

# October 4, 2023, PTSA Meeting (6:30PM)

## Gilbert H. Hood Middle School

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

Jocelyn O'Reilly, Leah Aioassa, Beth Kolinski, Kristen Ganley, Candi Westgard, Francoise Ulrch, Amy Wales

### Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the 9/6/23 meeting were reviewed 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 September.
  - \$1,312 raised from September dance.
  - Final balance \$19411,40.

### Principal's Report:

- Thanks for the sweatshirts for the custodians. They LOVE them.
- Clubs are starting fast; if you need information, it is typically written in our PowerSchool announcements. Use your login to access them. Our website also has a calendar to know when things are happening.
- No school on 10/9/23.
- A check was written to pay WRB half the profit from the Golf Tournament.
- Nwea testing finished.
- 10/25/23 Early release
- 10/27/23 NJHS Halloween Dance
- GHHS Book fair week of 10/30-11/3 during school.

### Old Business:

1. We have ~40 PTSA members registered.
2. Board Positions and Vacancies- We have a vacancy for a secretary.
3. Dance Recap - Continue using Signup genius, Cheddarup for monetary donations.
4. Spirit Blankets are in queue to be shipped. We have sold 30 blankets. We will have a spiritwear table @ the Band and Chorus concerts in December. Our goal is to sell all 100 blankets.
5. School store opens soon thanks to the NECC program. We would like Hood gear in the store. Candi will ask about ordering flannel pajama pants to our supplier.

### New Business:

- Fundraisers and New Ideas:
  - Jocelyn reached out to Fody's and we have a date of October 25th. 4pm-8pm 10% given to PTSA. Francoise will create a flier.
  - Wreath-making night/Family night 12/1 6pm-8pm one size wreath \$30. Let Francoise know supplies needed one week in advance. Serve hot chocolate and sugar cookies no

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charge. We can use AliExpress for large quantities of decorations. Goal 25 families.  
Francoise will write up a solid plan to start inviting families.

- Cultural/Art
  - We will plan a Fall Assembly in conjunction with WRB-Rob Surette- Art \$1,500, additional \$500 purchase with West Running Brook motioned to go forward Candi Westgard, Amy Wales seconded.
  - Reflections- Jen DiLorenzo
    - I have been in touch with Kim DeFeo and have registered GHHMS on the national site
    - This year's theme is "I am hopeful because"
    - The deadline for entries will be the Monday after Thanksgiving 11/27.
    - We need to start promoting: Facebook posts, announcements, posters (can we use any budget to print posters)?
    - A one-day open art studio? Would one of our art teachers be willing to hold this for students in addition to the art club? Reach out to Mindy Holland or Kristen Sarno- Plan for in between week sport season 10/23.
  - Spare Change Challenge, traveling trophy? Dunkin Donuts to Advisory in each grade who collects the most. (Can donate to Cheddarup) Beth will ask Kim what week she wants to do it.
- Yoga Night. Jocelyn talked to Arielle at Nahar Yoga and she was willing to donate her time.. We will do a Family night/toiletry donation (Flier will have donation suggestions) 11/17 6:30-7:30 (Jocelyn will confirm time with Nahar Yoga) Destress before Thanksgiving Theme! @ GHHMS gym motioned Jocelyn, Francoise seconded. The flier should say bring mats or towels.

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

### Upcoming Events:

- 10/9 No School
- 10/25 Early Release

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Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Aiossa, Secretary Pro-tem