

PTA General Meeting
February

Meeting called to order: 6:00 PM

Mrs. James introduces Ms. Wynnetta Ford to the school community as the new Assistant Principal of GSES

Courtney Wells

Introduces the slate for PTA Board Nominations. Slate as follows:

President: Courtney Wells

VP Academics: Samantha Bush

VP Membership: Ashley Smith

VP Fundraising: Kristi Appleton

VP Hospitality & Events: Sarah Elizabeth Anderson

VP Community Partners: Carrie Zoubek

Secretary: Elizabeth Davey

Treasurer: Julie Berry

Voting procedure moves to membership. Aye in favor. Motion passes. Officers have been elected for the next term.

Courtney Wells briefs membership count for the year. 18 memberships away from being able to slime Mrs. James as our incentive.

Communication brief: Check out the PTA website for information about joining the PTA, volunteer opportunities, a list of our community partners, financial information, and more. The latest SSO can always be found on the website. Find us on Facebook and join the Parents page and/or your grade level page for quick up-to-date information there as well.

National PTA School of Excellence: our focused objective is to support student success through education and enrichment. This objective was selected based on the family survey from the fall.

Julie Berry

Overview of spending to date

CATEGORY	INCOME	EXPENSES
MEMBERSHIP	\$5,075.00	\$4,025.20
FUNDRAISING	\$89,442.56	\$15,340.99
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$17,957.50	\$25,038.29

TEACHER/STAFF SUPPORT	\$0	\$7,843.67
ACADEMIC SUPPORT	\$2,925.70	\$36,871.56
COMMITTEE/PROGRAMS	\$5,466.59	\$4,305.82
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,912.72	\$3,911.60
TOTALS	\$122,780.07	\$97,337.13

Ashley Saager

Fit & Fun Run Update: We received \$55,147 in donations this year which exceeded our goal and last year's income as well. We will use some of this money to help revamp the courtyard. Funds are also used to support student reading programs, academic assemblies, and more. Thanks to our sponsors who helped make the event successful.

Merry Market: We raised approximately \$16,500 this year. Big thanks to the volunteers who helped during the event. The kids love this event and it takes a whole team to make it happen.

Passive Fundraisers: Don't forget to help earn money for our school by scanning your receipts for Box Tops for Education and signing up for Publix Partners and School Bucks with Food City.

Samantha Bush

These are some of the ways that we support GSES in academics.

- Accelerated Reader Store: \$2,000
 - 3rd Quarter store is open March 26
- Educational Assemblies: \$1,000
- Night Zookeeper Subscription: \$7,897.92
 - AI Writing Software for grades 2-5
- Spelling Bee: \$250
- Reading Interventionist Salary: \$10,000
- Heggerty Subscription for Kindergarten: \$89
- Space Camp Scholarships: \$5,000

Upcoming programs include OWLsome Readers, Butterfly kits, and Read to Them program.

Reflections: Congratulations to our school-wide contest winners:

- Visual Arts
 - K-2 Winner: Olivia Hangartner
 - 3-5: Winner: Serenity Kelly
 - Also moving on to HCPTA Competition:
 - Ella Berry, Hallie Harris, Audrey Dallman, and Amina Good
- Photography

- K-2 Winner: Lana Berry
- 3-5: Winner: Vivian Free
- Also moving on to HCPTA Competition:
 - Evan Berry
- Dance
- 3-5: Winner: Hope Ratliff
- Music
 - 3-5: Winner: Emilee Brown
 - Also moving on to HCPTA Competition:
 - Evan Berry and Brayden O'Neal
- Film
 - K-2 Winner: Lana Berry
 - 3-5: Winner: Evan Berry
- Literature
 - 3-5: Winner: Serenity Kelly
 - Also moving on to HCPTA Competition:
 - Olivia Stewart, Marah Patterson, and Ella McAllister

Congrats to those that placed in the HCPTA contest! Top 3 entries in each division have been submitted to Alabama PTA for State Contest

Dance:

- Hope Ratliff—4th Place (3-5)

Film Production:

- Lana Berry—2nd Place (K-2)
- Evan Berry—2nd Place (3-5)

Literature:

- Ella McAllister—1st Place (3-5)
- Serenity Kelly—4th Place (3-5)

Music Composition:

- Emilee Brown—3rd Place (3-5)

Photography:

- Lana Berry—3rd Place (K-2)
- Vivian Free—1st Place (3-5)

Visual Arts:

- Olivia Hangartner—3rd Place (K-2)

Faye Dukes

Upcoming events: Family Dance will be held on April 4. It is free but please RSVP. Spring Fling is our field day and will be held on May 2. Only volunteers can come to this event. Staff Appreciation Week is May 5-9 and the theme this year is "Thank you for helping us be sun-sational!" More details coming soon.

Carrie Zoubek

We have OVER 40 community partners and they give a lot of money to support our school that gets split between the 3 Cove schools.

Please consider using a CP if you have a need or service.

If you have a small business, please let me know!

Meeting Adjourned: 6:12 PM