

**June 7, 2023, 8th Grade Meeting (6PM) and PTSA Meeting (6:40PM)
Gilbert H. Hood Middle School**

Attendance:

Melanie Curran, Stacy Williams, Candi Westguard, Kristen Ganley, Beth Kolinski, Kim Reid, Sharon DiRico, Kerri Corey

8th Grade End of Year Events Committee Meetings:

- We NEED Volunteers for the dance!!! Kerri, Kristen and Beth can help in the afternoon for setup. Beth can Parent Square it out.
- We have enough chaperone's.
- We can be inside or outside for the dance. If we are outside, it has to be cleaned up and weeded. Melanie will talk to Kim about asking kids to help weed.
- Still in need of food donations for dance and breakfast. Thankfully Dunkin Donuts has agreed to donate many dozens of donuts. Kim R. and Kerri will be there for the breakfast.
- Tiki torches - do we want them? Beth can bring the ones she has had home.
- We will get the fencing from Ocean State in Salem. It's out of stock in Derry.
- Tie Dying took place Monday, 6/5. Only received payment for 95 tie dye shirts - it's becoming more and more of a struggle to get payment for these each year. May want to seriously consider not doing tie dye next year. Next year we should just do pre-order shirts that are printed. We should use Revision Screen Printing.
- The Photo Booth Picture Template has been approved.
- A final decision for the date on Canobie will be made by noon tomorrow.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the 5/3/23 meeting were emailed out earlier in the day and reviewed at the meeting. A motion was made by Kerri to approve the minutes and second by Candi; all voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed.

Principal's Report: (Melanie Curran)

- Golf tournament is off to a good start and we have flyers to hang around town.
- 16th will be a step up day at school and students will find out what team they will be on next year. This will be an Early Release Day.
- Team assignments, report cards and testing results will be sent home via mail about a week after school ends.
- The school district did not add the purchase of a kiln for the art department into the school budget this year. The art department has started raising funds via the dance proceeds and it has been given to the school activity account. The proceeds did not cover the full projected cost. We have ~\$800 and need ~\$5000. We could do a paint night or movie night or "Your Fired" Night to help pay for it. Maybe we can make a donation jar that looks like a kiln out to help pay for it. Maybe do a Raffle Basket at the Golf Tournament specifically to raise money for it.

Old Business:

1. Membership - \$10 per adult, \$7 per student - can send in cash, check, or they can visit our website and sign up and pay online. We currently have 90 paid members for 2023-2023 school year. We have 3 families (4 adults and 2 students) signed up for the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week - May 8-12 - had a chocolate fountain, yard sign, luncheon, and

seed packets for all. Ruffled off some signs and flowers. Encouraged student participation throughout the week with daily themes. Next year we need to order more food.

3. Paint Night May 26th - canceled due to low sign ups. Cooler months/non-holiday weekend for next one.

New Business:

- Spirit Wear - sold \$1,030 worth of spirit wear at the Open House. Do we want to purchase more (smalls/mediums) for summer tours or wait until the start of the school year? Yes, especially the Tie Dye Sweatshirts. We will use Revision as the vendor.
- Election of officers 2023-2024 School Year
 - Candi will remain as Treasurer. We will add Kim Carpentino and Beth Kolinski as signers onto our bank account as that is standard PTA practice at schools.
 - Kristen will be President and also added to the bank account as a signer. Mike Allen will be Vice-President. Motion made by Stacey and Seconded by Candi. All voted in favor.
 - We have a vacancy for Secretary.
 - Huge thank you to Stacey for being our President and all your hard work and time to support our school, staff and students!!! Best wishes to you.

Upcoming Events:

- 6/8 - 6-1 Field Day
- 6/9 8th Grade Trip to Canobie Lake Park. The 12th is the rain date.
- 6/12 - 6-2 Field Day
- 6/13 - 7th Grade Field Day
- 6/14 8th Grade Dance 6-8PM
- 6/15 8th Grade Breakfast and Awards Ceremony
- 6/15 8th Grade Promotion - 6pm Hackler Gymnasium (Pinkerton)
- 6/16 - Last Day of school/move up day - 11:45am dismissal

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM. Motioned by Melanie and Kim seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Ganley, Vice President