

Garrisonville Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2021



Meeting Called to Order by Erica Edenton at 6:30pm

Welcome

Overview of Budget

- Enough funds to cover current monthly bills (copier, water cooler, etc)
- “Extras” to be paid for through donations, spirit nights, gator gear

Boosterthon

- Raised funds to go towards:
 - Painting the blacktop with outdoor/recess games (US map, hopscotch, etc)
 - School window vinyl designs – adding new ones to the front of the school
 - Able to be installed once the temperature is 60 degrees
 - Other items as needs arise

Spirit Nights

- Thank you to everyone who participated in our December spirit nights!
- We raised about \$175 total

Gator Gear

- ‘Gator Strong’ apparel fundraiser via Custom Ink in November
- Sold 112 items and raised \$780
- Able to provide items for staff’s 12 Days Before Winter Break with funds raised

Ways to Earn \$ for our School

- Download the **Box Tops** for Education app
- Add Garrisonville Elementary School PTO as your organization of choice on **Amazon Smile**
- Donate button on gatorpto.com website for direct donations via PayPal

One School, One Book – Ms. Golles

- The Secret Explorers and the Lost Whale
 - Access the book on Canvas
 - On the library homepage and each individual teacher's homepage
 - Click on a picture of the book and it will take you to each week's audio recordings and activities
 - May listen to any of the chapters on their own time at home
 - In past years, typically grade level teachers would read chapters of the books to the class each day and discuss vocabulary, etc.
 - Broken down into 4 weeks, with 2 chapters a week
 - Each audio recording is about 5 to 6 minutes
 - The chapters will not disappear. Kids will have access to all of the chapters during the entire 4 weeks.
 - Activities are not required, but encouraged.
 - Chance to win prizes for activities submitted
 - Excited to see some kids already submitting the activities!

Ways We've Supported the School So Far this Year

- Continuing to pay monthly bills
- Welcome lunch for teachers first week of hybrid learning
- American Education Week Gift Card Prizes
- 12 Days before Winter Break for all staff
- Vinyl designs for school windows
- Upcoming - Valentines goodies for staff
- Upcoming - Reptile World Show during Gator Week
- Upcoming – surprise treat for virtual & hybrid students – more details to come

Parent Comments/Input

- What can we do going forward to support our school community?
 - Ideas
 - Gator gram fundraiser
 - Small fee for parent/family member/friend to send in a video message to their student
 - Would be aired on school TVs possibly during morning announcements or other times TBD
- Picture day/Yearbook?
 - Majority voiced that they would like to see both happen this year
 - Kids only this age/grade once and would like to have it documented

- Can use same socially distanced process as using for Gator Week reptile show to filter kids in and out safely for pictures
- Time slots for virtual students to come in for photos – escorted in, photo and then escorted out
- Only student would be permitted in the building
- Yearbook – perhaps have families submit photos of their kids doing certain things
 - Use photos from PTO Facebook page for some pages
 - Gator Week, Boosterthon, at-home workspaces

Principal's Report

- THANK YOU to all the parents and staff for their support so far this year! Grateful for all of you!
- New Schedule
 - Email sent out earlier today (2/8) – effective February 22nd
 - Schedule Breakdown –
 - **Mondays** – Stay the same – 9am morning meetings for all gators
 - Tuesday-Friday – All live instruction for Group A and Group B will be from 9am-12pm and 1-2pm
 - **A Students** –
 - In the building 9am-12pm Tues/Wed, home for lunch/break, log on virtual from 1-2pm
 - Virtual 9am-12pm Thurs/Friday, lunch break, log on virtual from 1-2pm
 - **B Students** –
 - Virtual 9am-12pm Tues/Wed, lunch/break, log on virtual from 1-2pm
 - In the building 9am-12pm Thurs/Friday, home for lunch break, log on virtual from 1-2pm
 - **100% Virtual Students** –
 - Log-in Tues through Friday from 9am-12pm and 1pm-2pm
 - Strictly for Garrisonville – not other elementary schools
 - Able to have flexibility to where our students will go from 10 hours live to 14 hours of live instruction – more time for teachers to have with their students!
 - Unfortunately we can't change the number of kids in the building or the times they're in the building due to middle and high school bus schedules
 - Super grateful - lots of positive feedback and great questions so far!
 - Compiling a list of FAQs that will be sent out to everyone at the end of this week
 - Kids will still be with their regular classroom teacher
 - Any child that has to quarantine for any reason will still have access to their live instruction with this concurrent model

Gator Week

- March 1st – 5th
 - Week after the schedule change, so gives us more creative flexibility
 - Typically it's an epic, over the top week!
 - If you're new, be prepared to find anything orange and green!
 - Electronic packet coming out this Friday or next Tuesday with an outline of all of the events
 - Everything we've always done --- with a twist. May even keep some of this after covid 😊
- Highlights
 - **Monday** – Sports theme – ties into Boosterthon
 - 5:30-6:30pm – drive through light show in front of the school
 - Staff and Wally Gator will be there!
 - Plenty of photo ops from inside of the car
 - Being created by our awesome 1st grade team
 - **Tuesday** – One School, One Book Word Parade
 - Kids can pick a word from the book to dress up as
 - Virtual kids will be asked to submit pictures
 - **Wednesday** – Wacky Wednesday
 - Virtual assembly – Reptile World Part 1
 - Live streaming via YouTube
 - Hybrid kids will be invited down socially distanced and sanitized to touch a snake
 - 2pm-4pm virtual kids will have the opportunity to come to school to touch the snake
 - ONLY GES student would be permitted to come inside the building for this walkthrough
 - **Thursday** – Students will vote on theme for the day
 - Live streaming of Reptile World Part 2
 - B group students will be invited to touch snake
 - Gator Patrol Day!
 - Usually bus drives teachers to neighborhoods blasting music while teachers throw goodies out the window – Cant do that this year because of social distancing on the bus
 - First Ever Gator Teacher Car Parade!
 - Teachers will decorate their cars and drive through the neighborhoods
 - Won't be throwing out goodies, but kids will receive them other ways that week
 - Neighborhood route will be included in the gator week packet
 - **Friday** – Super Gator Pride Day
 - Virtual pep rally from 1pm-2pm featuring the Gator Rappers, Land of 1,000 Dances and school theme song

- Slide show of word parade and “gator-ized” houses, etc to be shown

Meeting Adjourned at 7:09pm

Attendance

1. Alexis White
2. Jodi Odium
3. Erica Edenton
4. Todd McLean
5. Jessica Whiteley
6. Meghann Gillette
7. Amanda Leonard
8. Anne Marie Carson
9. Bridgette Farrell-Kuzma
10. Elizabeth Imai
11. Jackie Orton
12. Jaimie Brandt
13. Kathryn Pendleton
14. Kristina Miller
15. LaMonica Jackson
16. Laura Baker
17. Michelle Fischer
18. Michele Golles
19. Milissa Roseberry
20. Sana A
21. Stephanie Sonnenberg
22. Tammy Torino