

PTA General Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2024

Meeting Called to order: 6:12 PM

Courtney – President

Agenda overview

- About the GSES PTA
- Visit the PTA Website and Upcoming Dates
- Membership, Grandparent's Club & P.O.Ps
- Academics and Reflections Contest
- Fundraising and Fit & Fun Run
- Hospitality & Events
- PTA Budget Review
- Community Partners

Mission overview- here for all students at GSES

- PURPOSE
 - To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for children.
- CHILDREN BENEFIT
 - Research shows that participating in your child's school correlates to them doing well academically.
- THE SCHOOL BENEFITS
 - Your support helps us support the students, staff, and families in lots of different ways.
- MAKE CONNECTIONS
 - Get to know the teachers and staff as you partner with the school.
- BE INVOLVED
 - Socializing with other parents while volunteering is fun and rewarding.

Volunteer – joining the PTA doesn't mean that you have to volunteer, behind the scenes options, support with membership to stay in good standing with national PTA

School of Excellence – renewing certification- help by taking survey to get feedback- same survey to go out in spring

Spiritwear – check out some in person designs at the PTA table- PTA fundraiser

Elizabeth Davey – Secretary

PTA Website is a great way to stay up to date on all information. You can find links for joining, volunteer signups, staff info sheets, and PTA contact info as well.

Facebook Pages – grade level pages for each grade, main parent page as well.

Sunday Send Out – another great way to find lots of information all in one place. Make sure you signup! If you sign up you will get Mrs. James' Monday Memo a day early.

Upcoming PTA Events – Grandparents Breakfast (Sept 5/6), Duty Free Lunch (Sept 13), Academic Night (Sept 17), Fit & Fun Run (Sept 20), AR Store (Oct 9), Fit & Fun Run Awards (Oct 11), Boo Bash (Oct 18)

Ashton Brown - Membership

Membership Update - Thank you for joining the PTA- big support for our students and community

668 members do far! Goal met- early bird award

Goal- 100% membership, 1 member for every student

Class with 100% participation will get a popcorn and movie party

1st class in every grade will get a pizza party! Allergy accommodations will be made

100% school participation- Mrs. James gets slimed

Drawings for membership prizes will take place after our Oct 1 deadline

GP Club- shoutout to GP volunteers for helping with pizza, lunchroom helpers. GP figures please come by and get info to join.

Meet and Greet will take place on Sept 25

GP Breakfast – please volunteer Thursday or Friday morning 5th and 6th- change to decide which day you would like to attend- prepay only- selling ticket at membership table- Bojangles catered- cereal, donuts, yogurt

Ashley Smith – P.O.Ps

POPs- new program! 21 members- teacher/school needs put out to members for volunteering

Samantha Bush – Academics

Academic support overview

- Accelerated Reader Store
- Educational Assemblies
- Reading Interventionist
- Reflections Contest
- Spelling Bee
- OWLsome Readers Program
- Butterfly Kits
- Space Camp Scholarships

Academic Night- Sept 17. Door prizes, (slide review)

- Sessions about various topics such as reading, writing, dyslexia, math skills
- YOU CHOOSE YOUR SESSIONS!
- Elementary school-aged children will play supervised in the gym
- Younger children will need to stay with their adult or arrange for childcare
- Every student will go home with a new keychain of their choice!

Reflections- theme: accepting imperfection- entries due by sept 26

Ashley Saager - Fundraising

Publix and Box Tops – passive fundraisers for our school- % goes back to the school- link Walmart account to box tops!

Fit & Fun Run- helps pay for the events and programs that we do- changes overview

Registration incentive- dude perfect keychain- goal \$45,000- project: courtyard renovation

Sponsor thank you

Merry Market – in person shopping event for students to buy holiday gifts for others, December 2-6

Kristin Symon – Landscaping

Crowd involvement (lol), funds going to courtyard renovation

Plans overview

- Outdoor Classroom
- Concrete area
- Seating areas
- New picnic area
- Garden areas
- Large Pergola walkway
- Rock riverbed drains

- Landscaping!

Courtyard grants- working together with administration

- Bonnie Plants
 - 3rd grade giant cabbage program
- American Academy of Dermatology Association
 - Permanent Shade Structure
- Green our Planet Garden Connect
 - Support outdoor education and science experiments to learn about gardening, healthy eating, and healthy lifestyle.
- Jane R. parks memorial grant
 - Support horticultural and educational efforts as a previous member of Master Gardeners

Faye Dukes – Events

Boo Bash overview- trunk or treat, inflatables, food trucks, face painting, petting zoo—need volunteers

Family Dance and Spring Fling in second semester

Sunshine Cart for teachers and staff- donations for snack items listed online

Julie Berry – Treasurer

What we support overview

- Special Events: Boo Bash, Spring Fling, Grandparents Breakfast, Family Dance, 5th Grade Picnic & Farewell, Open House
- Teacher & Staff Support: Funds for class materials and supplies, Wishes Grants
- Academic Support: AR Store, Grade level programs, Educational Assemblies, Kindergarten Parent Night, Space Camp Scholarships, Spelling Bee
- School Support: Landscaping, 5th Grade Legacy Project, Gold Rally, Hospitality, Recess Items, Volunteer Appreciation

Budget overview – budget can be found on the PTA website

Carrie Zoubek – Community Partners

Support our Community Partners!!

New CPs – Cove Martial Arts, Alabama Colon & Gastro, P.C., Lindsay Holloway with Murphy Homes, Cove Pharmacy

New business owners please reach out if you are interested in joining as a CP

Meeting adjourned: 6:38 pm