***GSA PTO Meeting Minutes***

***September 28, 2021***

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

*Devotion*

*Secretary Report*: Read minutes from August meeting. Pete Moved to approve. Tasha seconds. Approved unan

*Treasurer Report*: $18,794.61 last time; had outlay of $186,65; 46 from jeans. 40 from teen..

We are at 19,614.26; $100 for clothing – would put us at positive from last month. ($20)

*President’s report:* Nothing for now.

*Principal’s report*: New desks are in and awesome! Great for collaborative learning. 6 make an entire circle. It freed up a ton of room. Only negative – not enough space in the desk. But, the rooms are a lot cleaner. Old desks are available for give away. The big ones they will keep but the small ones will be available. Perhaps we sell for $5 – 15 to school families or maybe outside the school. Mr. Bill will go through them.

Newsletter: its going great. Six sections/articles – those are just top of the brain thing but he is open to ideas. Maybe open to kids to write articles – “kid-feature”. Maybe add art of the month or creative writing feature.

**Request for funds**: Soccer goals. Amanda reached out to her contact at OCS but they don’t donate to religious organizations or private schools. Total to buy is $5,200 with shipping and will have in 8 days. He is not requesting $5,000. He has a fund dedicated to athletics. There is $5k in that fund, so maybe 3,500 from that fund and 1,700 from PTO. The 5th and 6th grade class is constantly playing soccer. We can also do a fundraiser after the fact to replace that cost. We would need jerseys in February. These are nice goals that have lifetime warranty and can be moved on and off.

**Motion**: Pete moved that PTO cover the difference between the 3500 and total cost, with a 100 year rider each year for nets. Tasha seconded. Unanimous.

Athletics: We started extra curriculars last week. Kids are loving it. We do have an issue with older kids and academic probation. If you have an F in a class, you have to sit out practice, etc. However, Mr. Von Deylen is going to write up a more detailed policy. When he does that, he will post it.

Pumpkin Patch Volunteers: there are a lot of people signed up. Make sure to sign up for unloading because there will be food. Ray: there will be more machines vs. hand held labor. We will have a ton of pumpkins to transfer from boxes to pallets. There will be photo areas. They cleaned up the areas last weekend. We will be using square for payment. Janet is building a sign and we will also make a barrier where the fence ends.

Hayride: tractor rides. Pastor really wanted a dunking booth for the teachers.

Pine Ridge high school is bringing 65 volunteers.

Volunteers for crosswalk – Randi has been looking for cones. They are 80.56 for a three pack on amazon. We can use them for all kinds of events. These are tall skinny cones. We can attach the signs to them. They have a weight at the bottom.

We need two crossing guards in the morning – one for LLA and one for GSA. We have a few folks who have already volunteered. We will go ahead and get people out there at least a couple of days a week.

New building plans: We put an insurance policy on getting blueprints for new classrooms. The covered pavilion will make two big classrooms. There will also be a bathroom there. We could make an underground retention pond and build over the top of it. We could then extend the playground and pavilion.

Other building plans: in the LLA rooms; permanent wall between Amanda and Dawn’s room. Now it is just an accordion wall. Hopefully this summer. The bathroom will be reorganized so the 2-3 and Dawn’s full day VPK can see into the bathroom.

Dirt road: finalized as of today. Will be finished on October 4. The millings have been secured. The dirt road will be closed.

Angel shop barrels: November 1 - the barrels should be out there for collection. Maybe storage boxes. Probably need a month of donations.

Facebook page: our page is controlled by at least three admins. The idea was brought up that PTO would have its own page or group. Mr. VonDeylen is okay with that. He wants it to be a controlled group. Would still have an admin – probably Mr. Dutcher or Mr. Von Deylen. This will be good for new parents.

Bill is working on bees and wasps.

*Dates*:

See Agenda.

*Fundraising*: We sold 37 kids and made 185 dollars from Moe’s. Pumpkin patch will be October fundraiser. November 30 spirit night at Texas Roadhouse or December 7. November 30 is right after Thanksgiving so might be good. We can set up a table and talk about our school but we can’t pass out the flyer. But we could put a donation bucket out or do a raffle or talk about our field fundraiser. Basketball game – student v. teacher: November 20. $2 per ticket and we will sell food and drinks. Money will go to new basketball uniforms. Texas Roadhouse does a peanut fundraiser. This will be for cheer uniforms. December: angel shop; January 29 – color run to help with track. February: Flower sales. The wood flowers worked great.

Pete moved to allow $50 for permit for color run and Dominique seconded; unanimous. April we will do a Spring Fling and have vendors and dunk tank again. We will need a permit for this. May – another spirit night; then do a silent auction where each class does a gift basket. Do that the same time as field day. Bc parents will be here.

*Events*: Fall spirit day. October 29. October 15 – Pink.

*Teacher Appreciation*: No report.

Adjourned at 7:58.