



5:45-6:15

Alachua County Schools Guest Speaker

Jenny Wise: Thank you to the PTA for providing a tremendous service.

1. District Wide Issues - Maintenance - Roofing, AC, Flooring, etc - Modernization - replacing renovating - Capacity - building new spaces
2. STEM facilities
3. Cafeterias - undersized
4. Classrooms - Many flooding issues
5. Growth - 1700+ students in past 3 years
6. Facilities Goals - Make sure core buildings are adequate size , replace permanent classrooms, modernize facilities
7. We are getting less money for these things now as compared to 2006-2007
8. Sales Tax Referendum 1/2 cent sales tax for 12 years will be place on the 2018 general election ballot, all revenue will stay in Alachua County, limited to the 1st \$5,000 of a large item, proceeds will be for renovation, new school construction, safety improvements , tech upgrades, WE are the only county is not at 7% - Average cost \$58.00 per year

Theresa: Director of Energy Systems

1. Florida inventory of School Houses - There has been 4.5 million spent on renovations since 2000 -
2. We have met with the Principal and want your input as well. You have an opportunity to change how all the schools in Alachua County will look

Mary Benedict

PTA President at ESHS

1. Need your input [accpta.org](http://accpta.org) there is a survey we need you to fill that out so we know what improvements need to be made and what you WANT,
2. Ask your kids what they want. They are listed by School on the website - Enter your email and fill this out. Look ahead and take the survey for where your kids will go to Middle school and High School, WE MUST convince EVERYONE of the need for facility funding. We have lost money to charter schools and other things and NEED your help for these improvements.

6:15-6:25 Treasurer

Kate C

We have checks that are out that have not been cashed. We are going to be closer to \$2,000 after the things come out.

17 families came to ice cream night - made \$37

6:25-6:35 Old Business (5 min each)

1. Holiday Childcare Event @ GSE

- A lot parents enjoyed it and we are going to do it again

2. Bookfair

- \$4,936.00 in sales

- Many parents did round up and we collected \$132.00 in donations

- A big thank you for Ms. Jost, The kids love the books and really get into it.

- Spring - We need parents and volunteers to help set up and take down

6:35-6:55 New Business (5 min teacher requests/2-5 min all other items)

1. Teacher Requests

- Quirk - RENEW STARFALL \$270.00 for entire school good for K-2nd and is tied to the standards, great component, for students working below grade level - STARFALL is great. It is available for free but the free version but is very limited.

- Debate about IXL extension vs. STARFALL for K-2.

- \$70 for just one room for STARFALL for Ms. Quirks room

2. Science Night (Feb 6th 5:30-7pm) (2 min)

- Gulledge - New kind of science night - Very hands on activities

- Need people to run the booths

- We have a list of things that we will need that Ms. Gulledge will give to Helen

- Nathan can put into his newsletter at UF to look for people to help

- Kate C. has the email of the UF department contact that does the science exhibit at the mall at Halloween.

- Pizza will be free so people can eat dinner

- 3. Carnival (March 16) (5 min)

Pro Tai Kwan Doe might maybe donate a bounce house.

4. Box Tops (2 min)

5. GSE Business Directory (2 min)

- Nikki - we would love to have a business owner GSE online maybe? to help parents connect and use each others services

6. Northwest Grille Fundraiser 4:30pm - Close

7. February 6th Fundraiser for Tai Kwan Do they will make the flyers - \$25 for 4 weeks - 19th of February - Need a call home - Need to promote it - How many instructors will depend on how many kids will sign up, 30 minute sessions

6:55 Member Concerns

Gators Dockside Fundraiser - Give to Angela - Punch cards - buy for \$2 and sell for \$10

7:00 Adjournment

Reminders:

Contact Helen with interest in supporting chaired committees

Fill out the volunteer form- available online!

\*\*Changes will be made

**Next Meeting: February 7th**