

Geyser Road Elementary School PTO - Meeting Minutes - November 19th, 2024

Attendees: Cody Conley - Principal, Rachel Ponessa- Co-President, Annie Brill - Co-President, Kim Priest - Treasurer, Jess Quigley-Secretary, Jessica Hirliman - 5th Grade Co-Chair, Marissa Izykowski - AIE Chair, Tonya Robinson - Communications Chair, Ali Gallagher, Ali Fowler-Kelly, Renay Dippert - Art To Remember Chair, Jen Sidney - Teacher Representative, Carrie Lyons, Brooke Cannie - Teacher Representative

Principal's Message -

- PTO Math Night reminder - 11/20
- Scholastic Book Fair - Gretchen Thomas has taken over as the Librarian. She will be running the book fair this year.
- Orchard Project - Brooke Cannie - City is giving out an application for \$100,000 grants. Geyser filled out an application and made it to the final round. Asking for PTO support for getting the word out to the public. The most votes wins. City is sending QR code to begin voting.
- Arts In Ed - Does Cody need to reach out to teachers?

Treasurer's Report - Kim

- As of 11/17/2024 \$17,396.25
- See Treasurer's Report for more detailed information

5th Grade Committee Update- Jess

- Coupon Books run until December 2nd
- Hoffman Carwash will start next week
- 11/14 Movie made approximately \$1,300

Arts In Education - Marissa - We have \$8700 from Boces, and \$5,000 from PTO to spend.

- Monarch Program for 1st Grade
- Ballet program for Kindergarten
- Yoga for all grades
- Mr. Mike for 4th Grade

Review Action Items from October

- Rachel-Waltons - Will present at December meeting, Talked to Jeff about sizing - he said they can give us smaller sizes. Annie and Rachel are meeting to come up with a new list of options for Geyser Gear to present to us at the December meeting.
- Tonya - Funny advertisement for Armchair - Change the name every quarter. Tonya and Carrie will work together to create a color coded fundraising Calendar.
- Lisa - Reach out to Division Street PTA about Holiday Sale - Lisa is on it.

- Marissa - Check out Simply Yours - *Did not respond* - Neighborhood Kitchen gave us a \$500 check (\$250 from meal deal, and \$250 donation)
- Jess and Maureen will figure out Gecko Grants to get to Cody - Maureen is working on changing the Google Form to a Teams form.
- Bi-weekly PTO Update - Tonya will send to Cody - Cody will send us dates. Tonya is doing a great job!

Upcoming Events:

- Art To Remember Fundraiser (10/31-11/18) - Renay
- Family Math Night (11/20) - Annie
- Greenery Sale - Open now - Rachel
- Holiday Shop Update (12/17-12/19) - Lisa
- Parent's Night Out - December 13th - Jess and Maureen
- Snow Ball and Chilli Cook Off (1/17) - Rachel
- 5th Grade Pasta Night (2/7) - Jess and Maureen
- Valentine Gram (2/14)

Open Discussion/New Fundraising Ideas:

- Annie is looking for ideas for local business that would be interested in donating. Email her with any information.
- Ali Gallagher - Local resident - Sharing information about tutoring business. Pre-K-5th. Reading and Writing, kids who are struggling, needing confidence, not homework - teaching to what they need. We will put Ali's information on our website, and include it in our next Smore update.

Art to Remember Fundraiser - Renay will send us information for next year's chair

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6pm. We meet in the Geyser Road Elementary School Library.

November Action Items

- Carrie and Tonya will get together and work on Fundraiser Calendar
- Brooke will send us the QR Code to share for voting when she gets it.
- Send any ideas for local businesses who may donate to our year end fundraising campaign to Annie ASAP



