

## PTO Minutes September 21, 2017

- Introduction of Officers
  - President Anne Morn returning for 3<sup>rd</sup> year
  - Vice President Veronica Blanco 1<sup>st</sup> year
  - Treasurer Gloria Hwang 1<sup>st</sup> year
  - Secretary Amanda Snowberger 1<sup>st</sup> year
  
- President/Vice President Report
  - Goal for year: Raise money for a new sound system
  - Color Me Fall Festival: Oct 14<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for pre-registration Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Last year received \$3000. Extra papers available along with online registration.
  - Room parents needed: Deciding who room parents by end of first week of October.
  - Box Tops: Julie Kulp again in charge. Redeem twice a year. Send in to school as much as possible. Make approx. \$1300
  - Stop and Shop Rewards: Registration open. If signed up previously need to do nothing. Receive payment twice a year. Made approx. \$1400 last year.
  - Teacher Guide: Changes to what PTO has available to teachers and process for requests will go out next week.
  - Scholastic Bucks: Still have bucks available for teacher use. Scholastic catalogs will be placed in the offices.
  
- Principal Report
  - Oct All School Meeting- divided by school. Brought in a national group to do an anti-bullying assembly. Theme is Super heroes lead by a character called Stonehands.
  - Oct 31<sup>st</sup> is mix up lunch day. Volunteers needed to help with activities. This is also a national program. Melissa Withbroe is the parent contact and school liaison.
  - Spirit Day Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. Crazy socks. Also requesting to bring a new pair to donate.
  - Nurse Bustamante still in need of new underwear, pants, saltines, and cough drops.
  - Looking for opportunities for greater involvement in the community such as participating in Trunk or Treat, marching in parades.
  
- Treasurer Report
  - None. Gloria still needs to meet up with the prior treasurer, Sabrina, to go over books. Last bank statement shows approx. \$13000 in the account.
  - Still in the process of finalizing our 501(c)3 status
  
- Guest Speakers
  - BOE no representative present. Will be receiving a new liaison. Possibility of Stephanie Calhoun as she requested our meeting schedule.
  - Prior guest speakers included District Superintendent and Chief of Police

- Upcoming Events
  - Butterbraids due Oct 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Skate Night Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Mums from Pequot Plant Farm due Sept 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Spirit Wear orders due Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Poinsettias from Pequot Plant Farm later in the year
  
- Volunteer Opportunities
  - Color Me Fall Fest
  - Room Parent
  - Morning Door Parent
  - Yearbook/Memory Book Coordinator
    - Going with Lifetouch. Starting earlier to get better pricing and more support.
  - Chili Cook off and Frosty Workshop in Dec.
  
- Teacher Requests
  - Mrs Lipman Assistant Principal requests 2 new soccer nets for JWL playground as current ones are nearly unusable
  - Mrs Heaney would like to do once again the parenting workshop “How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk”. Have a few left over books from the Spring session.
  
- Parent fundraiser ideas
  - Different type of raffles
  - March Madness Calendar draw
  
- Next meeting Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 3:30 GFS Library