

## Minutes for PTO Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Attendees: 18

Faculty: 18

PTO Board Members: 4

7:04 PM      **Welcome** - Co-Presidents Ankita Achra and Daniela Santana

7:04 PM      **Pledge of Allegiance**

7:05PM      **Faculty Liaisons & Peer Leaders**

Mrs. Erin Ferrara – GBMS

- MAP testing will take place this week
  - Math on Thursday
  - ELA on Friday
- Report cards will be available on Friday
- See the Parent Square message for information about advanced courses for next year
- NJSLA testing will take place in May
- Samba to Salsa assembly will be held in May
  - Sponsored by the PTO
- 4/12 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Ellis Island trip
- 4/12 – cap and gown pictures for 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Matilda was held at GBMS prior to spring break
- Spirit week was held in March
  - Student vs. faculty basketball game was held
  - Toscars were awarded to teachers
  - Faculty chili cook-off was held and won by Mrs. Castillo
- 5/8-5/12 - last spirit week for the school year will be held
  - Student volleyball tournament will take place

Mrs. Debbie Rizzoli - IEF

- From Mrs. Holmes & Mrs. Taylor:
  - The class enjoyed their game day prize from the Wiz Fit challenge
- From 3<sup>rd</sup> grade:
  - Working on their timelines of special life moments
- April is poetry month
- All grades are now participating in morning announcements
- From guidance:
  - April is Autism Awareness month
  - Hand prints are on the front bulletin board with moments of respect
- MAP testing will be held this week for grades 1-4

- Have charged iPads
- 4/17 will be test make-up
- End of year tips:
  - Maintain routine and consistency
  - Talk about feelings
- Peer Leaders Update
  - Mya, Argent, and Nick are attending tonight's meeting
  - Tournament of Books took place
    - "Cool Beans" was the winning book
    - Peer leaders read books to students and tallied the votes
  - Recycling program
    - Peer leaders met with Mrs. Fenton to discuss for Earth Day
  - Poetry month
    - Peer leaders will read poems during announcements and post poems around the school

7:20 PM **Board of Education Report** –Mr. Andrew Zimmer

- Mr. Zimmer was not in attendance
- Next Board of Ed meeting will be held on April 26

7:20 PM **Q&A for Administrators and Liaisons**

- 5/24 – Spring concert will be held
- 6/6 – Field Day at IEF

7:21 PM **Upcoming Events/Activities**

APRIL

- PTO Bright Minds
  - Good response from the kids and parents
  - 5/15 will be the last week
  - We hope to continue the program in the fall
  - We need to iron out financial payments for the future to be able to increase capacity in program
- Chipotle
  - 4/18 – food fundraiser at the Chimney Rock Road location
  - Flyer will be sent via Parent Square
- RIF
  - 4/18 at IEF
    - 2 free books will be chosen by each student
- Senior Scholarships
  - 4/28 – applications and essays are due
  - (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be given
  - 6/6 – ceremony at WHRHS to announce the winners
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Over Ceremony
  - 4/15 – pictures are due
    - 1 young and 1 current photo

- Hard copies should be labeled so they can be returned
- 4/15 – t-shirt sizes are due

## MAY

- Teacher Appreciation Week
  - 5/8-5/12 at IEF and GBMS
  - Theme – Friends
    - The One Where You are Appreciated
  - Donation request will be sent via Parent Square
  - Gift cards are also being collected
  - 5/5 – door decorating at 4:30 PM
    - PTO will provide some supplies
    - Volunteers are needed to decorate related arts teacher doors
  - Volunteers are needed to help during the week
  - Future Fund will be used for money collection
    - Use the “guest” option at check out
- Samba to Salsa
  - 5/8 – assembly at GBMS
  - PTO is sponsoring the assembly
  - Two assemblies will be held – 5/6 and 7/8
- BOGO (buy 1 get 1) Book Fair
  - 5/22-5/23 at IEF
  - No parent shop night will be held
  - Scholastic dollars will be earned

7:44 PM

### **Old Business**

- Outback Steakhouse
  - \$415 profit from food fundraiser night
- Snack Cart
  - Was held today at IEF by the peer leaders

7:45 PM

### **New Business/Updates**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Committee
  - Invites are being worked on this week
  - Decoration ideas are being confirmed
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - 6/8 – trip to Branchburg Sports Complex
    - Homeroom parents will chaperone
    - Movie will be shown after returning to school and snacks will be served
      - Donations are needed for refreshments
    - Class gift and t-shirt for the Moving Over Ceremony will be given out
    - 5/1 – trip information will be sent to parents (cost is \$44)
    - 5/22 – permission slips and money due
  - 6/13 – Moving Over Ceremony

- Parents are invited to the ceremony
  - Class parents will provide drinks and snacks
  - 6/14 – rain date
- PTO Officer Elections
  - Co-President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary positions are up for election
  - Meet and greet may be held
  - Nominations are needed and should be emailed to the GB PTO address

8:03 PM **Treasurer’s Report** – Andy Chen / Miranda Konz

- Ankita reviewed the Statement of Assets, Revenues & Expenses for the fiscal period ending YTD March 2023
  - Total Assets: \$81,507.16
  - Total Revenue: \$36,788.41
  - Total Expenses: \$ 3,947.99
  - Total Profit: \$32,840.42
- A motion to accept the reading of the financials was made. The motion was 2nd. All were in favor.

8:08 PM **Secretary’s Report** – Tammi Wiley

- A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the March 14, 2023 PTO meeting was made. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

8:09 PM **Q&A Session**

- No questions were asked

8:10 PM **Adjournment**

- Renee wins Just Subs bucks
- Year end parties will be held the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>
- School Yard Jam may be held on 6/14
- Office elections will take place at the May meeting

The next PTO Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the IEF Media Center.

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