

Georgetown PTC Minutes-January 15th 2015

Attendance:

Nancy Patrick Krista Lawrence Shannon Klein Theresa Reagan Jody Hunt Melissa Heys
Audrey Straub Lisa Kuieck Michelle Burns

Second Grade Report:

Lisa Kuieck joined us to give an update on what the second graders are up to right now. They are hard at work on their Market Day projects. They are manufacturing items that will be “sold” with tickets to their classmates on Market Day. This is a fun event that teaches all about economics. Students must learn how to get their supplies, work together to make their product, decide how to price their product, and then on Market Day be able to make a profit selling their product. They are having tons of fun doing it!! Mrs. Kuieck expressed her thanks for all the items that have been sent from home and states that they have great support from parents.

Principal Report:

*Year Books Arrived!: These will be distributed to the classrooms. There will be a few extras available in the office for \$10 while supplies last.

*Gaga Pit Fundraiser: \$600 raised so far! We are looking at two different options to purchase. Will still need to supplement fundraiser money with our PE fund and PTC donations. Winning class will get to use the GAGA pit first.

*SMART SNACK change: Michigan legislation has passed prohibiting using food as an incentive or a reward in classrooms unless it is from an approved SMART snack list. Further, it states that if a snack is to be used, all children in the classroom must receive the snack at the same time. This also prohibits the sale of any candy/pop on the premise which is why we did not have our 5th grade candy cane sale this year. Holiday parties will remain unchanged.

*Holiday Party Security: First level of change was implemented for the Christmas party which was to stagger parties and reduce the amount of people in the building to comply with fire and safety codes. The change was handled nicely. There was a para pro at the front entrance checking parents in and the parking lot was much improved.

The second level of security change will be for all volunteers to have background checks on file. Look for information on this soon.

*MSTEP (formerly MEAP): We are getting ready for the new MSTEP test. The testing will run for 9 weeks. Grades 3, 4, and 5 will each have three weeks of testing to run consecutively. We currently have 90 laptops for about 110 students so we will have to stagger testing and use rapid chargers in between sessions.

*Kindergarten/Pre-K ROUND UP: March 3rd. Look for more information soon on the blog.

*Hudsonville BOND proposal: Hudsonville school district recently purchased Heritage Christian School. Hudsonville Public is at capacity now and is projected to be in the future. The school district is proposing two separate proposals that will be voted on later this year as to how that school will be used. The first proposal will make the school a third middle school and move 5th grade into the secondary schools. The second proposal is to make it another elementary school. Both proposals will allow for increased busing and more secure entrances. There will be much more information to come as each proposal has pros and cons. **Two town hall meetings will be held Feb 4th and Feb 5th at 7pm in the HS Auditorium to discuss each option.**

Budget Review:

*Budget reviewed: No major changes. Approved the PE to use their \$400 allotted fund for the GAGA pit. Approved a request from Mr. Rob for more 6 ft multipurpose tables as the ones we have are starting to break. They have been in use since the opening of Georgetown. Cheryl Havens to look for tables.

*Gordon Food Service Fun Funds: Melissa Heys is checking in on Fun Funds. We did not spend enough as a school last quarter to qualify to receive funds. We need to spend \$500 as a group each quarter. Parents will need to sign up to get a

card and then use that card with each purchase. Go to <http://funfunds/gfs.com/funfunds> to sign up. Our organization number is 2283617.

*Box Tops for Education- Next batch of Box Tops are due **FEB 6th!!!** Please make sure to trim the Box Tops and turn them in with the name of your child's teacher. The top earning class will earn a prize.

Upcoming Events:

*Father/Daughter Dance: This special night is planned for Saturday, Feb 21st. Tickets will be on sale soon! Co-chairs Linda Fuzi and Rachelle Klein are planning this fun event.

*Book Fair: The next book fair will be the week of March 9th-13th which coincides with conferences. There will be evening shopping again that week. Look for more details to come home soon.

*Mother/Son Drive Basketball Game: This is planned for Sunday, March 22nd. Amanda Impens will be getting info home soon on how to order tickets.

*Teacher Appreciation Week: May 4th-8th. Co-Chairs Elizabeth Schollart and Kristi Floriana

***SPRING CARNIVAL**: We are still looking for 1 or 2 individuals to organize this FUN event! If you love to volunteer and would like to get involved, please contact Theresa Reagan ASAP!!

Next Meeting Thursday, March 19th at 6:30- ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!