

Dogwood Elementary General PTO Meeting
September 17, 2019
Dogwood Cafeteria
Recorded by Holly Kulp/Typed by Leanne Howell

Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Gates | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stacy High | <input type="checkbox"/> Kayla Pence |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holly Kulp | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Brown | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Laird |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nabiha Huda | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Thorn | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tiffany Smith |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Viotti | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hayley White | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annabella Brandon |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christina Hester | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Midha | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Navarro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leanne Howell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Strain | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ellen Moak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gayle Higley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie McGill | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teresa Price |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paula Bailey | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamie Bialowitz | <input type="checkbox"/> Heather Fisher |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Carter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Casey Carrilo | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joye Phipps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kristen Boccher | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carie Alley | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carrie Mayrhofer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Wildrick | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amy Wenzel | <input type="checkbox"/> Kristen Waddell | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Brown | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Gee | |

Elizabeth Gates called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Brandi Fitchpatric, school counselor, presented.

- GMSD Discrimination, Bullying and Harrasment Policy-in handbook
- Conflict vs. Bullying chart-on website
- Roles students play in bullying situations: DES encourages students to be defenders
- School responsibility
 - Safe place
 - Bullying prevention framework
 - Promote social-emotional learning
 - Investigation of every complaint
 - Counselor support
- Olweus Bullying Prevention Program-Kickoff in January 2020.
 - Will rollout in stages. Will be in all GMSD schools
 - 3rd thru 5th grade online surveys in October
 - Staff training in November
- Above the Line Program-reinforced in guidance and in classrooms
- Second Step Curriculum-All GMSD elementary and middle schools involving empathy, emotional control, and problem solving
- Color Your World With Kindness Video

Elizabeth Gates-Previous meeting's minutes were presented. No changes suggested. They will stand as written.

Linda Fisher, GMSD School Board:

- Discussed building remodeling: all new LED lighting, new ceiling tiles next year

Executive Board Reports

President's Report-Elizabeth Gates

- Thank you to Tiffany Smith. Donation Drive raised \$32,329.00 total. Appropriations committee will give report at upcoming PTO meeting on distribution of this money.
- Thank you to Jamie Bialowitz for great work on Membership.
- Thank you to Jamie McGill for organizing a great READO celebration for students with Mama D's Italian Ice.
- Thank you to Christina Hester and Gayle Higley for great behind the scenes work on financials.
- Yard Signs are still available.
- Bingo Night as a huge success.
- More health room volunteers are needed. Sign up on the PTO website.
- Code Ninjas in Collierville is partnering with DES. If you sign up and mention DES we will get a percentage.
- Box Tops-download the app and scan your receipts. Go to the website and print your report to send in with your child. Each child will get credit. September 27th is the due date to turn in the report.
- Sign up for your Kroger card to be linked to DES PTO.
- DES Board Members-
 - 10/1 is the GMC Council Dinner and Learn. 9/25 is the RSVP deadline.
 - If your committee had volunteers to sign up, you received an email from Jamie Bialowitz. Please email the volunteers to welcome them to your committee.
 - Please continue to keep up with your volunteer hours.
- Picture Day is Friday, September 20th. Please volunteer to help by visiting the website.
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid pre-orders for our Book Fair are due on 10/2.
- Marcos Spirit Night on 10/2.

Treasurer's Report-Christina Hester

- August financial report available.
- All checks have been paid.
- Amazing push with Donation Drive to help meet our goal. We were about \$10,000 short of goal Labor Day weekend.
- \$900 over budget on projected income from Membership dues.

Principal's Report-Teresa Price

- Honor Choir Applications due 9/27 for 4th and 5th graders.

- Stomach bug going through school (6-10 day bug).
- Sensory room is up and running-great job to Ms. Borgman for setting it up.
- Tutoring will be held in the multi-purpose room on the 5th grade hall.
- Case 21 testing is coming up next week-baseline testing
- Field trips are being planned
- Appropriations committee is going over options for outdoor classroom. Working with Eagle Scout as well.
- Working on barrier between parking lot and playground. Student services has written a grant for 110 foot fence line. Operations will be able to landscape around fencing.
- Playground - 4 square is coming when proper paint is on site. Volleyball posts have been ordered.
- Planning for shade areas on playground with Appropriations - one 25' by 25', and two 16' by 16'.
- Next meeting is State of the School on 10/8 at 6:15 pm.
 - Address capital improvements
 - Discuss DES test score performance compared with the state averages
 - Discuss programs, curriculum and clubs
 - Discuss mission and vision statements

Committee Reports

Family Movie Night-Tina Thorn

- 10 days away, on 9/27 showing the movie *Up*.
- Posters are up in the hallways advertising.
- Food Trucks that night will be Yippy Trippy, Top Dawgs, Grisanti's 9Dough1, and MempoPs. All take credit cards.
- Next week a flyer with the menus will be posted online.
- Passport for the kids that night to visit different stations. They get a stamp at each. Complete them all and get a bottle cap.
- Art station-students' work will be displayed in the hallways after event.
- Need lots of help for set up, event and clean up. Please see sign up genius to volunteer (can be middle or high school students).
- Movie is at 7:15, and pre-movie activities start at 6:15.

Legislative-Ryan Strain

- GMSD Board Meeting was last night. Discussed revisions to a few policies. Please see GMSD website where the changes will be highlighted.

Beautification-Paula Bailey

- 10/2 is Walk/Bike to School Day.
 - Encourages health, helps environment, and provides opportunity for safety lessons
 - Will have stamps and sidewalk chalk
- Working with high school students to collect recycling

- Please contact Paula with any other ideas.

Old Business-none

New Business-none

Next Meeting will be 10/8 at 6:15 pm.

Meeting was adjourned by Elizabeth Gates at 9:47 am.