

# Minutes for PTO Meeting

## Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Attendees: 28

Faculty: 1

PTO Board Members: 6

7:05 PM **Welcome** - Co-Presidents Ankita Achra and Daniela Santana

7:07 PM **Pledge**

7:08 PM **Faculty Liaisons**  
Mrs. Ferrera – GBMS

- Spirit Week is upcoming and being run by the 7<sup>th</sup> grade peer leaders
  - Theme Is Spring It On
  - College trivia contest, cornhole, chalk the walk
  - Toscars = teacher oscars
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade peer leaders will be taking a field trip with the special education students
- Chili cook-off will be held in May
  - Students will vote for the winner
- Kickball tournament will be held
- Process of interviewing for next years peer leaders has begun
- 4/22-4/23 – GATE testing
- 4/25 – Take Your Child to Work Day
- 4/10- 7<sup>th</sup> graders had their trip to Ellis Island
- Cap & gown pictures are upcoming for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Worm garden has been built
- 5/6-5/10 – NJSLA testing

Ms. Walsh – IEF

- *Ms. Walsh was not in attendance, so Ankita presented her report*
- Thank you PTO for providing the popcorn for the red carpet premiere
- This month's morning meeting will be about problem solving
- 4/22-4/26 - Autism acceptance week along with spirit week
- NJSLA testing will be held in May
  - 5/13-5/17 – ELA & math for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades
  - Please have charged iPads
- Kindergarten 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grades are working on technology
- Pre-k – studying the earth for Earth Day
- Ms. Rizzoli's 4<sup>th</sup> grade math – working on place value up to 12 places
  - Inching to infinity caterpillars were created
- 4/24 – Board of Ed Meeting
- 4/15-4/19 – MAP testing
- Check the lost and found
- Peer Leaders Update – Sadie & Melody
  - March book bracket ended before Spring break
    - The Day the Crayons Quit won
  - April is problem solving month
  - Peer leaders will hold a 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade pep rally prior to NJSLA testing

7:19 PM **Q&A for Administrators and Liaisons**

- No questions were asked

7:08 PM **Upcoming Events/Activities**

APRIL

- Bright Minds
  - Resumed after spring break
  - Ends the week of 5/20
  - Pick-up on time and parents need to stay at drop-off until teacher arrives
- RIF (Reading is Fundamental)
  - 4/17-4/18 at IEF
  - PTO provided 2 free books to each student
  - Many thank you notes were received
  - Add to GBMS next year?
- PTO Scholarships
  - (2) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating GB seniors
  - Essays due 4/28
  - 6/4 – ceremony to present checks at WHRHS

MAY

- Teacher Appreciation Week
  - 5/6-5/10 at GBMS & IEF
  - Homeroom parents to receive email with door decorating details tomorrow
    - 5/3 – starts at 4:30 PM
    - Teal, red, and purple butcher paper will be provided
    - Door windows cannot be covered
    - Hallway side of the door should be decorated
    - Idease will be sent out
    - Peer leaders will help to decorate related arts doors
  - Committee meeting to be held on Monday
- Field Day
  - 5/23 at IEF (single session day)
  - PTO to provide shirts
  - Olympic theme
  - PTO will provide an inflatable at IEF
    - Mrs. Yanes to speak with Mrs. Subervi about providing a blowup or similar item for GBMS
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
  - 5/31 at Alley 14 in Bound Brook
  - Donations are still needed
  - Theme – A Night Under the Stars

7:37 PM **Board of Education Report – Dr. Beth Stanton**

- Tuition agreement with WHRHS has been finalized
  - Significant on the budget
- \$130K of additional state aid was received
- GBMS will be refinishing the gym floor and fixing the bleachers
- Football bleachers at GBMS will be demolished
- Pre-K playground will be installed at IEF
- No late bus from WHRHS next year
- Preliminary budget was submitted
- 4/24 – next meeting

7:34 PM

**New Business**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Fundraiser with Hionis Greenhouse is taking place
    - This is the last week to order
    - Plants are \$6 each
    - Can be picked up on 4/28
- Elections
  - The following individuals were voted into office
    - Co-President – Miranda Konz
    - Co-Treasurer – Cathy Sutton
    - VP of Communications – Michael Wiley
    - VP of Fundraising – Savanity Thilavanh
    - VP of Special events – Angela Pivnichny
  - Installation dinner will be held on 6/4 (venue TBD)

7:56 PM

**Volunteers Needed**

- Family Fun Committee
  - School Yard Jam will be held on 6/13
    - Washington Rock will preform
- Teacher Appreciation Week

8:01 PM

**Treasurer's Report** – Miranda Konz & Bethany Dzedzic

- Miranda reviewed the Statement of Assets, Revenues & Expenses for the fiscal period ending YTD March 2024
  - Total Assets: \$75,484.88
  - Total Revenue: \$29,730.83
  - Total Expenses: \$ 8,852.03
  - Total Profit: \$20,878.80
- A motion to accept the reading of the financials was made. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

8:05 PM

**Secretary's Report** – Tammi Wiley

- A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the March 12, 2024, PTO Meeting was made. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

8:07 PM

**Q&A Session**

- 5/20 – movie night will be held at WHRHS for the current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from all the sending districts
  - \$50 from each district will be paid to support the evening
  - 5 parent volunteers are needed
  - Google form to RSVP will be sent out
- Megan won a gift card

8:12 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, May 14, 2024

7:00 PM in the IEF Media Center

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