

General PTA Meeting Minutes 12-10-24

Meeting Called to Order 6:00 PM

Courtney Wells (President) - welcome and introduction. Overview of agenda items (see attached)

Membership Info: Thank you for supporting the PTA with your membership. We have 835 active members right now.

Website: You can visit the GSES PTA website to find up-to-date-information about how to join, volunteer opportunities, and staff wish lists. It's the BEST place to go as all the information is compiled in one place.

Facebook: "Like and Follow" the PTA page on Facebook to see the latest happenings at GSES. There are also grade level pages with more specific information regarding that grade.

National PTA School of Excellence: Renewing for the 2025 school year. Our focused objective is "Education and Enrichment to support student success." We are building an Action Plan that includes "enhance family engagement in supporting student learning at home and at school (literacy, math, and science)", "provide support to students and families around academic progression", and "grow family participation in advocating for quality education and learning." Anyone interested in serving on the Excellence Committee can contact Courtney at president@gsespta.org.

Nominating Committee: We are accepting applications to be on the Nominating Committee. Per the GSES PTA Bylaws, the nominating committee will have 5 members elected by the membership, review board member applications, nominate an eligible person for each office, must be current PTA members, and cannot wish to serve on next year's board. Email Courtney by 12-31-24 at president@gsespta.org if you are interested in serving on the nominating committee.

Julie Berry (Treasurer)

Budget Overview: This is the current budget standings for our income and expenses as it relates to PTA events and programs.

| CATEGORY | INCOME | EXPENSES |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| MEMBERSHIP | \$5,045.00 | \$4,025.20 |
| FUNDRAISING | \$61,536.64 | \$14,171 |
| SPECIAL EVENTS | \$17,957.50 | \$24,938.29 |

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| TEACHER/STAFF SUPPORT | \$0 | \$7,218.57 |
| ACADEMIC SUPPORT | \$102.00 | \$36,370.61 |
| COMMITTEE/PROGRAMS | \$5,466.59 | \$3,038.36 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | \$1,485.25 | \$3,901.60 |
| TOTALS | \$91,592.98 | \$93,663.63 |

Ashley Saager (Fundraising)

Fit & Fun Run: We received \$55,147 in donations from the FFR. We are able to contribute towards revamping the courtyard with an outdoor classroom and educational areas for our students to enjoy and learn. The funds also support student reading programs, academic assemblies, new outdoor equipment, and more. Thanks to our sponsors who helped contribute to this event: Limbaugh Orthodontics, HealthSource of Hampton Cove, R&D Electronics, Whaleio, Cove Pharmacy, Katie Arvidson at Exit Realty, Lightwind, BURN Boot Camp, NHTC, Bicycle Cove, The Sicard Family, Beaute Nail Spa, and Macaroni Kid.

Merry Market: This is our second largest fundraiser and we raised approximately \$16,500 at the event this year. Big thank you to everyone who volunteered to help make MM Successful.

Other Fundraising Opportunities: Don't forget to sign up for Box Tops for Education, Publix Partners, and School Bucks with Food City. These passive fundraisers help raise money throughout the year for the PTA programs and initiatives.

Samantha Bush (Academics)

Academic Programs: We have supported several academic programs so far this school year. The budget includes the following programs: Accelerated Reader Store (\$2000). 2nd quarter store will be open January 15. Educational Assemblies (\$1000), there are some planned for the second semester. Night Zookeeper Subscription (\$7897.92) AI writing software for grade 2nd-5th. Spelling Bee (\$250) for awards and decorations. Reading Interventionist Salary (\$10,000). Heggarty Subscription for Kindergarten (\$89). And Space Camp Scholarships for 5th grade (\$5000).

PTA Reflections Contest: Thank you to all of our participants. Each one did an amazing job and the top winners are moving on to the Huntsville Council PTA level for judging. The winners are:

Visual Arts

K-2 Winner: Olivia Hangartner

3-5: Winner: Serenity Kelly

Also moving on to HCPTA Competition: Ella Berry, Hallie Harris, Audrey Dallman, and Amina Good

Photography

K-2 Winner: Lana Berry

3-5: Winner: Vivian Free

Also moving on to HCPTA Competition: Evan Berry

Dance

3-5: Winner: Hope Ratliff

Music

3-5: Winner: Emilee Brown

Also moving on to HCPTA Competition: Evan Berry and Brayden O'Neal

Film

K-2 Winner: Lana Berry

3-5: Winner: Evan Berry

Literature

3-5: Winner: Serenity Kelly

Also moving on to HCPTA Competition: Olivia Stewart, Marah Patterson, and Ella McAllister

Faye Dukes (Hospitality and Events)

Boo Bash Recap: Boo Bash was a big success this year. We sold about 1100 wristbands. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help at that event.

Sunshine Carts: Each month the staff is treated to a Sunshine Cart full of goodies. They always look forward to this day each month as a little pick me up. Thank you to those that helped stock the cart for our teacher and staff.

Staff Holiday Lunch Recap: Thank you to Johnson Orthodontics for funding our holiday lunch and to our volunteers for signing up for duty-free lunch to allow the staff to celebrate together.

Upcoming Events: The Family Dance will be held on April 4. It will be a free event for all. Spring Fling will be held on May 2 and is an outdoor field day event.

Carrie Zoubek (Community Partners)

Thank you to all of our Community Partners that have supported us this school year. If you have a business and are interested in becoming a CP, please reach out to Carrie at communitypartners@gsespta.org. Also, if you are ever in need of a service, we encourage you to check out our Community Partners first!

Meeting Adjourned: 6:10 PM