

Gardner Road Elementary

PTO Minutes

October 2, 2023

Welcome and Introduction: Stephanie Thomas

Parent Council: Liz O'Dell-Wehling

No longer a group. The name has been changed to the Community Engagement Committee and are inviting PTO presidents.

Community Engagement Committee: Stephanie Thomas

Sue Pirozzolo is the chairperson of this committee.

Unsure of the purpose of this committee or our purpose being there at this time.

Principal's Report: Patrick Patterson

Not much new to share

Things are going smoothly at this point. Turn out for events has been good.

Concerns about parking at large events.

Kids seem to be unphased by the construction and changes in the building.

Construction team has been very good about supporting the staff with their work and the distractions that it can cause.

Site Based: Janice Jarvis

Site based plan is being finalized and will be presented at tomorrow's staff meeting.

There will be events every 10 weeks. The next one is a Story Walk (Construction theme). There will be a touch a truck event with a story.

Picture Day was amazing! Hands down the smoothest picture day we have had.

Treasurer's Report: Autumn Osborne

New budget is ready for approval

We now have a Venmo @GarderRdPTO

Confirmed that we are still eligible for our 501c3 based on the maximum amount allowed in savings.

All Elementary PTO: Stephanie Thomas / Patrick Patterson

Haven't met yet. Will reach out to determine when a good time to meet is.

Staff Requests: Open Floor

Officer Wheeler would like us to purchase the glow sticks for Halloween.

Old Business:

Box Tops / Amazon Smile / Coke Rewards / Pop Tops

No news

Open House 9/28

See above

Spirit Wear (sale ended 10/8)

No news

Math Kangaroo / After School Club

Great turn out! Looking for extra help or adding extra days.

Need to check to see if there is extra space.

Students will have the choice to go to Math Club or Recess.

School Store

Opened this week for the first time.

Needs to have a change in location (closer to D wing, between K and A)

\$176 on the first day.

Current / Upcoming:

Pumpkin Decorating – Thursday, October 26 at IS Cafe

Pumpkins are coming from Button Pumpkin Patch

Will need to get the supplies from the storage shed

Stephanie is not available.

Make A Difference Day (October 28th, 10am - 12pm) --> Animal Shelter Donations

Collecting donations for the animal shelter, including at the pumpkin painting event. Saturday at Ridge Road. Looking for help at the table.

Halloween Parade raffle (10/31, 1:20pm)

Will draw from the list of those who signed up at the PTO table.

Veteran's Day concert (11/13)

PTO will provide a snack.

Usually around 50 Veterans and their family

Photo Booth available for before the concert.

Comic-Con (November 11-12)

Talked with Ms. Santorone about it and it fell apart pretty quickly. The student teacher is required to cover a variety of topics before they leave which made it difficult to find the time.

Photo Booth with Zeke and a character ed coloring sheet.

Fall Book Fair (11/17 - 11/29)

Memorial Bench for student

Bench for a student that passed in the summer.

PTO is being asked to donate.

Janice Jarvis will be in contact with the family to choose a bench.

Additional after school clubs?

Pause until next meeting

New Fundraiser – “Un-Fundraiser”

Is ready to send out.

Will provide prizes at varying levels.

Red Robin Fundraiser

Table until next meeting

Applebees also does this

Salvation Army – bell ringers?

Woot Woot Wagon

Budget allows for us to complete 7 times per year.

November 1
January 3
February 26
March 11
April 29
May 28
June 20

Look into treats for troops
Be kind stickers for peers

Rocks around the building

Attendance

Patrick
Autumn
Nikkie
Stephanie
Liz
Jackie
Caroline Rennie
MaryJo Wallner
Shannon Radford

Next Meeting: November 15th 6:00 PM