

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

Call to order: 7:07

Role call: Beth Richards (PTO P), Layne Billings (High School), Staci Edwards (Elementary School), Emily Olson (PTO-OAL), Destiny Lempiainen (PTO-T), Amanda Robinson, Erin Roche, Dhuha Akili, Jenny Russell, Sunde Nesbit (PTO S)

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

Katie Lvrov (6th grade student) is working on her Star Event for FCCLA, focusing on recycling (particularly water bottles). Provided statistics about water bottle use and recycling at the Middle School. For her project, she wants to educate her peers on the importance of recycling, adding four recycling stations (receptacles) around the school. She would then be responsible for emptying the receptacles. Requested that PTO purchase the receptacles. Mr. Billings gave his approval for adding the receptacles.

D. Lempiainen provided her treasurer's update. B. Richards clarified yearbook expenses. The school board reportedly expressed gratitude for the curriculum donation of \$20,000, which was pledged at the end of last school year but just allocated this school year.

Discussed sales of PTO shop supplies, and D. Akili requested use of some items for Bingo.

D. Akili gave an update on the plans for bingo, which will be on March 24. Official bingo time is at 6:30-8:30. Pizza and entertainment from 5:15 to 6:30. Discussed ideas for t-shirts, focusing on kindness.

L. Billings reported that the high school moved up a notch- 1% of schools (out of 365 high schools). $\frac{3}{4}$ of rating comes from IA assessments. Currently in IA assessments this week, students seemed pretty confident in their abilities.

S. Edwards relayed information from L. Beecher- legislative open house at the Gilbert Fire Station house this weekend (8:30-10:30), many items relating to education right now (e.g., funding, early childhood education, some discussion about IA assessments). Encouraged attendance.

S. Edwards announced that 3rd meeting of dyslexia task force tomorrow evening. So far, they have been getting on the same page with regard to curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Also trying to figure out what information parents need to understand the process. Continuing site visits to private schools that target children

with ADHD and learning disabilities. Tomorrow's meeting is at 6:00 in district conference room (intermediate building). Wendy Robinson (Heartland AEA rep) will be at meeting. One of the programs implemented- FUNdations (grades K-2), WILSON Reading (grades 3-5). FUNdations core was implemented for preschool and kindergarten- significant improvements.

B. Richards and D. Lempiainen discussed shirt sales, went really well. \$3,000 profit.

Discussed upcoming T-shirt order (spring) in time for kindergarten round-up. Discussed potential options for future orders (short sleeve and baseball tees). Also discussed adding an additional order of coffee mugs.

B. Richards talked about teacher gifts- \$50/teacher for all classroom teachers.

Conference meals are on March 6 and March 9, B. Richards discussed transitioning the high school coordinator.

E. Olson introduced various ideas for fundraising:

1. 1st Day School Supply kits: parents would be able to order through June. Partial fundraising, partial service.
2. Looked into fundraising at various restaurants (Panda), hour chunks for early out, discussed logistics
3. D. Akili suggested to arrange a fundraising event to staff concessions; portion of the money goes back to source (PTO).

Approved request from Katie for 4 recycling receptacles, up to \$250.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.