

GENET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 9, 2024

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Genet Conference Room

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1. Attendance
 - a. Officers present – Jen Crewell, Kayla Smith, Paige Wood, Caitlin Heeg, Deanine Lena, Jessica Sweeney, Kim Tuttle
2. Principal's Report
 - a. Thank you to PTO for Kindergarten shirts
 - b. Ice Cream Social was a hit
 - c. Board of Education Meeting on Wednesday September 11th moved to Genet Auditorium
 - d. District met with 1st responders and police today about school safety
 - e. NYS changed safety notification for schools based on trauma information.
 - f. Mr. Grignon and safety team are presenting to the students tomorrow about the safety drills.
 - g. Current enrollment as of today is 530
 - h. Backpack program starts in 2 weeks, they are always looking for donations.
 - i. NYS testing dates windows are posted on calendar, Mr. Grignon will notify us when the exact dates are chosen. All exams will be given on the computer.
 - j. Open Houses: K-2 on Sept 17th, 3-5 on Sept 26th
 - k. 5th graders are going to Thatcher Park for field trips Sept 16th and 20th
 - l. Mr. Grignon and staff are looking into field trip options for the year.
 - m. Stopfinder Ap is not working, but they are working on it.
 - n. Morning Program will be September 13th, September 27th, October 4th, October 25th.
3. Budget update:
 - a. Still reconciling last year's budget.
 - b. Working on a budget plan for this school year
4. PTO Officer list updated for this school year
 - a. President – Jen Crewell
 - b. Co-VP – Kayla Smith and Paige Wood
 - c. Co-Treasurer – Caitlin Heeg and Deanine Lena
 - d. Co-Secretary – Jessica Sweeney and Kim Tuttle
5. New Business:
 - a. PTO will not provide something for all students at Fall Fun Run
 - b. Discussion began about removing the Field Trip budget for each grade. Considering moving to an in-person experience for all students with the pool of money that was previously spent on field trips.
 - c. A charitable line item in budget will remain for students that are not able to pay for field trips

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- d. PTO Meetings and notes will be more formal moving forward.
 - e. Effort will be made to reinstitute Explore and Grow offerings.
 - f. PTO will make an effort to have an officer at each Board of Education Meeting in person.
 - g. An effort is being made to reach out to the parents in September and at Open House to inform them of PTO offerings and asking for volunteers.
 - h. October School photos will be done by Adirondack but the PTO will be reaching out to Lifetouch to consider adding spring photos and consider using them going forward.
 - i. PTO Proposed to Mr. Grignon to have Jaguar Jog on November 13th with raindate of November 14th or November 15th. This would have a fundraiser window of October 25th to November 8th. The fundraising would kick off at one of the October morning programs.
 - j. Mr. Grignon would like the PTO to look into doing a Color Run.
 - k. Movie Nights will no longer be a PTO event, it will be organized and run by 5th grade families as a fundraiser for their end of year events.
 - l. PTO will be looking into sending a newsletter.
 - m. Trunk or Treat will happen before Jaguar Jog so Candy Monster will be used at school.
 - n. Backpack program would appreciate donation requests in conjunction with Trunk or Treat.
 - o. Families and Staff are requesting a Spirit Wear sale
6. Upcoming Events:
- a. September 17th – Open House for K-2
 - b. September 26th – Open House for 3-5
 - c. September 28th – Guptills Event
 - d. October 7th – Picture Day
 - e. October 7th – PTO Meeting
 - f. October 17th – School Fall Fun Run (10/18 raindate)
 - g. October 18th – Movie Night hosted by 5th grade families
 - h. October 25th – Trunk or Treat
 - i. October 31st – School Halloween Parades
 - j. November 4th – PTO Meeting
 - k. November 12th – Make-up Picture Day
 - l. November 13th – Possible Jaguar Jog Day (11/14 or 11/15 raindate)
 - m. December 2nd – PTO Meeting
 - n. December 6th – Movie Night hosted by 5th grade families
7. Questions, comments or to volunteer
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