

MINUTES

St. Gabriel Consolidated School PTO Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Kris K. PTO President at 7:05 p.m.

Call to Order/Welcome – Kris K

- Child Care available in cafeteria.
- PTO Membership table – please join if not already a member and/or get your directory and CD if eligible
- Opening Prayer was led by Mrs. Mary Lou B-S.

Secretary's Report – Lori M

- PTO's membership drive a great success this year – 198 members as of this evening! This is the highest membership ever to our knowledge.
- Motions were requested and received to waive the reading of the minutes from the May 2008 PTO meeting from Mrs. S and Mrs. L.
- If you want to be on the email list to receive PTO emails, please contact the Secretary at 513 771 0846. PTO sends weekly emails to the group distribution list along with ad hoc updates and request emails.
- Announcements and Minutes from tonight's meeting will be available on our website and at Flag Door.
- Sincere thanks was given to outgoing Secretary, Laura H, for her guidance and patience.

Principal's Report – Mr. E

PTO Annual Donation to School Funded

- Bought and installed Security cameras; Infrared connection for night-time – see beyond the paved area with the slides
- Increased band width for data processing; started this summer (3 phase project and initial phase completed in August. Estimated completion in 2 years)
- Purchased Art Cart for teachers (easily move around materials)
- Painted some classrooms
- Bought new teachers refrigerators

Enrollment is 395 studies as of today. This is down a bit from last year, we had budgeted for 410.

- No concerns at the moment. There were some last minute withdrawals - potentially driven by the economy. Exit surveys' feedback is positive for the most part.
- There are openings in all grades except K and 1st.

Teachers

- All teachers introduced
- New Teachers: Mr. B Gym, Mr. B Music, Mrs. B-S CRE, Mrs. C 1st grade, Mr. S, 6th grade, Mr. H, 8th grade.

4th Grade National Assessment Program

This year SGCS 4th grade was selected to participate in a national assessment program in Math. This program assesses educational progress. Part of National assessment program for 4th grade in Math.

Recycling dumpster added –located on East side of school building. Eagle scout project in progress to build fence around

New fundraiser - Collecting Cell phones – boxes to put used phones in located in hall by school office.

Past graduate Patrick S at St X is a National Merit Semi-Finalist

Active Committee Reports (20+ active committees)

- M&M Committee (Tori A, Jen D, Stacy F, Karen S)
 - Karen spoke for the team and thanked committee from last year for smooth transition.
 - M&M sale going to be a success and thanked all who participated. Sale on target to deliver PTO goal of \$12, 000.
 - To date: 659 boxes of M&Ms sold! 309 students participated.
 - To date: 32 students earned the Pizza lunch and 21 students the Limo/Pizza lunch!
 - Money due by Friday Sept 12.
- Scrip – Melinda Y
 - All questions about Scrip to go to Melinda Y.
- Open House on Wednesday, January 30th. and All School Mass at St. Max on Thursday, January 31st at 9:30am.
 - Contact Aimee D if you can help - watch the Thursday Envelope for more information.
- Enrichment Assemblies – Katrina H
 - Planned assemblies are science-oriented (featuring Thomas Edison and Benjamin Franklin).
 - An art or music assembly is desired. If you can help plan an assembly, contact Katrina H.

Old Business – None

New Business –

- **Budget Update: Mary R**
 - Review of budget: Last year was a good year and we were able to do a lot of things.
 - ◆ Expenses came in less than budgeted for and Income was up (eg Scrip)
 - ◆ Bottom line last year: annual school donation ~\$20,000. Usual donation is about \$5,000. Mr E shared how that donation was spent.
 - This coming year: not a lot of changes - See Mary R, PTO Treasurer, for line items
 - ◆ New is Credit Card processing charges so that we can accept credit cards are events.
 - ◆ Reduction in Athletic Boosters budgets (per agreement with Boosters)
 - Budget Vote: Adelaide L motion to approve and Maria L seconded.
- **Adult Social/Raffle instead of Cougars Night Out this year: Kris K**
 - Feedback on CNO was parents wanted a break from CNO. CNO takes lots of investment of both time and money. It will be back next year!
 - In the absence of CNO, the PTO will lead a Raffle to raise necessary funds. The Raffle is in essence a giant Split The Pot. Coreen B and Charlie K will run the Raffle which will start in November and run through February.
 - Raffle goal is to sell 500 tickets @ \$50 per ticket. Each family encouraged to sell 1-2 tickets. Individuals are encouraged to go in on a ticket together or to consider buying raffle tickets as gifts for the holidays for those people we know who have everything already!
 - PTO planning an Adult Only Social for this year – a casual, fun evening without the kids. Additional CNO feedback indicated a desire to continue to build upon the sense of community but without all the work of CNO. Tentatively planned for February 2009.
 - We need a volunteer to co-chair the Adult Social with Kim Bt.
 - More details on both the Adult Social and the Raffle to come.

General Announcements

- Kris K reviewed the available volunteer positions
 - Adult Social CNO Co-Chair to work with Kim B.
 - 7th and 8th grade plays Directors (2 people) to shadow this year. If we do not get volunteers, we will discontinue the plays. Please volunteer! No previous theatre experience needed!
- Katrina H recognized our recent Volunteers.
 - Please check the “Wall of Appreciation” outside the cafeteria and visit the Kudos! page on our website to see all of our volunteers for the Fall/Winter.
 - If your name is missing or misspelled, **PLEASE** contact Kris K because everyone deserves to be thanked and recognized.
- Coreen B and Melinda Y led the “Early Bird PTO Membership Drawing”:
 - Michelle T's name was drawn from the group of Early Birds for PTO membership. She won a \$25 gift card from Scrip!
- Coreen B and Ann E announced there were a few classes very close to 100% parent participation in PTO! Any class that gets 100% participation will get an ice cream treat.

Next Meeting: Jan 14 2009 at 7pm in St Mary's Hall

- **Open Forum – Kroger/Campbell's Labels & Automatic Points**
 - A PTO member mentioned that individuals can sign up to have points from applicable Campbell's purchases automatically tracked with Campbells' (with credit given to SGCS) by signing up your Kroger loyalty card number with Campbell's through [www.kroger.com/services/schoolprograms/Campbell's Labels for Education](http://www.kroger.com/services/schoolprograms/Campbell's%20Labels%20for%20Education).
 - PTO Secretary Lori M will ask Campbell's Labels fundraising owner Joanne G to check this out to see if this capability should be supported by PTO and if retailers besides Kroger offer it. Automatically tracking Campbell's purchases could save everyone time and potentially increase our revenue by making it easier for relatives and friends who live elsewhere to participate (and earn \$\$\$!).
- **Split the Pot** – Winning ticket was held by Joan H. Dollar amount was \$46.
- **Cougar**- The cougar was won by Mrs. S's class. (The Cougar lives in the classroom of the teacher with the highest attendance by parents of the students.)
- **Closing Prayer/Motion to Adjourn** – Mr. E led the closing prayer. Adelaide L made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Laura E.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori M, PTO Secretary