

Gilbert PTO Meeting
April 3, 2017
Location: Gilbert Middle School

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Role call: Beth Richards (PTO P), Chris Billings (Middle School), Amy Griffin (Intermediate School), Emily Olson (PTO-OAL), Destiny Lempiainen (PTO-T), Molly Neal-Wong (PTO-VP), Amanda Robinson, Erin Roche, Dhuha Akili, Tanya Forth, Sunde Nesbit (PTO S)

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

Notes/Updates

D. Lempiainen provided Treasury update. B. Richards further explained some of the expenses.

- The student who requested the recycling project that was funded in February won an award for her project. Bins are up, ready for use.
- Discussed proceeds for the Hickory Park night out - PTO made \$245 and all we had to do was ask people to eat at Hickory Park and put their receipt in a bin for Gilbert. Hoping to do it again next year, but with more advance notice on the date.

C. Billings reported that all teachers in intermediate, middle, and high were trained in mental health first aid training today. It prepares teachers to deal with mental health issues (identification, resource location, interim aid).

A. Griffin reported that she was at a group evaluating reading program evaluation today, to identify resources for future. PTO funds will be used to help purchase this when they are ready.

Conference meals went well. A. Griffin reported that her teachers were excited for the Subway sandwiches.

E. Roche reported that yearbooks are finished and have been ordered.

T. Forth reported that they earned \$4,419 on Bingo. The event went well. Bingo cards and meals were provided to 14 children, sponsored by PTO.

B. Richards noted that Mileage Club is ongoing, slowed down because of the rain.

M. Neal-Wong updated PTO on new T-shirts; order forms will be sent out shortly. D. Akili recommended that some time have kids do contest for creating the T-shirt design.

B. Richards indicated that we are still looking for conference meal coordinator for the HS.

Also mentioned that we are still looking for volunteers to help out with Carnival. E. Olson and E. Roche discussed fundraising; silent auction may be homemade items, raffle items will be individualized/separated.

E. Olson discussed school supply kits.

The potential for PTO to become its own non-profit separate from the school was discussed. Many opinions on the advantages and challenges of doing this. B. Richards recommend that we postpone funding for this until we get more research on this; members were encouraged to talk with members of PTO from other districts to see how they have handled this in the past.

Talked about teacher appreciation week (May 1-5). The group decided to host a lunch on May 3 (early out day).

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.