

GSES PTA General Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2023

6:01 PM Meeting called to order

Mrs. Douthit – GSES Principal

- intro and greeting, our biggest priority is to make sure that students are learning.
- State of School:
 - demographic information presented
 - GSES Attendance goal – 98%. Current rate is 99%. We want to make sure that if your student is not sick that they attend school regularly.
 - iReady academic data – testing takes place 3 times a year for reading and math.
 - Reading: Increased proficiency by 17 percentile points from Aug-Dec
 - Math: Increased by 32 percentile points from Aug-Dec
 - DIBELS academic data for grades K-3
 - Improvement seen in every grade from Aug-Dec
 - Action Goals include: student attendance, intentional planning, instructional coaching, explicit small group instruction, data meetings and PLC, tiered instruction in small group and whole group, after school tutoring, professional development, and PBIS to promote positive behaviors

Elizabeth Davey – intro and greeting to begin PTA portion of meeting and review agenda

Lori Yokley – Nominating Committee Representative

- presented the PTA Board Nominations as selected by the Nominating Committee as follows: Elizabeth Davey (President), Megan Greer (VP Academics), Julie Berry (VP Membership), Ashley Saager (VP Fundraising), Megan Scherman (VP Hospitality and Events), Samantha Bush (VP Community Partners), Sara Stinson (Secretary), Lindsey Morgan (Treasurer).
- No nominations made from the floor. “By laws state that when there is only one candidate for any office, the election may be held by voice vote.”
- No objections to the procedure.
- Move to vote for persons presented.
- Ron Harness 2nds the motion.
- Majority in favor, motion passes. Board members presented for 2023-2024 school year.

Elizabeth Davey – President

- summary of the school improvements that the PTA has funded or coordinated this year to include: new playground mulch, power washing to all outside school areas, directional signs inside the school, sensory path, and 2 new bike racks.
- National PTA School of Excellence – objective: to increase family engagement supporting student success
 - Roadmap includes: Kindergarten Parent Night, STEAM Night, iReady testing representative presentation, Academic Coaching Night, increased family participation in classroom, informational printouts in Wednesday Folders, links to PTA podcasts, teachers communicating how lessons are linked to standards, coffee with the principals social, student-led parent teacher conferences

Beth Guthrie – Treasurer

- Income and Expense Report to Date
 - Total income: \$133,645 Total expenses: \$123, 292
- Fundraising – Amazon Smile program is finished. Publix and Box Tops are still ways to earn money for the school.

Megan Greer – VP of Academics

- Academic programs supported by the PTA: Accelerated Reader Store, Reading Interventionist, Space Camp Scholarships, OWLsome Readers, Reflections contest, spelling bee, STEAM Night
- NEW academic programs: Kindergarten training night, BOB book sets, generation genius subscription for 4th grade, BMX and animal encounter assemblies, 3rd grade reading program, academic coaching night
- ED: presented academic coaching night details

Megan Scherman – VP of Hospitality & Events

- Recap: 1) February lunch provided for all staff by Johnson Orthodontics, Tiger Rock Martial Arts, and Mathnasium and gave everyone the opportunity to mingle. 2) sunshine carts provided by grandparents club and PTA in January and February
- Upcoming Events: 1) staff appreciation week May 1-5. 2) Spring Fling Thursday May 11 where only adults that volunteer will be able to attend.

Samantha Bush – VP of Community Partners

- Shoutout to Marquee Level: Short Stop, Limbaugh Orthodontics, Fleet Feet, Tiger Rock Martial Arts, and R&D Electronics
- Inclusion of every platinum, gold, silver, and bronze level community partners
- CP Breakdown: 36 total partners, \$17,000 raised in funds and swaps, list of CPs can be found on PTA website, Sunday Send Out, and Wednesday Folder

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