

GMRSD PTO Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2012

The April meeting began at 7:05 p.m. Attending were 3 officers, 22 parents, the Liberty school nurse and Liberty principal.

PTO Introduction

Ms. Kotcho was introduced. President then discussed the PTO's function and all the events it runs, supports and/or funds. Many chairpersons and other volunteers are needed for 2012-2013.

The PTO President advised that the PTO will go back to the prior system of having parents volunteer for events at the beginning of the school year, with the form to be handed out with the PTO packet during the first week of school.

New Committees

The new committees the PTO is organizing are as follows:

1. Re-establish PVN (parent volunteer network) to help teachers and staff with clerical work.
2. Library Assistants: Mrs. Roman is looking for a few volunteers to work in both school libraries a few days per week.
3. PAC - the parent advisory council members (2 parents from each grade) will be chosen for the 2012/2013 school year
4. Art Assistants: Mrs. Levenstein (Liberty art teacher) requested a few parent volunteers to work with her to log art work on to Artsonia. The PTO will see if the Central art teacher would also like volunteer assistants.
5. Home room teacher assistants are needed for next year also.
6. The Liberty gym teacher (Mrs. Baatz) has requested help with the jump rope for heart paperwork next year. The PTO will check if Central gym teacher would like help also.

For a list of ALL committees see PTO website.

Officers Needed for 2012-2013

President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary.

Question & Answer

10-15 Minute Refreshment & Discussion Break

People had the opportunity to sign up for any committee, or chair or officer position.

Review of the March 14, 2012 Minutes
Review of the current Treasurer's Report

Completed Events

1. Liberty Scholastic Book Fair
2. Slumber Party @ Liberty

Discussion and suggestions regarding the slumber party were as follows:

- alternate between Central & Liberty each year.
- open the event up to 4th & 5th graders (especially when it's at Central) to assist in the event to keep them involved and interested.
- have 2 Slumber parties each year, one at Central and the other at Liberty.

Upcoming Events

1. Administrative Professionals Day - April 25, 2012. Lisa McMahon graciously stepped up to chair this event.
2. Teacher Appreciation Week: April 30th - May 4th (Central) & May 21st - 24th (Liberty)
3. Kindergarten Orientation – May 3rd
4. Field Days @ Liberty (May 30th) & Central (June 1st)
 - Students will most likely bring a bag lunch for Field Day. PTO will provide a snack and the lunch room may be open for lunch that day. The extra Field Day funds will go to purchasing additional equipment to be used for this year and upcoming Field Days.
5. 5th Grade Send Off will be at the Belvidere Pool with a DJ, pizza lunch and sports for the students. It is scheduled for June 12th, with a rain date of June 13th.
6. Scholastic Book Fair (BOGO) – at Central May 21st -23rd
 - Liberty is checking on dates for BOGO.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2012, but there is a 2nd grade concert on that day at GMMS. The PTO meeting date will likely be changed and the PTO will advise via email.