

GES PTA Board Meeting – 08-28-2007

Present: Ann Gardner, Principal Seidel, David Lang, Alan Turnbull, Susan Breon,

Presidents Report:

Welcome, intro of officers:

Teachers welcome back events went well. 5th grade sent us thank you.

We need teachers to join PTA

Parent for is not appropriate for teachers – made new form.

Need people to check membership for people coming to Tues PTA mtg.

First 15 min of meeting for meet and greet. Oreos must be used.

Principals Report:

Thanks for teacher welcome back events

Lunch and recess will be discussed. Following last years times.
Instructional minutes required make it tough.

2 more monitors approved for recess/lunch. One identified, looking for a second 10:45 - 1:45.

Looking for someone to commit for the year.

Logistics will go faster once all are trained.
Safety is first priority.

Will be able to move freely once all are acclimated to equipment and logistics.

Is it because we are short monitors that we have no recess a couple days? 2 days inclement weather and had one monitor leave early Friday.

Slide was removed last year and opening has been blocked of and is obviously not permanent. (AT)

Open door policy – please feel welcome to ask questions / share concerns.

Teachers might want to explain to the older kids that things will change as we all get used to each other and the school.

First in Math/Accelerated reader.

Lockheed Martin might pay for First in Math – \$6/child. Some are purchased county and some by Tag program.

Alan T to follow up on First in Math program.

Need to find out how much money is needed to take to businesses.
(AT) Might be too small a number to contribute. They have said they are really interested in Girls with science and Math.

Would they fund field trips? (PS)

How about Fingerprinting?

NASA Visitor center might be an option with more money, NASA and Lockheed parents and smaller groups.

U of M is a possibility for field trips (smaller groups)

Events?

Math night, science night?

PG Tag will do Math night, science night could be science fair.

Ms Harris would consider parent sponsored, [Odyssey of the Mind] Event. (2nd? To High School grades) needs strong parent.

Treasurers Report

Susan will have July and Aug budget – will briefly explain. Budget can be amended at any time through the year.

Books and weather are looking good for book sale.

Public works will send a truck for taking books away after the fair.

Committee Reports

Labor Day Festival Report

There is a spot in the Greenbelt Parade for the book sale. Kids pulling books, car decorated with books.

A lot of messages on Greenbelters listserv about how long and where to

Take books (D. Lang) Sale site is behind New Deal Café – 20' x 40' tent.

Environmental Health Committee (Jim)

Things are looking good but there's more to do.
We have the last indoor air quality assessment report.

Anne is inclined to keep Mold report brief.

We should announce areas for after meeting discussions about specific topics.

Front music room needs a carpet. We discovered CTY has requirements for carpet. Industrial room sized, rubber lipped carpet. We still need to get a price. Should find out what music teachers want. Ms Cases carpet is good, similar to pre-K carpets and could be bought by school, offset by PTA purchase of another good/service.

New Business

Fingerprinting - Marsha Boyd or David Lang. October, 26-9 at GES .

Only people alone with children need fingerprinting.

\$8 commercial BG check will cover field trip chaperones (PS)

\$66 dollar processing covers you for all time in PG county.

Expect 20-30 new volunteers.

Perhaps Lockheed would commit to \$\$ for math and science tutor processing.

Co-Op grant would cover 15 new tutors

Community foundation (Sept 15th deadline)

PTA could commit to cover if community foundation grant is awarded.

\$66 applicants could pay \$10 towards it

Walk to School day is Oct 3. Kids could log miles walked , photo op,

School directory

Events committee – need events committee chair.

Chuck-E-Cheese etc. Brings out a number of people that don't go to other events

Other schools have a series of restaurant nights.

Teachers Lounge

We have 500 in budget to do something with lounge. Pam Bernier has expressed interested in taking this on.

YoJo

Great assembly. K-2 promoting reading , 3-5/6 promoting good habits / skills

\$1000.00

Offers referral discount.

(PGAC arts in education grant? Chris will look into)

Put it to the membership

We usually spend money on performers

In general assemblies are not as frequent as could be

UMD groups might come as they required to do events.

Should we use school calendar to define events

Monthly event?

Reflections Program

National PTA Event: "I can make a difference by..."

Mrs Morisette will coordinate with Art teacher.

Could put judged art show aligned with book fair.

Speakers

2 main objectives – advocacy and parent education

Need speakers on school related and or parenting issues

Accepting ideas for speakers.

Evelyn M will get info on speaker from Greenbelt Center

After School Classes (City of Greenbelt Recreation department classes)

Surveys are out - Parents would payfor classes but could provide teachers if we provide spaces.

Need facilities use permit

Would want to open up to other schools if we could not fill classes

Eve Gressa(?) offered to come in and teach knitting and origami (groups of 10, older kids) After Christmas earliest

Additional Fundraisers

Greenraising.com – online shopping will give 25% to us from buying through them online. (footlocker and 1800 flowers have similar programs)

Cookbooks – \$2-\$5 /book cost – sell for \$8/\$15. (ned content by October)

Suggestion to put all programs on one page for people to refer to sign up for programs.