

Geyser Road Elementary PTO

September 17, 2024

6:00 Geyser Road Library

Attendees: Cody Conley - Principal, Rachel Ponessa- Co-President, Annie Brill - Co-President, Jess Quigley-Secretary, Kim Priest -Treasurer, Maureen Agostinello - 5th Grade Co-Chair, Jessica Hirliman - 5th Grade Co-Chair, Marissa Izykowski - AIE Chair, Lisa Zabielski, Carrie Lyons, Renay Dippert, Kenny B, Morgan Scheib

Principal's Message:

Year is going well! Kids are smiling and are amazing.

President's Message:

Welcome! Our goal for this year is to recruit new members and to diversify who is running the events. Looking for new faces and new ideas! We have a full schedule but we can always remove or update events. We are looking forward to a great year!

Treasure's Report:

Topics For Discussion:

*Drama Club: Cost is \$122 with shipping for the club package, script and CD. (Vote-Yes) Club advisors asked if we are able to purchase T Shirts for the cast this year at \$8 per shirt. (Maureen - It would be good to have a framework of how much we are able to budget for each event, for example the Drama Club is given x-amount every year. Cody - The form for teachers to fill out to request money is not up to date. Annie and Rachel - Working on updating Grants 'Gecko Grants) Pin in Tshirts until we get a budget in October

*Fall Catalog: Starts 9/20, ends 10/4 (We will look for someone to lead this event. Lisa volunteered to chair this event. Rachel will train Lisa this year to take this over).

*Color Run (10/5) We need to purchase Color Powder, sunglasses, mini bubbles rubber band bracelets, and shoe Charms. 50% of pledges go to PE Department, 50% of pledges go to the American Cancer Society.

*Picture Day (10/1) Volunteer Sign up passed around. (6 people)

*Trunk or Treat (10/26, Rain Date 10/27) Sign ups for volunteers, Bake Sale, and Trunks. Change to 2 hours instead of 3 hours.

November -

*Greenery - Jess Quigley will check in with her contact at BOCES to see if we could make more money than we do through Sunnyside.

December - Holiday Sale - Lisa Zabielski will chair this event

New Business/Q&A:

Jess Q.- Can we have a sign-up available for more community involvement?
(Will post on website and FB)

Marissa - Zoom meetings - We may get more involvement with the option to virtually join. We will try to set this up for the new year.

Jess Q. - Proposal to meet at 5:45 for the board only to go over items that only pertain to the board.

Marissa - Neighborhood Kitchen fundraiser - Should we do it every 2 or 3 months? We make \$5-6 per order. She will look into when we can do it again.

Rachel - We need to nominate a new Vice President. Lisa Zabielski volunteered.

Cody - We had previously discussed having the PTO put in charge of room parents. Cody discussed this idea with teacher, and they said no.

Jess H. - We should end each meeting with a list of 'Action Items' so everyone knows what needs to be done for the next meeting, and who will be completing the tasks.

Action Items for October:

Proposed Budget Items for the year from past reports - Treasurer

Jess Q. needs access to secretary account email account and the website- Rachel will give it to her.

Secretary will make Meeting Agenda (email items 7-10 days in advance of next meeting to have something added to the next Agenda)

Check out Simply Yours for family meals

Check out FB Live for meetings - Marissa

Gecko Grants -Google Form and Paper - Jess

Geyser Road Google Drive - Marissa

Next Meeting -

October 15th at 6:00 in the Library