

November 1, 2023, PTSA Meeting (6:30PM)

Gilbert H. Hood Middle School

Welcome/Attendance: Thank you to everyone who attended this evening. It is greatly appreciated!

Kim Carpentino, Jocelyn O'Reilly, Beth Kolinski, Kristen Ganley, Candi Westgard, Kimberly Young

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and corrected at the meeting. A motion was made by Candi to approve and second by Beth; all voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Candi reviewed the financials from October.
 - Beginning Balance \$19,411.49.
 - Ending Balance of \$15,364.96

Principal's Report:

- Thank you for my presents for National Principals Month. It was very special to me. I have told the SAU that at the end of next school year, I am retiring.
- Change Challenge: We made \$395.68 this year in the change challenge. The winning classrooms are: They were awarded the trophies, Halloween Candy and will have Munchins 3 mornings.
 - 6th Grade Mrs. Strobel
 - 7th Grade Mr. Hamilton
 - 8th Grade Ms. Ange
- We had a great Halloween Day. See our Facebook pictures.
- Picture Retake Day Thursday, 11/2 tomorrow.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are next week on Thursday 9th. Please sign up by calling the main office.
- No School on Friday, 11/10.
- The district purchased a new Kiln for our Art Department and it has been delivered.

Stats:

1. We have ~50 PTSA members registered.
2. We have 519 Students enrolled at Hood.
3. Board Positions and Vacancies- We have a vacancy for a secretary.

New Business:

- For 11/9 Parent Teacher Conference Day, the PTSA traditionally provides lunch to the Teachers and Staff. We will do this again this year. Lunch is from 2-4PM. We will order sandwich platters from Market Basket, purchase Ice Tea and Lemonade Mix to be served and we have bottles of water and chips/snacks in the PTSA Room to use. We can do a Sign-Up Genius for Desserts.

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- School store opened thanks to the NECC program. They sold 1 sweatshirt.
- Wreath Fundraiser: We no longer have access to the person who was leading this activity. The backup plan will be raffling scratch tickets on trees and wreaths the nights of the Chorus and Band Concerts. We will also sell spirit wear those nights too.
- Yoga Night. Jocelyn talked to Arielle at Nahar Yoga and she was willing to donate her time. We will try to do a Family night/toiletry donation and or gift (we will designate the age for the gifts) The flier will have donation suggestions. This will be on 12/1 from 6:30-7:30. (Jocelyn will confirm time with Nahar Yoga) Destress before Year End Theme! @ GHHMS gym. The flier should say bring mats or towels.
- Cultural/Arts
 - 11/29 Fall Assembly-Rob Surrette- Art \$1,500, additional \$500 purchase. We have a signed contract and are contacting Rob to get time for the assembly on 11/29.
 - Spirit Wear was discussed. We may be adding PJ pants and stocking hats. This year we could send a cheddar up link out to families to see our products to the GHHMS community. Pictures of new products are needed for Kristen. Beth and Kim will send them to Kristen THursday or Friday. Kristen will work on the cheddar up link and Beth will do a flier.
 - Reflections- Jen DiLorenzo
 - The deadline for entries will be the Monday after Thanksgiving 11/27.
 - A one-day open art studio was held 10/23. There was a good turn out.
 - We have one film entry.

Adjourn: Candy motioned to adjourn the meeting, which Beth seconded. All people voted in favor.

Upcoming Events:

- 11/9 Parent Teacher Conferences/No School
- 11/10 No School
- 12/6 December PTSA Meeting
- 12/18 Chorus Concert
- 12/19 Band Concert

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Carpentino, Secretary Pro-tem

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