

# Minutes for PTO Meeting

## Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Attendees: 21

Faculty: 2

PTO Board Members: 5

7:02 PM      **Welcome** - Co-Presidents Ankita Achra and Daniela Santana

7:03 PM      **Pledge**

7:03 PM      **Faculty Liaisons**  
Mrs. Ferrera – GBMS

- Rose Red play will be held next Thursday and Friday
  - Online tickets only
  - Story of Snow white's less famous sister
- 3/28 – end of the marking period
- 3/28 – single session day
- 3/29 – 4/5 – school closed
- 4/10 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade cap and gown pictures
- 4/10 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Ellis Island trip
- 4/12 – report cards available in Genesis
- Peer leaders update – Justin Yin
  - 4 leaf clover hunt
  - March madness brackets
  - April Spirit Week – Spring It On
  - Schoolwide volleyball tournament will be held
  - Wear green on Friday
  - Black History Month was celebrated

Ms. Walsh - IEF

- Thank you PTO for all that you do
- Thank you to those who participated in the Cyclebar fundraiser
- Empathy was covered in this month's schoolwide morning meeting
- Wiz Fit incentives will be received this week and next week
- Donate socks for Sock it to Me
- March is Youth Art Month
  - Weekly art activities will be offered
- Pre-K – working on letters and numbers
- Kindergarten – working on positive behavior
- Mrs. Pirrone's class had a wax museum presentation
- Board of Ed meeting will be held on 3/27
- End of the marking period is 3/28
- MAP testing will be at the end of April
- Peer Leaders Update – Varun & Myles
  - Participated in Read Across America week and Spirit Week
  - GBEAF sponsored a snack cart for teachers
  - March Book Bracket reading has started
  - Assisting with daily announcements

- 7:14 PM      **Board of Education Report** – Dr. Beth Stanton
- *Dr. Stanton was not in attendance, so Ankita Achra presented the report*
  - 2024-2025 school calendar has been approved
  - Dr. Bigsby presented the budget at the last meeting
  - Resolution for tuition has been reached with Watchung Hills via mediation

- 7:15 PM      **Q&A for Administrators and Liaisons**
- Field Day will be held on 5/23
    - PTO will provide shirts for the students

7:17 PM      **Upcoming Events/Activities**

MARCH

- Cyclebar Fundraiser
  - Was held on 3/3 in support of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade moving over activities
- PTO Expo
  - Michael, Miranda, and Daniela attended on 3/12
  - Met vendors and gathered ideas
- Snake Man Assembly
  - Will be held on 3/22 at IEF and GBMS
  - Groups will be pre-K, K & 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Kids can touch a snake at the exit
- Wiz Fit Challenge Incentive Week
  - Monday is pajama day
  - 3/14 – teacher dance off
    - Teachers will be broken up into 2 teams
  - 3/15 – crazy hair/wig day
- Dine & Donate
  - 3/1 – Chick-Fil-A in Watchung
  - 3/27 – Café Nune in Dunellen
    - In support of 4<sup>th</sup> grade
  - 3/28 – Just Subs
- Bright Minds
  - Registration is now open and will be open through Friday
  - Go to the PTO website for details
  - Classes start the week of 3/25 and end the week of 5/20

APRIL

- RIF (Reading is Fundamental)
  - Will be held on 4/17 and 4/18 at IEF
  - Kids will receive a free book
- PTO Meeting
  - 4/9 meeting has been moved to 4/16

7:31 PM      **Recap of February**

- Valentine Homeroom Party
  - Were held on 2/14
- Harlem Wizard Game
  - PTO board to decide if the game will return next year
- Wiz Fit Challenge
- Book Fair

7:34 PM

### **New Business**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Google form will be sent out with details about the upcoming events
  - plant sale fundraiser will be held in April
  - 3/27 – Café Nune dine and donate
  - 6/5 – Bridgwater Sports Complex trip
  - 6/11 – Moving Over Ceremony
    - 6/12 – rain date
  - 6/10 – ice cream truck
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Save the date invite has been sent for the dance
  - Theme is Night Under the Stars
  - Held on 5/31 at Alley 14 in Bound Brook
- Vote on Bylaw Changes
  - Move election of officers from May to April
  - Change Corresponding Secretary position to VP of Communications
  - Add 2 Board members – VP of Fundraising and VP of Special Events
  - Removal of an officer section added
  - Committee descriptions section was updated and areas that no longer apply to the PTO were removed
  - Code of Ethics section was added and the code will be signed at the installation dinner by all officers
  - Insurance section was added
  - All changes/updates were approved by the membership
- Upcoming Elections
  - Co-President, Co-Treasurer, VP of Communications, VP of Fundraising, and VP of Special Events positions are up for election
  - Vote will be held at the April PTO meeting

8:02 PM

### **Volunteers Needed**

- Family Fun Committee
  - School Yard Jam will be held at the end of the school year
- Teacher Appreciation Week
  - Held 5/6-5/10 at IEF & GBMS
  - 5/3 - door decorating will be done at IEF by the homeroom parents
  - Planning for the week has begun
  - 3/20 – meeting will be held via Zoom

8:11 PM

### **Treasurer's Report – Miranda Konz & Bethany Dziedzic**

- Miranda reviewed the Statement of Assets, Revenues & Expenses for the fiscal period ending YTD February 2024
  - Total Assets: \$47,631.37
  - Total Revenue: \$ 1,476.97
  - Total Expenses: \$ 4,228.17
  - Total Profit: \$( 2,751.20)
- Chevy donated \$1,000 towards Teacher Appreciation Week
- A motion to accept the reading of the financials was made. The motion was 2nd. All were in favor.

- 8:15 PM      **Scholarship**
- PTO provides (2) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Green Brook seniors
  - Essays are due on 4/28
- 8:20 PM      **Secretary's Report** – Tammi Wiley
- A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the February 13, 2024, PTO Meeting was made. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.
- 8:20 PM      **Q&A Session**
- No questions were asked
  - Angela won a Capital Craft gift card
- 8:22 PM      **Adjournment**
- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

**Next PTO Meeting:**

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

7:00 PM in the IEF Media Center

*Thank you for supporting the Green Brook School District!*