

Gilbert PTO

October Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, & Location: 10/2/23, 7:00 PM, Gilbert High School

Meeting called to order by Annie Bjustrom at 7:00 PM

Attendance: Annie Bjustrom, Katherine Kerns, Emily Danner, Kari Broer, Dr. Trujillo, Mary Beth Etscheidt, Rita Hamers, Ali Koehler, Lindsey Good, Nicole Oneyear, Necole Nicholls, Joni Pallos, Steph Mandernach, Kim Spaetti, Carrie Clark, Abbie Mitchel, Brooke Sievers, Denae Lundt

Minutes: Minutes of 9/11/23 meeting read and accepted Presented by Annie Bjustrom

Officers' Reports

Administration: Dr. Trujillo

Bond information presented

RSP- School District Projection

Not a new tax (continuing what we are already doing)- Tax extension for 20 years

Elementary (2.5 year process)- Increase cafeteria space, new gym, more classrooms (pods), fencing, improving parent drop off. Losing 1 field (communication will continue with the city).

Intermediate- 7 classrooms, creating new space for band/music, tech lab, guidance. Discussions around parent drop off are in the making. The track & field are "non-repairable" - Track (6 lanes) & Field will be moved to middle school- placement is TBD.

Middle School- Secure entrance (top priority), 4 additional classrooms, expand the commons, band and choir rooms as well as a larger gym

High School- STEM Classrooms- Current classrooms would be modified, adding on a practice gym (including 2 additional locker rooms) and a training room.

District has some of their own funds along with the bond that would be used to cover the costs of these improvements.

TBD- District Office, Transportation, & Maintenance

Forms passed out for questions to be addressed by Dr. Trujillo.

Parent Questions:

Will there be work done to the HS auditorium? It currently does not allow for expansion. The committee did discuss and agree it needs expanding but it did not make the cut due to the limited budget.

Is all the construction 2 years out? What was presented is all done in phases. Phases are posted online (3 phases in a 5 year process).

President: Annie Bjustrom

Addressing 501c(3) status

Secretary: Emily Danner

Committee Chairs Presented & Approved- Code of Conduct signed/returned (Oct. 6th)

Treasurer: Kari Broer

Finance report read and approved

Administration- Carrie Clark

Thank you PTO for easy communication

Committee Reports

Trunk or Treat (Emily Danner)

Sign-Up Genius for trunks went out 10/2

Accepting Candy Donations

Pizza & T-Shirt Sales

Tiny Tigers (Emily Danner)

First Tiny Tigers was successful! Thank you Gilbert Library for including us!

Next event will be on 10/4

Conference Meals (Abbie Mitchell)

Volunteers needed for second day (sign up genius)

Abbie has reached out to the schools to get staff numbers & food sensitivities

Abbie has started to reach out to restaurants to get price points

Old Business

Next Level Fundraiser (Annie Bjustrom)

With the new bond vote approaching, we plan to have building principals lay out exactly what they will use their Next Level Funds for (in which that is not covered under the bond) so that we can share this information with families.

New Business (Annie Bjustrom)

Family Tech Talk

Need a volunteer to help set up- email pto@gilbert.k12.ia.us if you are interested.

Chess Club Fall Update

Lego League has filled in the space for fall chess club

Chess Club will begin in the late winter/spring

Principals Month

Budget: \$250

Cookie Walk

Date 12/2/2023 Time: 9 AM-11 AM

PTO Board is planning the event but will be reaching out for volunteers

Literacy Week

Meeting with Lynne Reid on 10/5/23 to discuss plans for the week

Art Fair- E. Kolbet

Plan with cookie walk in Dec. 2024- Support local artists

We will circle back to this in the Spring 2024

Next Meeting is Nov. 6, 2023 at Gilbert High School at 7:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM

Minutes Compiled By Emily Danner- PTO Secretary