

Gilbert PTO Meeting
February 19, 2018
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), Kirsten Martinek, Marie Schwartz, Khyle and Kirstin Clute, Vic Vanderpool (High School), Carrie Clark (Curriculum Director)

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

Financial Report

Doing well, yearbook expenses will likely come out for next meeting

Discussion of utility of Silent Auction for next year. Also discussed options for alternatives to inflatables for future.

Update from V. Vanderpool and C. Clark

Discussed bond issue. Biggest amount of growth occurs in MS and HS; steady with ES and IS. Examined four key areas: accommodating enrollment growth, ensuring safety security, and comfortable learning environments; foster 21st century learning; supporting expanding fine arts and extras.

Bond details for each school:

ES Renovations-

- a. Moving office closer to entrance, safe and secure entrance
- b. HVAC update

IS Renovations-

- a. Creating alternative safe and secure entrance (coming in only through office)
- b. West end of building- 3 classrooms need to be updated to be consistent with rest of building
- c. HVAC update
- d. Redo vocal music room
- e. Restructuring/resurfacing track

MS Renovations

- a. Off of 6th grade pod- add four new classrooms (to accommodate growth)
- b. Locker rooms- overhaul them so that they are bigger and better supervised
- c. Creation of multipurpose room (to help with space for PE and game needs)
- d. Adding regulation size soccer field

HS Renovations (estimating growth here as 500 students next year)

- a. Add four additional classrooms at NW side of building (with eventual plan to expand into full square- layout)
 - a. Moving art room into new space (away from science room where it is currently now)

- b. Expand career-tech area
 - c. Expand shop area
 - b. Band/choir area expansion- space will be doubled
- Athletic areas
- c. (Current issues with baseball and softball fields). Will be moved to a different area, complex is going to be created, renovate others in existence.
 - d. Resurfacing track (discussed earlier)
 - e. Addition of soccer fields (discussed earlier)

Question becomes: What does this do to my taxes? Essentially, it will stretch out the current tax rate for 5 years, rather than sunsetting the current one. Additional questions can be referred to website. Additionally, there will be a public forum on 3/20 at 7:00 (free childcare). Vote is April 3 at Gilbert Lutheran Church.

Request for Funds

Kindergarten t-shirts- We funded t-shirts for kids two years ago, it was approximately \$600 dollars. Kindergarten team requested again; discussion of request. Some ideas for how to fund this included: matching funds, clothing swap, or sponsorships.

Recent Approvals:

- a. We sponsored Veteran’s Day Assembly; all of MS students participate. Very meaningful for both students and local veterans
- b. We bought materials for makerspace for ES. It is in the process of coming together, putting a grant together.

c. We are providing \$50 to each teacher for annual gifts.

This transitioned into a discussion of how to get supplies to MS and HS. May be time to inform parents to bring in supplies to reinforce basics (Clorox wipes, Kleenex)

Past Activities

Teacher Supply Fund gifts. Beth sent out an email requesting donations for teachers.

Conference Meals in November

Current/Future Activities

Yearbooks- order due by 3/9

Conference meals (3/5 and 3/8)- B. Richards discussed a conversation with Laura Clouse relating to ideas for planning.

Mileage Club- M. Schwartz discussed this being her last year doing mileage club at intermediate school. She also discussed use of electronic equipment to tally # of miles for each student. Fitness Finders offers EZ Tally, she paid for it last year; discussed how much easier it was for the elementary school. This year, she wants to use EZ Scan. Becky Garretson and Melissa Pearson do elementary school. B. Richards discussed potential for laminating the QR codes. Will be \$150 to purchase. PTO has agreed to supply funds, and can help with laminating.

Bingo (4/28). Will go toward kids who are in need ("Boost Up for Bingo").

E. Olson is working on School Supply Kits. More to come....

Volunteering Opportunities

Supply closet coordinators (at MS and HS)

Carnival volunteers

Other

S. Nesbit mentioned that survey to parents and teachers soliciting feedback and ideas to increase participation and generate interest in PTO for future years.

Kyle Clute presented interest/questions about how parents and PTO can be involved. C. Clark discussed training at various schools. Discussed potential for having parent night.

Meeting adjourned 8:57 p.m.