

Minutes for PTO Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Attendees: 22

Faculty: 2

PTO Board Members: 6

7:01 PM **Welcome** - Co-Presidents Ankita Achra and Daniela Santana

7:03 PM **Faculty Liaisons**

Mrs. Ferrera – GBMS

- Winter Showcase will be held on 1/24 @ 7:00 PM
 - Senior Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Senior Chorus, Senior Orchestra, Green Brook Singers, and Alzapella will perform
 - Mr. C who is covering Mr. Alzaher's paternity leave will be leading the orchestra and singing groups
- 1/30 – honor band concert at 7:30 PM in the PAC at Watchung Hills
- 1/26 – ski trip and tubing/snowboarding trip to Shawnee
- MAP testing was held last week
- 1/24 – end of 2nd marking period and 1st semester
- Thank you PTO for providing lunch on MLK Day during the teachers professional development day
- Peer Leaders Update
 - Food drive was held at Thanksgiving
 - 700+ pounds of food was collected
 - Winter spirit week was held
 - Included a door decorating contest
 - Character education class is coming to IEF
 - Peer Leaders took a trip to Bridgewater Sports Complex with the resource class
 - Spirt Week will be coming in April

Ms. Walsh - IEF

- Thank you PTO for the holiday gifts and for providing lunch on the professional development day
- This month's school wide morning meeting was "calming down"
- Winter concerts were held
- MAP Testing will be held next week
- Pre-K – learning letters, numbers, and clothing items
- 2nd grade – ended their non-fiction unit and are learning stop motion
- 3rd grade – had a guest speaker with their writing unit and are learning Google maps
- 4th grade – finished their opinion essay writing for Duck Donuts and are learning java script
- Kindergarten – developing their critical thinking skills
- 1st grade – working on device caring
- Picture retakes are coming
- 1/24 – end of 2nd marking period
- 1/29 – pre-school meeting to be held

- Peer Leaders Update
 - Sadie, Sofia, and Ashwin are attending tonight's meeting
 - Peer leaders helped with the school wide morning meeting
 - Visited 1st and 2nd grade classes
 - Held snack cart in November
 - Have proposed additional snack carts in January and March
 - Providing daily announcements to help those in need

7:15 PM **Board of Education Report – Dr. Beth Stanton**

- 1/3 – reorganization meeting was held
 - New and returning members were sworn in – Eric Chang, Andrea Ferrante, and Beth Stanton
 - President is Jean-Louis Kong
 - Vice President is Carol Potter
 - Watchung Hills Liaison is Carol Potter
- 1/17 – next board meeting
- Approved work to upgrade system with energy savings
 - Partner with PSE&G to upgrade at a huge savings
- Negotiations are ongoing with Watchung Hills

7:18 PM **Q&A for Administrators and Liaisons**

- No questions were asked

7:19 PM **Upcoming Events/Activities**

JANUARY

- Teacher Luncheon
 - Was held on 1/15 at IEF & GBMS
 - Outback, Café Nune, and Duck Donuts provided food
- WizFit Challenge
 - Held at IEF
 - 1/17 – kickoff during last period
 - Pre-register by midnight tonight to receive bracelet at tomorrow's assembly
 - Registrations will be accepted at any time to be eligible to win the platinum ball
 - New prizes this year
 - Incentives
 - 25% registration – pj day
 - 50% registration – crazy hair/wacky tacky day
 - Individual incentives for the top 3 students
 - School-wide goal
 - \$12,000 – surprise VIP guest
 - \$6,000 – teacher dance off
 - \$3,000 – crazy hair for teachers
 - Finale on February 2nd
 - Volunteers needed
- Platinum Ball
 - Will be awarded on 1/24 via Zoom
- Family fun Bingo Night
 - Will be held on 1/26 in the IEF cafeteria from 6:30-8:30 PM
 - \$0.25/game board

- Prizes awarded
- Bring treats to share with list of ingredients
- Communication coming on 1/17

FEBRUARY

- WizFit Finale
 - 2/2 – celebration assembly
- Valentine Homeroom Parties
 - Held on 2/14
 - No food
 - Contact your teacher to co-ordinate your party
- Book Fair
 - Held 2/27 through 2/29
 - Set-up on Monday
 - Parent shop night will be held
- Harlem Wizards Game
 - 2/23 at GBMS
 - Volunteers needed
 - Harlem Wizards vs. teachers
 - Mr. Billman will coach the teachers
 - Community event that includes community players
 - Food will be available on-site
 - Let us know if you have suggestions for vendors
 - We are looking for sponsors

7:34 PM

Recap of December Events

- Holiday Boutique
 - Held 1st week of December
 - Looking to have an evening shopping date in 2024
- Jolly Jammies Winter Party
 - Evening of celebration
- Winter Homeroom Parties
 - Parties were a success
- Winter Teacher, RA & Staff Gifts
 - Gifts were distributed prior to winter break
- Donation Drive for Family in Need
 - Thank you!!

7:37 PM

Committee Chairs/Volunteers Needed

- Book Fair
- Wizards Game
- Teacher Appreciation Week

7:40 PM

Treasurer's Report – Miranda Konz & Bethany Dziedzic

- Miranda reviewed the Statement of Assets, Revenues & Expenses for the fiscal period ending YTD September 2023
 - Total Assets: \$58,288.98
 - Total Revenue: \$10,670.64
 - Total Expenses: \$ 3,382.44
 - Total Profit: \$ 7,288.20

- Thanksgiving gift cards
 - 66 families in need this year
 - Increased budget to include all families (decreased the assembly budget)
 - \$30 ShopRite gift card was provided to each family
- A motion to accept the reading of the financials was made. The motion was 2nd. All were in favor.

7:47 PM **New Business**

- Bright Minds
 - Will be launching in the spring
 - PTO is reaching out to teachers to secure classes
 - After or before school program
- 8th Grade
 - 5/31 for dance has been approved by Dr. Bigsby
 - Date needs to be board approved
 - Waiting on contract from the location
- 4th Grade
 - 6/5 – field trip to Branchburg Sports Complex
 - Vote at tomorrow’s Board of Ed Meeting
 - 6/11 – Moving Over Ceremony (MOC)
 - Looking at fundraising ideas
 - Spin class with Ms. Walsh on 3/3

7:58 PM **Reminders**

- Spirit Waer is available year round
- PTO volunteer protocols
 - Volunteer lanyard should be picked up in the office upon arrival and must be worn while in the school
 - No younger siblings/non-GBTPS children are allowed during school hours

7:59 PM **Secretary’s Report** – Tammi Wiley

- A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the October 10, 2023, PTO Meeting was made. The motion was 2nd. All were in favor.

7:59 PM **Q&A Session**

- No questions were asked

8:00 PM **Adjournment**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made. The motion was 2nd. All were in favor.

Next PTO Meeting:

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

7:00 PM in the IEF Media Center

Thank you for supporting the Green Brook School District!