

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT PTO
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2012**

I. Called to order at 7:06 pm. Kris Freda welcomed everyone; 4 officers in attendance and 16 parents; scheduled babysitters did not show for the meeting however temporary babysitting was provided and the situation will be addressed and corrected by the next meeting

II. Changes in the 2012-2013 GMRSD PTO Officers:

Resigned/Resigning:

Aimee Pfeiffer and Jamie Cicerelle – Kris thanked Aimee & Jamie for their service as PTO officers and for remaining involved with the PTO

Returning:

Kris Freda as President

New PTO Officers:

Carrie Gajda – Vice President, Nickole Whelan – Treasurer, Kim Spangenberg - Secretary

PTO Officers needed: Co Vice-President – if anyone is interested please contact one of the current PTO officers

III. May PTO Minutes – the group was asked to review the minutes. Aimee Pfeiffer motioned to accept the minutes, Jamie Cicerelle seconded, all were in favor. Kris reviewed the end of the year treasurer's report. The 2011-2012 end of the year Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion to accept was made by Kara Lefeber, seconded by Hilary Jakub, all were in favor.

IV. 2012/2013 PTO Budget – The new budget was reviewed with explanation that the budget was raised this year in that we have a healthy surplus in the bank. Corrine Valente made a motion to accept the budget, Karen Grove seconded, all were in favor.

V. Committee Chair Reports

Kara Lefeber– assemblies budget is good, more than the committee had anticipated. Assemblies are being booked. Sept 27th both schools Anti-bully play. Laser assembly in January, Earth Day Circus in April. If anyone has additional ideas please inform Kara or Karen Grove ASAP.

Gloria Leggio – Dine out Wendy's – choose a night M, T, W, or R from 5 PM to 8 PM and when diner mentions GMRSD PTO we get 15%; Frank's Pizza fundraiser, continuous fundraising program, sign up online and we get a % everytime you order, Gloria getting more information

Karen Grove – Directory Cover Contest – must be in black ink and rules must be followed. Deadlines need to be upheld.

VI. Open Committee Positions – Please consider volunteering – You will have a committee of parents to help you

Committee Chairs needed 2012-2013 School Year:

Book Fairs – Liberty – December 3rd thru the 7th @ Liberty; Hilary is willing to help the new Chair at the first bookfair

Cartridges Recycling – Nicole Arluna reported this is worth doing – we can get \$2 Staples rewards for each cartridge recycled

Fall Festival – Central – Mrs. Washburn will be doing this at Central again this year – make scarecrows to display outside – Elizabeth Prell will Chair this committee – thank you Elizabeth!
Family Fun Nights
Field Day Liberty
Hospitality – Central & Liberty
Kids Vote
Kindergarten Orientation
Slumber Party/Book Fair Night – held at Central (both schools invited) – Kara Lefebber & Karen Grove volunteered to Chair...Thank You!! Aimee has notes from Stacie Davies who chaired this in the past.
Staff Appreciation – Central
Workshop/Office Help for Liberty – this committee provides administrative/office support to the teachers 1 time per month. Gloria Leggio chairs Central. We need a Chair to organize the volunteers at Liberty

VII. Events started/completed since last meeting – Chair responsible or Carrie if Chair not present

BOGO Book Sale Liberty – went well
Central Field Day - Fun
5th Grade Send Off – went well, the students wrote a thank you card to the 5th grade send off volunteers
Kris announced we are now on Facebook as GMRSD PTO

VIII. New Business

Teacher curriculum grants due October 3rd, Vote at October 10th PTO Meeting – we are voting on grants again in January and if money is available again in April. Teachers must attend the meeting to present the grant. Aimee suggested we send out a reminder to the teachers and parents prior to the October meeting. Gloria asked if teachers can get grants 2 years in a row. They can. In the past teachers have not come close to using all of the money. We are hoping they will take full advantage of the program this year.

Directory Mobile App – presentation made by Kris. All in attendance liked the idea of being able to have the directory on their phones for \$1/parent/year.

5th graders are now switching classes and must carry all of their books with them. Karen Grove was wondering if there was something PTO could do – lockers, storage place for books, etc. Kim Spangenberg will bring this up at the PAC meeting with Mrs. Kotcho

IX. Current/Upcoming Events (Kris or Chairs)

PTO Packets have been distributed – Forms due September 14th
Directory Cover Contest – entries due Sept 14th. There will be no late entries for Liberty.
Vote will occur at Back to School Nights
Back to School Night Central – September 27th
Back to School Night Liberty – September 24th
Book Fair Central
Book Fair Liberty – December 3rd thru 7th

Kid Stuff & Entertainment Book Fundraiser – Nicole Arluna reported. Books/forms will be distributed September 13th. Kid Stuff books have been distributed, Entertainment books will not go home this year but order forms will be distributed. Home room teachers will get a free KidStuff book but if teachers want the Entertainment Book they will need to buy them at \$18. Next year Nicole said she will wait 2 weeks into school before starting this fundraiser...too much in the beginning of the year.

Teacher Curriculum Grants – applications due Oct 3rd, vote at October PTO meeting

Halloween Costume Fundraiser – Gloria gave the PTO officers the flyer for review to be posted on the website and distributed at school

Box Top Contest Ends 9/28

Market Day – pick up 9/17

Custodian Appreciation Day

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

Our next meeting is October 10, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. at the GMMS Café with free babysitting.