

Gilbert PTO Meeting
November 6, 2017
Location: Gilbert Middle School

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Role call: Beth Richards (PTO P), Erin Roche, Molly Neal-Wong (PTO-VP), Sunde Nesbit (PTO S), Emily Olson (PTO-OAL), Amy Griffin (Intermediate School), Kathy Hammer (teacher)

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

B. Richards reported on Carnival revenue and PTO finances. We have approximately \$20,000 in account (prior to the carnival). Carnival revenue estimated at \$20,502 (without expenses).

Update from A. Griffin and K. Hammer:

- Mrs. Griffin handed out an article relating to use of flexible seating, and Mrs. Hammer discussed use of flexible seating in the classroom. Mrs. Hamer indicated that she removed some of the traditional seating from her classroom, and then slowly began replacing seating with different kinds of seats (e.g., bean bag chairs, bathtub, stools, yoga ball chairs, stand-up desks). No assigned seating; they have to choose the place that is best suited for their learning. Two of fourteen teachers at the intermediate school are using flexible seating.
- B. Richards suggested options for funding with relation to flexible seating:
 - Creating an Amazon wish list to send to parents
 - Utilizing Eagle Scout projects to create items/seating

Request for Funds:

- B. Richards indicated that the elementary school has requested Clorox wipes for specials teachers and nurse.
- Approved funds for lamination materials and for movie licensing.
- There has been a supply closet question; the particular question (battery for a computer mouse) may be better directed at the school's principal. Also discussed the need for coordinators at different schools.

Past Activities:

- M. Neal-Young indicated that apparel orders are in, noted that there may be some challenges with organizing and distributing.
- Great attendance at the mental health event and very good feedback on the content as well.
- Mrs. Griffin also thanked PTO for funding fourth grade trip to Iowa Wild, coming up on Thursday.

Current/Upcoming Activities:

- Conferences- discussions of strategies for improvement on scheduling with various schools' conferences.
- Conference meals- Laura Clouse is working on sign-ups.
- Discussion of directory. It is a school board policy that email addresses cannot be included; A. Griffin will check into changing the policy.
- Discussion of supply boxes, E. Olson talked with A. Griffin about March 1 being the timeline for next year's supply list.

Meeting adjourned 8:37 pm.