

## PTA Meeting 8-23-17

### Welcome:

Meet and Greet with all attendees. BIG turnout.

### President Report:

Remind app... [www.remind.com/join/glensp](http://www.remind.com/join/glensp) If you need the code, it is on today's agenda.

Having food trucks for PTA meetings is not going to happen because they are going to be at the Farmer's Market for the most part

### Principal:

Always call or e-mail if you need anything. Always available to you

451 kids as of this morning. Last year ended year at 510. Talked to previous Principal, Mrs. Dell who said she had 404. Numbers will fluctuate.

New crossing guards here and there, we're in an adjustment phase.

Lost a few teachers due to relocation of students, etc.

Mrs. Barrett switched schools (she was a new hire 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and moved to Wiles),

12-13 kids in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade-Mrs. McCoy moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade because of class sizes in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (approx. 18 kids per class)

Teachers have a big input on classes they move to.

Mrs. Watson (gifted teacher) leaving...we went from 74 to 50 gifted students this school year. Ms. Zinger will be taking over this load. We (school) are serving Math 1-5, but not serving science anymore...not enough time for it... Watson going to Wiles.

Mrs. Walsh retired. (2<sup>nd</sup> grade portable)

Officer Scene (new school resource officer)... (check spelling on name of Officer)

Playground equipment was delivered yesterday and the district will now come and set it up.

Mrs. McAlhany: The district initiative...all students stay in the classroom instead of having to go out to the portables...teaches kids initiative, diversity, they don't feel isolated, etc. Co-teachers and teachers (Ms. Smith, Gullede, Wells) embraced the change. They will be going to training at the end of August. (Google "UDL"—every child has different learning needs) Partly district mandated.

Pepsi is the school's new contract. Agreed to give 10 cases of 12oz carbonated beverages or 16 9oz bottled water cases, as part of contract...can be interchanged.

Gator Dominos doing promotion for PTA also.

GSE was a C last school year...changes yearly.. Don't base 'value' or 'worth' on that... what matters is what we are doing every day here.

**Treasurer:**

\$1564.49-checking

\$5031.86-savings

Big pending things not included in these numbers ie: Playground repair, computers

We trimmed back on teacher request budget. We will increase with more fundraising (considering (LulaRoe))... trimmed from teacher budget because it was easiest to trim. Birthday Marquee: \$10, can take square at PTA meetings

Rasta-ice (new shaved ice truck) would like to do Carnival and other events and offer 50% to the school.

Budget approved by all.

Lost about \$7 in CC transactions doing 25 cents per transaction. We will consider raising it to 50 cents per transaction in the future. REVISIT after next event.

**Old Business:****Event Reports:**

1. Meet The Teacher:
  - a. Went well.
    - i. Gulledge (sp) loved the preordered school supply packs
    - ii. T-shirt sales: \$1038 (\$121 pending)...close to breaking even... anything else is extra (fundraising) Did \$700 in CC cards
    - iii. Sold all adult shirts. Will have to reorder. Few ways to do that but prices vary.
      1. Email Helen if you are interested in a shirt, e-mail Helen.
      2. Reorder price is a little more expensive (crew neck is slightly less expensive than V neck) Kate will look into the cost differences on this...
2. Tissues & Coffee:
  - a. Went well... people and teachers stopped by,
3. Teacher Breakfast: (Jenna)
  - a. Went well, teachers appreciated it greatly.
  - b. Next big thing will be "Teacher Appreciation Week" but will do small things in the middle of the year.

**New Business:**

1. Invest in Your Child:
  - a. Moving from January 2018 to September 2017
    - i. Agreed to by all.
2. Teacher Requests:
  - a. 4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA, 4 classes of 4<sup>th</sup> graders... needing new book sets...current are outdated. Would like to buy a Novel Study Packs includes: thoughtful questions for each chapters, pulling in 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading chapters, etc. \$169.50 (will be used by all 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and for years to come). The average is about \$6.50/per novel.
    - i. Waiting to purchase until sale gets better. (Right now 25% off, and usually goes 50% off, but willing to wait until end of September to order for better deal)
      1. Approved contingently – will review at next meeting based on sale prices, etc.
  - b. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade quad needs toner, would like to order from Amazon (name brand vs. off-brand) \$83.10 (approved)
    - i. Also needing classroom libraries subscription for year to: Book Retriever... this allows teachers to scan books on iPhone and keep track of books kids are checking out...can allow to \$108/total for 3 subscriptions one year... (\$36/each) (Inclination project). (approved)
  - c. Coach Hickman: \$224.98 equipment cart...(Angela Adams Husband possibly builing)
    - i. \$99.99 audio speaker...can be used during warm up, PE, morning mile, etc...adds more excitement, engage kids who may not be as interested in PE.
      1. Mr. Armstrong said he will look into whether or not a grant would cover this. He was able to get grant at former school. We will do an e-mail vote.
  - d. Quad A: On average the color ink will print approx. 1200 pages; Helen wants to look into carrot ink prices (Office Depot prices are \$39.99 3 color, 20.99 black) .... Approval pending Helen checking prices on carrot ink, if Office Depot is cheaper, will do on OD
  - e. FUTURE NEED...Mr. Robinson wants 25 ukuleles, cost is \$901.50, He created an account with Find It Fund It" 50% matching grant....if we can raise ½ they will match the amount and we can get the ukuleles. These are not toys, these are real. .... URL for Find It Fund It: (will go home to kids folders Friday or Monday) [www.finditfunditflorida.com/alachua/grant/28838/](http://www.finditfunditflorida.com/alachua/grant/28838/)

- i. Cut off is 21<sup>st</sup> of September for cut off on grant... as we get closer to that date, if we are short, could PTA donate last little bit to goal?
  - ii. October Modern Band for 3-5 grade ...through donations, they were able to get instruments. If anyone have old instruments in closet, please donate to GSE program.
- 3. Upcoming Fundraisers and Free Events
  - a. Open House 8/31
    - i. 5:30PM-6 Title 1 parent meeting, 6PM to 7PM meet with teacher/visit classrooms
  - b. Dinner & Movie Night 9/8
    - i. A survey monkey went out with movie ideas.
- 4. Directory
  - a. \$350.00 to print. We did not pay for them last year...trying to find businesses to sponsor... this year will have calendar dates within it.
- 5. School Beautification
  - a. Grace UMC does a day (instead of having services) and beautifies the community.. Jenna will talk to the church members.
  - b. If anyone knows anyone willing to help, let's pitch in and help.

**Member Concerns:**

Teachers might possibly need a donated microwave.

**Adjournment:**