

March 6, 2024 PTSA Meeting (6:30PM) and 8th Grade Planning 6PM Gilbert H. Hood Middle School

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

Kristen Ganley, Candi Westgard, Mike Allen, Lyn Downey, Beth Kolinski, Jen DiLorenzo, Mike Pereira, Melissa Allen, Melanie Curran

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the February Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Candi to approve and second by Lyn; all voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Candi reviewed the financials from February.
 - Beginning Balance 18,363.58
 - Ending Balance of 18,369.59

Principal's Report:

- A Booster A Thon will be held the week of March 25th to raise funds for Student Activities (not a PTSA Event), Site opens tomorrow! The monies will be deposited into the PTSA Account from Stripe.
- We have Husky Hats (3/7-3/11) and Husky Socks (3/12-3/19) for families who register early.

Family Sweepstakes: Families! If you [register](#) your student before Kickoff on 3/21, you can win GHMS Swag!

- Register between March 7-11th - Husky Hat! 🎉
- Register between March 11-19th - Husky Socks! 🧦

Schoolwide Challenge: If 60% of the students register on mybooster.com by event day, Mrs. Carpentino, Ms. McWhirter, and Mrs. Curren will get **SLIMED** at the Husky Hullabaloo!!

Registration Challenge: If a **TEAM** has 80% of their students registered by event day, they can **eat lunch outside on the patio** when the weather is warm!

- Student Voting will happen - at the March 12th Elections, choosing a special lunch option for students.
- State Testing has started. We began with the writing portion this week. We will do

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reading and math in April.

- Keynotes Musical The Little Mermaid is Next weekend, March 15th and 16th. Be sure to attend!
- Rob Surette presented a picture to us of Darth Vader and we have one of R2D2 which Jolene is having framed. Kristen purchased 2 other pieces of art to donate to the fundraiser.
 - We can do a Silent Auction on May 4th for them.
 - Kim will check with Sue Cook to see how she did it.
- Golf Tournament
 - Jayne Dipirro and Allyson Strobel are helping. We are in the process of updating all the fliers, letters, spreadsheets, and websites. Once updated, this will be sent to the PTSA board to spread the word.
 - The golf tournament is 8/9 with an 8:00 am start (registration opens at 6:45).
 - Golfers pay \$145.00 to play this year. Hole Sponsorships are \$125.00. Executive Sponsorships are \$700.00.
- There will be a Faculty Follies held this year on April 5th.
- There will be Auditions held for a combined WRB and Hood Talent Show. Audition forms will go out tomorrow. The show will be held at Pinkerton Academy on May 11th.

New Business:

- 8th Grade Celebration Planning began tonight. See notes below.
- Spring Assembly or Event: Mike and Melissa will reach out about a possible Aeronautical STEM Event they have seen and it's awesome.
- Candi and Kristen will do the gifts for our ParaProfessionals, Librarian, Admins and Vice-Principals for their respective days in April. The school takes care of Bus Driver Appreciation and Lunch Heros.
- We also began discussing ideas for Teacher Appreciation Week at the next meeting.

Old Business:

- 4 Student's Art Work have been chosen as winners! 1 first place winner will go on to the National Level in Film. The state Art Show will be held at Hood.
- Candi submitted our 2023 Taxes and will work on the missing 2022 Taxes and check to the state PTA for Membership this weekend.

Adjourn: Candi motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM, Melanie seconded. All voted in favor.

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Upcoming Events:

- 3/15 and 3/16 Keynotes Presents The Little Mermaid
- 4/3/24 - 6PM 8th Grade Planning and 6:30pm PTSA Meeting
- 4/3-Paraprofessional and Vice Principals Day
- 4/4-School Librarian Day
- 4/11 Faculty Follies
- 4/23-School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 4/24-Administrative Assistants Day
- 5/3-Lunch Hero Day
- 5/6-10th-Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/8-School Nurse Day

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Ganley, Secretary Pro-tem

8th Grade events:

- There are ~200 8th Graders + Staff
- Events occur during the last week of school, **but this is open as of now until the last day of school is determined.**
- Canobie Lake Field Trip-There is great concern this year over the cost for students to go. I would like to help defray the cost as much as possible. It is planned for 6/5 or 6/6 Rain Date. This can't change. There will be 4 buses.
- 8th Grade Dance-We can decide the theme and just let them know. We will definitely do a balloon arch and balloon decorations.
 - This is held mid-week.
 - The students just really want the Photo Booth and snacks (but we will not do soda or juice, water only). The kids love the frosted cookies and cupcakes.
 - We should schedule with the DJ and Photobooth company ASAP. They are Get Down Entertainment in Salem.
- 8th Grade Breakfast in the Cafeteria includes student speakers, slideshow, team photos, academic awards, and breakfast.
- Promotion Ceremony at Pinkerton the same night.

8th Grade others:

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- T-Shirts-We only want to do them if they are at no cost to the students and simple. No tie dye or names, due to the number of students with preferred names. Again the concern is so many with financial need. Candi can look into a quote for white t-shirts, single color. Maybe we can have a design contest for the students.
- Yard signs for families to purchase; this is desired again this year. But again simple, not personalized.
- Maybe do Card My Yard on the school lawn.
- We are in contact with Geskus about ordering pictures for the Promotion Ceremony.

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