

September 6, 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, Jen DeLorenzo, Leah Aiossa, Beth Kolinski, Kim Carpentino, Kristen Ganley, Candi Westgard, Francoise Ulrch

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the 6/7/23 meeting were reviewed at the meeting. A motion was made by Candi to approve the minutes and second by Beth; all voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Candi Wetsguard reviewed the proposed budget for this year.
- Jen DiLornezo motioned to increase the teacher appreciation line to \$1500.00. Jocelyn seconded it. All people voted in favor.
- Jen DiLorenzo motioned to approve the 23-24 school year budget, which Jocelyn seconded. All people voted in favor.
- Candi reviewed the financials from July and August (\$11,723.20 ending balance).

Principal's Report:

- Golf tournament went well. We have raised about 3,100.00 per school. Next year, this tournament will be GHHMS and not WRB. Team money for eight teams should be around 238.00 per team, including DEEP and UA.
- Open House is tomorrow, Thursday 7th, at 6:00. Team presentation with time to see UA teachers and tour. The email should be out today or tomorrow with the schedule. You can bring your child.
- PTSA Dance in September or the first of October.
- Currently, we are taking NWEA assessments and testing with math or ELA teachers.
- Athletic Color Run is scheduled and all are welcome.
- You should be seeing some clubs start up soon. You can log into your PowerSchool account for daily announcements or the school website.
- The YMCA is running a program in the DH Tuesday -Thursday. It started last year with funding from Marian Gerrish for this program. 40 student limit

Old Business:

1. None

New Business:

- DEEP PTA has a trunk or treat event on October 13th at GHHMS. They had their PTA meeting last night.
- Membership this year increased from last year. The new amount for dues is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students due to expected increase to State and National Dues.

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- Board Positions and Vacancies- We have a vacancy for a secretary.
- Golf Tournament- The golf tournament will be only for GHHMS next year. WRB is aware of this change. We raised around 3,100 per school.
- Dance Date will be September 22 from 6:00-7:30 in the Courtyard. We will look to secure a DJ and Jen suggested a Fall Themed Setup with Hay Bales and Cornstalks/Pumpkins for pictures. Tickets are \$5 each and are sold at school.
- Fundraisers and New Ideas:
 - Spirit Blankets are on sale. We have sold 20 so far.
 - We will be starting the fundraisers at restaurants. Jen and Jocelyn (Fody's) will contact local restaurants.
 - Candi would like to plan having a paint night combined with Hoodstock.
 - Francoise Suggested a Wreath-making night. The idea was well received. We will plan the details at the October Meeting.
 - Open House Table- PTSA will have a table in the lobby. They will be signing up members and selling Spirit Wear. We will also take orders for the Husky Blankets.
 - Spirit Wear- Candi has bought spirit wear that will be sold at the Open House.
- Cultural/Art- We are looking for ideas for 2 Assemblies this year. We can reach out to Brenda Willis for ideas. The theme would be around kindness and motivation driven.
- Kristen suggested a Yoga Night. Jocelyn will reach out to Nahar Yoga for options..
- Reflections- Jen DiLorenzo will help with Reflections.

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

Upcoming Events:

- 9/15 School Picture Day

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Carpentino, Secretary Pro-tem