

Joseph Giles Elementary School PTO Minutes

September 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

In Attendance:

Parents: Vanessa Howell, Angela Lancaster, Marlene MacKenzie, Erica MacKenzie, Jessica Hurdis, Jeanine Mumford, Charity Snow, Leigh Redstone Chambers, Laura Cound, Michelle Benoit, Sarah Damasiewicz, Karen Evans.

Staff: Keri McLeod, Jimmy Hurley, Cathy Brown.

Approval of Minutes:

N/A

The PTO

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss outgoing classroom funds, upcoming fundraisers, and the ice cream social.

The Budget

- At the end of last year, the PTO account balance was \$12,362.00.
- As in previous years, the PTO will pay out \$350/class *10 classes for field trips (\$3500) and classroom funds in the amount of \$1500 (10 classrooms plus phys. Ed, resource, art, learning center and music). This will leave us with a balance of ~\$7000.00 going into the school year.

Principal's Statement

Mr. Hurley introduced himself and stated that he has a hands-on approach to educating, both in the classroom and outdoors with the students. He would like to continue to send out frequent communication by way of newsletters, email and a revamped school website.

Old Business

- N/A

New Business

- Curriculum Night/Ice cream social:
 - Mrs. McLeod mentioned that it might be more convenient to provide packaged ice cream/novelties rather than scoops of ice cream from the large tubs. We will price it out and see which option has more cost-savings. There are 232 students plus their families so we will need to plan for approximately 400 servings.
 - Ice cream will take place during the second hour of the curriculum night.
- Greeting Cards:
 - The PTO had the opportunity to purchase boxes of greeting cards (all-occasion and birthday) that we will sell for \$30/box as an upcoming fundraiser.

- We would like to run this fundraiser soon, before the Apple Valley pie fundraiser that takes place in November. Information will be sent home shortly regarding these cards.

Announcements/Comments/Concerns

- Mr. Hill has made a request for the PTO to provide \$200 for activities and snacks for the Terry Fox day he is planning for later this month.
- Mrs. McLeod mentioned that the school has some ideas for designing a new school mascot and there would be an opportunity to purchase products with this new design.
- Jessica Hurdis mentioned that Turf Masters has created some beautiful natural playgrounds around the city and Mr. Hurley added that he and Mr. Hill have been talking about applying for a grant for sprucing up the playground equipment and schoolyard.
- The school can always use more balls and outdoor toys for the students to play with at recess/lunch if anyone has items to donate.
- Healthy Hunger will be starting up soon with new options for lunches for students.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting will be held Monday, October 7th.