

GRACE N. ROGERS PTO meeting minutes 9/24/19

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 / 7:00PM / GNR Library

1. ROLL CALL -Board members introduced:

Jane Davis & Tina Lands, Presidents

Crystal Gresh & Susan Doty, VPs of Fundraising

Tara Cesaro, VP of Events

Beth Nagle, Treasurer

Abbi Clissold, Corresponding Secretary

Jenni Rispoli, Recording Secretary

Abi Rivenburgh, Webmaster

Jackee Flores, Translator

2. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Ms. Laura Vetere, Interim Principal

Thanked the PTO for the staff breakfast and discussed smooth transition to the beginning of the school year.

The full STEM lab will be opening Thursday. There are plans to add a baseball Court to the playground and purchase swings for the preschool.

On September 26th picture day will take place in the health room on October 22nd picture day makeups will take place.

October 7th through 11th will be respect week. Children will have time in the abilities room where they will learn a lesson, listen to a speaker and then try out different stations.

Guidance counselors are working on a fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

October 14th will be the anti-bullying assembly.

3. SPECIAL GUEST - Mr. Mark Daniels, Superintendent

Thanked the PTO for support and commitment as well as the GNR staff.

Discussed that the stem lab will be implemented Thursday.

Discussed plans to expand the Arts including band and strings exposure.

Discussed the district goal to promote student growth through middle school and high school.

Plan to re-establish data teams to track students progress.

Continuation of SEL program and expansion to teach strategies throughout all classes and all grade levels.

Discusses past work on the building including cleaning up water in the basement and installing a generator. working toward making the school more attractive and having a more open floor plan.

October 28th will be the board meeting where they will discuss the former parcc test.

Plans to improve accessible information as well as to engage an update parents. Online Friday folder sent out weekly with updates.

Requested parents reach out to him if they have any thoughts or questions about the district.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT - Mrs. Beth Nagle

PTO began the year with \$3000

Budgeted income \$22000

Need \$5000 more in fundraising

5. OLD BUSINESS

A: 2018/2019 School Gifts- 2 picnic tables, soccer goals, 3D printer, Ipad carts

B: End of Year Carnival - 06.13.19

C: Back to School Gift Cards for Teachers

\$25 in visa gift card to teachers - 09.3.19

D: Back to School Breakfast for Staff - 09.9.19

E: Dairy Queen - 09.17.19

F: Back to School Night (Open House) Spirit wear and pencil grams sold - 09.19.19

G: Back to School Picnic (@WCB) - 09.20.19

6. NEW BUSINESS

A: Upcoming Events

1. Fall Picture Day (9.26.19) *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*
2. Halloween Dance (10.25.19) "Spikes Spooktacular. Costume contest, games, DJ *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*
3. Halloween Parade (10.31.19) 9:15 AM children can wear costumes on the bus. 3-5 parade at 9:15, K-2 parade 1:45 pm *Room Parents - Reach Out to Teachers*

B: Current Fundraisers - PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE CHECKS OUT TO GNR PTO

1. Spirit Wear (Online Store Closes 9/27/19)
2. Meadow Farms (Ends 10/3/19)
3. Write-a-Check (On-Going, Raffle Deadline 10.31.19)

C: Upcoming Fundraisers

1. Scholastic All for Books (10.7.19 - 10.11.19) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
2. Scholastic Book Fair (10.14.19 - 10.18.19 - *Family Night* 10.17.19)
3. Eat Out Night @ T.G.I. Friday's (10.24.19)
4. Eat Out Night TBD (Nov 2019)

D: Ongoing Fundraisers

1. Eat Out Nights (Monthly)
2. Empties for Cash
3. McCaffrey's Receipts
4. Box Tops - Coordinator needed
5. Amazon Smile
6. Mabel's Labels
7. Coming Soon: Year-Round Gift Cards, Art-To-Remember and others. Possible rummage sale, car wash for make a wish foundation, possible movie nite, around the world community event

Future events:

March, Ice cream bingo

June, Carnival, committee members needed

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Volunteer Opportunities:

- a. We are ALWAYS in need of volunteers to help run our events! We can't do it without you! Don't see something that fits with your schedule? Email us with questions @ gnrpto@gmail.com. Visit us at www.GNRPTO.org and don't forget to follow us on Facebook & Twitter.
- b. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the marquee sign, social media, 5th grade committee, bulletin board and trophy case.

2. Next PTO Meeting: Wednesday, 11/20/19 @ 7pm in Library

3. GNR PTO is now on REMIND! If you'd like updates about upcoming meetings, events, fundraisers, spirit days, etc. sent directly to your phone, please sign up at www.remind.com or through the Remind APP with your child's appropriate Class Code(s) listed below:

- a. Pre-K @ D78BFK
- b. 3rd @ 4FAD337
- c. 4th @ KAE794
- d. 5th @ GNRPT

8. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Kidstuff books will be advertised at GNR when sold at WCB

Committee members needed for 5th grade events

Parent question to Ms. Vetere: Is HW consistent across the grade?

Answer: It should be consistent

PTO board thanked everyone for attending

9. ADJOURNMENT