

Minutes for PTO Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Attendees: 17

Faculty: 0

PTO Board Members: 5

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

7:03 PM **Pledge of Allegiance**

7:04 PM **Faculty Liaisons & Peer Leaders**

Mrs. Erin Ferrara – GBMS

- Mrs. Ferrara was unable to attend, so her report was presented by Daniela Santana
- 2/25 – GBMS sent groups to the Ethics Bowl
 - GBMS was 1 of 2 public schools in attendance
- GBMS is planting seeds to prepare for the school's greenhouse
- Peer Leaders Update
 - Spring Fever Spirit Week will take place next week
 - Teachers will participate in a chili cookoff on Wednesday
 - Students will choose the winner
 - Students will be asked to wear themed clothing each day
 - Toscars will be held (play on teachers + Oscars)
 - Pep rally will be held which includes games in the gym and a basketball game between the 8th grade basketball teams and the teachers

Mrs. Debbie Rizzoli - IEF

- Mrs. Rizzoli was unable to attend, so her report was presented by Ankita Achra
- From Mrs. Holmes & Mrs. Taylor:
 - Every Friday classroom awards take place
 - The award winners present the award the next week to the next winner
 - Awards are given to recognize kindness, positivity, and being a team player
- Peer Leaders Update
 - Blair, Avianna, Gianna, and Alyssa are attending tonight's meeting
 - Peer leaders helped at the Wizards Game
 - They would like more responsibility at future games
 - March Madness book bracket will take place
 - Peer leaders will read books to the classes
 - The books were purchased by the PTO
 - Peer leaders read at the book fair

- St. Patrick's Day snack cart will be provided for the teachers with a rainbow theme

7:16 PM **Board of Education Report –Mr. Andrew Zimmer**

- Last Board of Ed meeting was held on 3/1
 - Dr. Bigsby presented the district goals
- 3/28 – Social emotional workshop will take place
- 4/10, 5/25, 6/14 – school will be closed (snow days given back)
- 6/13 – GBMS graduation
- 6/14 – last day of school
- 3/15 & 4/26 – next Board of Ed meetings

7:16 PM **Q&A for Administrators and Liaisons**

- No questions were asked

7:18 PM **Upcoming Events/Activities**

MARCH

- PTO Bright Minds
 - Registration is ongoing at this time
 - Cheerleading is full
 - Confirmations will start to be sent out tomorrow
 - Spots are still available in Lego and Storybook STEAM
 - 3/16 – last day to register
 - 3/20 – programs begin during this week
 - Hope to have Bright Minds again in the fall
 - AM participants will meet in the office
 - PM participants will go directly to the classroom
- PTO Expo
 - 3/7 – Ankita, Miranda, Miranda, and Michael attended
 - Gathered ideas from vendors
 - Future Fund is being looked at as the new charge processing platform
- Outback Steakhouse
 - 3/22 – food fundraiser will be held from 11:00 AM - close

APRIL

- Spring Break
 - April 3 through April 10
- Chipotle
 - 4/18 – food fundraiser will be held
 - Details to follow
- RIF (Reading is Fundamental)
 - Will be held on 4/18 and 4/19
 - Kids at IEF will pick a book to take home
 - 1 free book from the PTO

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Old Business

- Family Fun Night
 - 2/17 – Simon the Magician performed at IEF
 - Full house in attendance
- Harlem Wizards Game
 - 2/24 – game was held at GBMS
 - There was lots of community support in attendance
 - PTO made approximately \$200 from Outback for the food sales
 - Thank you Mr. Billman!
 - Profit of approximately \$8,600
- Parent Workshop
 - 2/28 – Navigating the Transition to Middle School
 - Mrs. Ferreira planned in conjunction with the PTO and will be presented by Rutgers
- Book Fair
 - 2/28-3/2 – was held at IEF
 - Parent shop night was held
 - Thank you volunteers!
- Tacos El Tio
 - 3/1 – food fundraiser held
 - \$319 was made for the PTO
 - For the future, present the flyer when dining in or at pickup for to-go orders

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Chairs Still Needed

- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - 5/8-5/12 at IEF and GBMS
 - Volunteers are needed especially for GBMS
 - Danielle Nasto will help chair
 - 1 chair is still needed
 - Email with the theme will be sent to the volunteers
 - You can sign-up to volunteer on the PTO website

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New Business/Updates

- 8th Grade Dance Committee
 - Theme was announced - A Night to Remember
 - Save the date was sent to the students and parents via Parent Square
 - Committee is working on invitations and decorations
 - 8th Grade Graduation will now be held on Tuesday, 6/13
- 4th Grade Moving Over Committee
 - 6/13 – Moving Over Ceremony at Arthur Lewis Park
 - Rain date: 6/14
 - Theme – At the Movies
 - Save the date was sent
 - 4/15 - Committee has asked parents to send 1-2 pictures of their child at a younger age and 1 current picture by this date

- End of year party will be held after the ceremony (4th graders only)
- 6/8 – trip to Branchburg Sports Complex
 - Held from 9:30 AM-1:50 PM
 - 5/24 – waivers and fee due (pricing TBD)
 - Movie will be shown afterwards and snacks provided
- 2023 Scholarship Applications
 - Available to graduating seniors who attended IEF or GBMS for at least 1 year
 - 4/28 – essays due
 - Committee volunteers are needed
 - Email the PTO if interested
 - 2 scholarships at \$1,000 each are presented/sponsored by the PTO
- PTO Office Elections
 - 4/28 – email the PTO by this date if interested
 - Available positions – co-president, treasurer, and recording secretary
 - Consideration is being given to add additional board positions for next year

8:08 PM **Treasurer’s Report – Andy Chen / Miranda Konz**

- Miranda reviewed the Statement of Assets, Revenues & Expenses for the fiscal period ending YTD February 2023
 - Total Assets: \$48,666.74
 - Total Revenue: \$ 323.50
 - Total Expenses: \$ 3,612.96
 - Total Profit: \$ (3,289.46)
- PTO keeps a large amount of money on hand in our account to cover the next years activities if there is \$0 fundraising the next year
- PTO insurance was renewed
- Software renewal was paid
- A motion to accept the reading of the financials was made. The motion was 2nd. All were in favor.

8:23 PM **Secretary’s Report – Tammi Wiley**

- A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the February 16, 2023 PTO Meeting was made. The motion was 2nd. All were in favor.

8:24 PM **Q&A Session**

- No questions were asked

8:24 PM **Adjournment**

The next PTO Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the IEF Media Center.

Thank you for supporting the Green Brook School District!