

## **Geyser Road Elementary School PTO - Meeting Minutes - February 11th, 2025**

**Attendees:** Cody Conley - Principal, Rachel Ponessa - Co-President, Lisa Zabielski - Vice President, Kim Priest - Treasurer, Marissa Izykowski - AIE Chair, Maureen Agostinello - 5th Grade Co-Chair, Michelle Renner - Teacher, Gretchen Thomas - Teacher, Karen Miller, Tonya Robinson - Communications Chair

### **Principal's Message - Cody Conley**

The PTO Bylaws need to be clear, understood, and followed. Changes will be submitted on or after July 15th when we file taxes. Kim said that most of the time when bylaws are submitted, the non-profit is audited, which is concerning because the books from previous years are not complete.

The PTO decisions need to be made based on a lens of inclusiveness of all students. The PTO needs a mission statement.

Internal communications should happen over email, unless it is something that needs immediate attention.

### **Treasurer's Report - Kim**

- Balance: \$19,145 Available: \$12,485

### **5th Grade Committee Update- Maureen**

- Pasta dinner was a big success;
- 2/27 Ice Cream Social will kick off the Raise 360 fundraiser - 6:30-7:30

### **Arts In Education - Marissa**

- Marissa will get info to Mrs. Thomas
- Third grade is thinking of scheduling a program
- Idea for a meeting with teachers to solicit more ideas and participation

### **Gecko Grants**

- The Art department asked for 10% of Art to Remember - Kim will talk to Mrs. Palella to see what she needs
- Kate asked for \$200 for supplies for the nurses office - PTO will hold donation drive by grade to try to restock the supplies. Kim will get a list from her.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Valentine Gram (2/14) Kim
- Read-A-Thon Fundraiser (3/3-3/7) Kim is working with Mrs. Thomas
- Neighborhood Kitchen Fundraiser (3/12)
- Bowling Night (3/13)

### **Open Discussion:**

- **BELT Committee**-Committee is working on student's response to and understanding of bullying; They are educating students and parents on the difference between conflict, joking, teasing, and bullying.
- Mrs. Thomas is looking to solicit new and gently used books. We will send out a donation flyer.
- Mrs. Fields Fundraiser - Lisa (decision was made to skip this fundraiser)
- Marissa is looking into a Yankee Candle fundraiser
- Discussion about the "Not a Fundraiser, Fundraiser" for Teacher Appreciation Week
- Discussion of sending home notice for board openings - Should all positions be opened since bylaws haven't been followed?

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 18th, 2025 at 6pm

