

DES PTO General Meeting
March 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm via Zoom
Recorded by Leanne Howell

Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Viotti | <input type="checkbox"/> Stacy High | <input type="checkbox"/> Aimee Puryear |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carie Alley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Brown | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marley Slutz |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nabiha Huda | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Thorn | <input type="checkbox"/> Leigh Daigle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holly Kulp | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hayley White | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiffany Hatcher Smith |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christina Hester | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Webb | <input type="checkbox"/> Annabella Brandon |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leanne Howell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Scoggin | <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Gates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christina Arnold | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamie McGill | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Woody |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beth Ueleke | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamie Bialowitz | <input type="checkbox"/> Heather Fisher |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Carter | <input type="checkbox"/> Debbie Brown | <input type="checkbox"/> Joye Phipps |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carrie Mayrhofer | <input type="checkbox"/> Katie Laird | <input type="checkbox"/> Robin Snipes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jana Savage | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenna Cox | <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Martens |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bethany Slocum | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristen Waddell | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Gee | |

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm by Karen Viotti.

No changes for February minutes. Minutes will stand as written.

Please sign in to chat for attendance purposes.

Jessica Woody, DES Principal:

- TY for continued flexibility from PTO/staff/teachers/parents.
- 5th Grade Promotion: Wednesday, May 19th, 5th graders will come dressed for Holland Studios to take their promotion picture. They may change clothes afterwards, and the 5th graders will picnic together outside that day to celebrate with a catered lunch. Thursday, May 20th, from 9:30 til 10:30 will be a drive thru celebration for the 5th graders involving all DES students/faculty. Grandparents may travel in car with you if they would like to participate.
- GMSD Virtual Stampede-registration brings money back to DES. The GEF supplies grants for teachers through this also. Please participate/register if possible!
- HMS-working on video/virtual tour for incoming 6th graders.

Karen Viotti, PTO President:

- Please sign up for GMSD Stampede. T-shirts for participants will be distributed through the student's school. May need volunteers to help with distribution.
- 5th Grade gift-40 copies (enough for all classrooms) of the 2021 Presidential Inaguration Poem to be displayed. 5th graders may also participate by making artwork in this theme which will be displayed in the hallways.

- STAR Awards-4/22 Mrs. Boyce, Nurse Madhi, and Michelle Midha will be honored at an event at GMSD offices.
- Essay contest winners will be announced mid March also.
- No GMC art contest this year. Hopefully, in the fall this will occur.
- GMSD main website will be introducing use of a “bot” to help answer questions. Volunteers are needed to assist with “training” the question bot. Contact Kate Crowder if interested.
- The district has recently stated that there are no plans to have hybrid school schedules in the fall. All schools should have fully in-person schedules. The district will likely have a fully virtual learning academy option for families wishing to be fully virtual. More info to come.
- DES Outdoor classroom bid will be voted on tonight at the GMSD meeting.
- TY to those who attended our special meeting last month to vote on funds from PTO budget being reallocated for the purchase of Li Board for the gymnasium. The check has been given to the school for that.
- TY for continued volunteering as asked for from PTO board and DES families.
- Some difficulty is persisting with getting a vendor chosen for our Read a Thon. Still hoping to have a Spring fundraiser, but may end up being in the fall due to some difficulties. TY to Jennifer Brown for continued work on this.

Jennifer Brown, Dolphinfest:

- To this point, the options for vendors haven't been desirable. Some don't offer a contract (which we feel necessary to protect our investment), some require pre-purchase of books. Please send any suggestions you might have to Jennifer Brown.

Nabiha Huda, VP Hospitality:

- Teacher Appreciation Week-more info coming later this month.

Christina Hester, Treasurer:

- Shares financials on screen for February. Beginning Feb balance: \$60,161.35. Ending balance: \$59,209.15.
- Amazon smile deposit made in February for \$89.64.
- If you have questions about your budget, please email CH.

Hayley White, Field Day:

- Field Day being discussed, info coming.

Ryan Scoggins, Legislative:

- GMSD approved a network admin for the district-help with IT and devices.
- Bathroom renos in district were approved.
- Outdoor classroom vote coming this evening-email coming announcing result.
- State Legislation passed requiring testing participation of at least 80% to keep schools from being held accountable for learning loss. The district is asking virtual students to appear in person during testing days to participate in TCAP. Also, 3rd graders TCAP

testing scores may be used for recommendations to retain students under this new legislation. Could put a large burden on schools. GMSD is currently consulting with other area school districts in putting together a request for a waiver for this legislation.

- An email from RS will be coming to further describe the above mentioned new legislation to education families on its potential impact. Email any questions to RS.

Jenna Cox, PTO 2021/2022 Board Selection Chair:

- Slate presented for 2021/2022 Board with a few positions still unfilled. Please email JC with any suggestions for those positions. Full slate will be presented at 4/6/2021 meeting, and vote will take place.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm.