

Gilbert PTO Meeting
September 4, 2018
Location: Gilbert Middle School

B. Richards welcomed everyone and called the PTO meeting to order.

Update from A. Griffin

The administrators would like to do some social media challenges and give Gilbert t-shirts out as prizes. Decker sports was contacted and gave a quote of \$5.50/shirt. They would like to order 75-100. These shirts would go to kids and the challenges would be something like the first 5 elementary students to find Mrs. Edwards at the football game on Friday and tell her what the Tiger Way is (to be ready, safe, and kind) would get free t-shirts. They will do something that fits each administrator and their students at a variety of events. Griffin requested that PTO fund the cost of these shirts. This expenditure was approved.

Construction at the middle school will start October 11.

Griffin thanked the group, especially Emily, for funding and working on the bathroom art that is now in the 5th grade girls' bathroom.

Requests for Funds

1. Story County Conservation/McFarland Park - ~\$1,000 - approved.
2. WISE Conference - ~\$300 - approved.

Past Activities

The school supply kits were once again very successful. A group of volunteers gathered at the schools to distribute the kits to the appropriate classrooms. Our profit is estimated to be around \$1,450. The group also discussed having a tissue/supply drive at one of the football games. Perhaps the concession stand would be willing to give a coupon for free popcorn if you donated an item?

Back-to-school socials were a success. Many thanks to Taylore Keller and Jessi Sosnouski for their sponsorships and time devoted to the fun night!

Current/Upcoming Activities

B. Richards is working on putting together an apparel order soon, which will include the intermediate shirts. Feedback via Facebook was that people wanted to see something saying Gilbert Tigers. A design is being developed that would use the same lettering as what's on the high school building. Richards is working with Sigler for this round of apparel orders.

M. Neal-Wong is putting together a family-friendly movie night. It is scheduled for Friday, October 5 in the middle school gym and we will be showing Paddington 2. Suggestions were made to contact the two movie theaters in Ames to see if they

would be willing to donate popcorn to the event. Neal-Wong has also lined up the Brick City Grill food truck and Kona Ice to be at the event. Candy and water will also be available to purchase.

M. Neal-Wong is also working on a Square 1 Art fundraiser. Ms. Kobliska has agreed to work this into her lesson plans for the elementary and intermediate schools. The goal will be to have the fundraiser completed in time to get the purchased items before the holidays.

The carnival date is set for May 4, 2019 (Star Wars Day) at the intermediate school. More details to follow as planning progresses.

Next meeting is on October 1, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities

- ES and IS yearbook coordinators
- Supply closet holiday donations (E. Olson volunteered)
- Mileage Club coordinators

Meeting adjourned 8:46 p.m.