



James I Gibson E.S. PTO Minutes

June 16, 2016 at 8:10am

In Attendance:

Heather Vincent
Regina Honey
Melissa Helmink
Tami Montalvo
Melanie Munsell
Leslie Touvell
Jessica Robinson
Kristian Ryerson
Sharon Palmer
Deborah Goodman
Daniel Gutierrez
Jillian Meuse
Kathy Paramo
Audra Barnum

- Introduction and thank you for coming.
- The minutes have been approved and Kristian has received copies.
- Jillian Meuse will be the treasurer for 2016-2017. Regina Honey and Leslie Touvell will meet with her to review binder and responsibilities.
- The bank statements were sent around for review.
- Our Title 1 plan has been approved. \$35,420 was budgeted. The school is using the money in the following ways. \$9,000 for Aides, Nicole and Sandy and the I-Ready Lab. New wiring for the whole school and 3 rooms recieved Smart Boards. \$5,000 for 60 licenses of I-Ready, which is a program to help students struggling with grade level reading. Storyworks, Storyworks Jr., Scholastics, Math Workbooks and professional books for the teachers were purchased as well as the Race To Read books for the kindergartener's.

- Leader In Me program - The goal is to align most everything at our school to the Gibson mission statement. They want to focus on getting the kids and parents connected to school. Debbie Goodman will start putting on a 7 week seminar called 7 Habits of Successful Families. The cost is \$20 per family and the goal is to talk about each habit and how to incorporate it in the family. The class is one hour long, once a week for 7 weeks. The parents will have light homework that includes the children. The idea is to start with PTO parents and hopefully move out to the rest of the parent community. Melissa will send an email out in August regarding the program.
- Mrs. Goodman and the Lighthouse team are working on a project to beautify the top playground. They will sell "Legacy" bricks, most likely at \$10 a brick, for families to paint and sign on the columns. The money they make will then go to an artist to paint murals in the middle of the wall. They will have a "Family Paint Night", send home a template for approval of each brick and a visual flyer.
- Buddy Bench - After the results of the student safety survey, in which the number 1 response was the playground is often where kids do not feel included, they feel disconnected and possibly bullied the idea for Buddy Bench started. If a student is feeling left out or sad they sit on the bench and kindness Ambassadors will be on the lookout for these students. They then sit with the kids and help them talk it out and feel connected. Project Save Kids Club have received to benches donated from the City Of Henderson. They would like to get the benches ground down and painted. The PTO approved \$450 to go towards this last year. It was not used last year, so it will be available to them this year.
- Melissa and Brad Helmink will work on the website this summer and present it in August.
- Ideas for better communication and understanding for Open House and Parents Night were a "Menu" board with details of each event a parent may be volunteering for in one area where the parents can read and then a sign up area nearby where they can sign up to volunteer at the event they want. Possibly have laptops there and use Volunteerspot for immediate sign ups? The committee will work together on this at the end of the summer
- The PTO will be in the Parents Night Video.
- Daniel Gutierrez will co-chair the Watchdog Program with Debbie Goodman.
- School wish list - Number in need of chapter books for the World Series of Reading Program. The school spent \$7,000 on chapter books and easy readers last year and many of the chapter books were not returned. They are brainstorming ways to reduce the loss this year. They have an Amazon Wish Card set up for our school. There is also a possible need for new speakers and cordless microphones in the MP room.

- The idea of a Grant Program was introduced. Applications for clubs and teachers in need of specific education enhancing projects and programs as the PTO needs to track carefully for the IRS. Possible committee, but needs membership approval. Kristian's recommendations from past experience is give the same amount to each club and have due dates for the "Tag-a-long" fundraisers.
- Melissa will amend the minutes from June 14th regarding the McDonald's Night. Sharon will get Regina a copy of the bank deposit, so she can send it to McDonald's manager, who will then write us a new letter with the correct amount for our records.

Committees are as follows:

- **Meet and Greet** - Chaired by Jillian Meuse
Melissa Helmink, Daniel Gutierrez, Kathy Paramo and Audra Barnum
More volunteers welcome.
- **Boo Hoo Breakfast** - Chaired by Melissa Helmink
Jillian Meuse, Kathy Paramo, Daniel Gutierrez, Regina Honey and Audra Barnum
More volunteers welcome.
- **Fundraising** - Chaired by Amy Grande
Daniel Gutierrez
Melissa Helmink (To pick up donations only)
More volunteers welcome.
- **Membership** - Chaired by Melissa Helmink (**She is seeking a co-chair**)
Jillian Meuse and Kathy Paramo
More volunteers welcome.
- **Marketing/Communication** - Co-chaired by Melanie Munsell and Melissa Helmink
(PTO hopes to have a bulletin board in the front lobby by the 1st day of school)

2016-2017 PTO Meetings

August 9th at 6pm (Location to be determined)
September 13th at 8am (School)
October 11th at 6pm (School)
November 15th at 8am (School)
December 13th at 6pm (School)
January 10th at 8am (School)
February 14th at 8am (School)
March 14th at 8am (School)
April 4th at 6pm (School)
May 9th at 8am (School)
June 13th at 8am (School)

2016-2017 School and PTO Calendar

August 26, 1-2pm - Meet and Greet
August 29, 8:15am - Boo Hoo Breakfast for Kinder Parents
September 8, 6-7:30pm - Parents Night (2 Rotations)
September 15, TBD - Watch Dogs Pizza Night
September 22, 6pm - PTO Spaghetti Dinner
October 18 - Fall School Pictures
October 27, 7am - Pumpkin Run
October 27, 5-7 - Trunk or Treat
November 8 - Election Day, No School
November 11 - No School
December 8, 6pm - Winterfest
January 19, 6pm - Open House
February 9, 6pm - Dance
February 16, 7:15am - Donuts with Dad
March 16, 7:15am - Muffins with Mom
March 21 - Spring School Pictures
April 10-14 - Spring Break
April 28, 5:30-7:30 - Spring Carnival

Meeting Adjourned

Secretary_____ Date of Approval_____

