim will get with Bill G to work on options.

Community Engagement Committee: Stephanie Thomas

- This group is made up of community members who are not necessarily part of the school building. They help to plan activities to support and engage the community in our schools.
- Have not met yet this year.
- First meeting will be the week of September 23.

Redistricting Committee: Stephanie Thomas / Kim Malone

- Made up of a variety of people that are employed by the district.
- The purpose is to make sure that the transition from 4 to 3 schools is smooth and all members feel included.
- The first meeting will be held the week of September 23.

Treasurer's Report: Autumn Osborne

- The Annual Budget was reviewed in the summer months and was shared with the attendees at today's meeting.
- Attendees were given the opportunity to review the budget and ask questions about activities and costs.
- Conversations about fundraisers.

All Elementary PTO: Stephanie Thomas / Kim Malone

- Members from all PTOs.
- Meet a few times a year to plan the 4th grade Unity Day.

Staff Requests: Open Floor

- Staff members are eligible for \$50 each for school supplies.
- They turn in receipts and receive reimbursement.
- Staff is also able to ask for requests above their \$50 for approval from PTO.

Old Business:

Ice Cream Social

- Great to see everyone and we had a great turn out.
- Families had a great time and we did not run out of ice cream.

Current / Upcoming:

PTO Budget discussion and member vote/approval

Feedback from google survey sent to families

- Meeting time is not convenient for families.
- Creating a direct link where families can find the minutes from each meeting.
- Creating a google doc for each meeting to get feedback.
- Creating a google doc for each event or QR code for the event.

Ideas include:

- Create a video to post on facebook to share information on what the PTO does for students and families.

Math Kangaroo & After School Clubs

- Math Club will continue again this year with Jackie.
- We will need PTO representation during that time.
- Parents who are interested in participating with a club can reach out.

School store (start date 9/20?)

- School store runs every Friday from 8:00-8:30.
- Will attempt to start in the cafeteria on September 27
- Question about the items that are being sold at the school store. Why are they not allowed to sell specific items?
- Kim will support the selling of “fidget” type items but must not be used as a toy.

Open House 9/26

- What can be offered at the table?
- Calendar of Events
- Check to see if The Last Stand is available for the night of.

Spirit Wear sale

- The company is ready whenever the school is.
- There have been concerns with using Finger Lakes Sign and Design.
- Possibly looking into a new company for the future.
- The rebranding of the schools will make everyone a “blue raider.”

“Unfundraiser”

Was comparable to the previous year's chocolate sales.
Incentives were given throughout the year.
Conversation about whether to provide sponsorships for events.

Craft Night 10/4

Always looking for volunteers to lead a craft.
Autumn will come up with 4-5 crafts.

Mud Run date needs TBD

Nikkie will change the date in facebook when we have a date
May have to be at the intermediate school again this year.
Will only happen if we have enough volunteers for it to happen.

Applebee's Dine to Donate - October 23rd

Red Robin - November 14th

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 16th, 6:00pm