



General PTA Meeting

February 28, 2019

Meeting called to order by Barbara Schantz at 6:02pm.

New Business & Committee Reports:

- Upcoming Dates
 - March
 - 8: Parents' Night Out – Alexander Martial Arts
 - 18-22: Spring Break
 - April
 - 9: Be Internet Awesome program
 - 18: PTA Meeting w/ Kindergarten Performance
 - May
 - 2-3: Green Fling
 - 9: Kindergarten Skills program
- Nominating Committee announced. Nominating committee will lead search for PTA board candidates for 2019-2020.
 - Meghann Baker
 - Whitney Collier
 - Nanette Hinojos
 - Kristin Smith
 - Shanell Weissinger
- Open PTA Board Positions: President, Membership, Fundraising. All others have returning members, but can still be run for.
- By-laws update:
 - Existing: Article VI – Officers, Section 4
 - The following provisions shall govern the eligibility of individuals to be officers of the Goldsmith-Schiffman Elementary School PTA:
 - a. Each officer shall be a member of this PTA.
 - b. No officer may be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.
 - c. A person who has served in an office for more than one half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term in such office.
 - d. No officer, other than the President, shall be eligible to serve more than four (4) consecutive years on the Board or two (2) complete two-year terms of office, whichever is greater.

- Proposed: “e. Exception to maximum 2 year term per PTA Board VP Position: If the nominating committee is unable to find a candidate to serve in a VP position, it shall be allowable for the current PTA Board VP to continue serving in their position for another 1 year term.”
 - Motion to approve the change made by Brittany Smallwood. Second by Jesika Chantres. All in favor said “aye.”
- Be Internet Awesome Workshop: Tuesday, April 9, at 5:30. Dinner will be provided from Tortora’s. There will be a drawing for a Google Chromebook. Guest speaker to talk about internet safety, with discussion groups following.
- Green Fling: Happening May 2nd for Pre-K thru 2nd, May 3rd for 3rd-5th grades. Green Fling is an all day, in-house environmentally-focused field trip with field day activities. Volunteer opportunities coming soon.
- From Mrs. Newman: Kindergarten Readiness Workshop on May 9 at 6:00pm. All parents welcome to join for an overview of skills students will be learning in K.
- Fundraising: We have participated in Boston Butt fundraiser, Merry Market, new Valentine’s candygrams, Box Tops, and Amazon Smile. All were very successful. Thank you for your support.
- Treasurer’s Report: see attached slides. YTD income: \$126, 038 and YTD expenses \$86,051.
- PTA Wishes Grants: Examples of wishes that were granted this year:
 - Accelerated Math for 3rd grade and 5th grade Digits classes
 - New books for many classrooms
 - Several teachers received new Aussie chair pouches for all of their students.
 - Stock Market game for GATE
 - Lots of hands-on learning tools
 - Trampoline & scooters for PE
 - Stools for collaborative class
 - Book bins for classrooms
 - Testing Dividers
- Community Partners: Overview of program and list of current partners. Upcoming events:
 - Alexander Martial Arts Parents Night Out on March 8 from 6pm – 9pm. All proceeds go to the GSES Greenpower Racecar Team.
 - Alexander Martial Arts: 6 weeks for \$69. Classes run from March 25-May 2. Includes free uniform and 12 sessions. For more information, see SSO.
 - Thank you Smallcakes for donating a gift for the winner of donated games drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.