

Garfield PTA Meeting: September 14, 2015

Attendance:

Kristin Westlund	Kym Greene	Kylie Phillips
Katy Beatty	Regina Reeves	Brendon Chertok
Amy Koster	Amy McMahon	Miriam Padilla
Margaret Huff	Arlen Speights	Evan Horbeck
Kristina Ackley	Erin Johnson	

Called to order at 6:44

Approval of August minutes:

- Kylie Phillips moved to approve minutes from August; Amy McMahon seconded, all in favor

Principal's report:

- This year's focus is on Positive Behavior Intervention Support, and on Safety per district focus
- Amy Koster is doing administrative training
- 9/22: Title I letter, including offer of tutoring
- Curriculum Night is Thursday (PTA will make short presentation)
- (Amy) Upcoming staff and student practice for Level II Emergency
- In response to question from Kylie Phillips: working on issue of large 4th grade classes

Teachers' report:

- Amy Koster and Katy Beatty: budget was removed for **butcher paper for bulletin boards**. Can PTA fund it this year? We will find out and vote on it at next meeting.

Financial report:

- See attached report
- **Amazon Smile income**—requires specific path to Amazon items; we will put reminder on Facebook page

New business:

- Kylie Phillips moved to increase **teachers' grants** budgeted amount from \$3,000 to \$4200 (each). Regina Reeves seconded, all in favor
- **Popsicles for Meet & Greet** were purchased by Brandon Chertok; it was agreed to reimburse for them (it was already in PTA budget)
- Amy McMahon: should we apply for non-profit status for **Combined Fund Drive** (WA state allows paycheck deduction donations)
- Kristen Westlund: We purchased a **safe**; can we have it mounted in PTA cabinet in workroom? Kylie Phillips and Kristen Westlund will have keys; the safe has a slot for inserting money & documents
- Kristen Westlund: **PTAvenue** is new way to manage membership; she and Arlen Speights will have access
- Kylie Phillips: contract for **cookie dough fundraiser** needs 2 signatures; she and Kristin Westlund will sign; kickoff will be at November 6 assembly
- Kylie Phillips: **pavers** will be rearranged and set on Friday, September 18 after school
- Kylie Phillips: accepting Paypal for cookie dough would be complicated and cost more. We won't do that.
- Amy McMahon: **Fall Fling** will be October 30; Margaret Huff volunteered to help coordinate. The event will use less space and fewer volunteers than previous Fall Flings
- Kristin Westlund: **Holiday Bingo Night** will replace gift exchange (teachers will be encourage to organize individual events if the wish)
- Amy McMahon: **Box Tops** incentive is popcorn, bounce house party, or popsicles.
- Regina Reeves: first **movie night** is November 20; not a drop-off event; Amy McMahon will provide DVD for *Inside Out*.
- Kristina Ackley: **popcorn sales** will continue; vouchers from teachers; Jason Finney will pass money along to popcorn volunteers
- Kristina Ackley: **Scholastic book fair** had wrong date; alternative could be smaller event during Fall Fling, or sale

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- of books donated by Half Price Books during conference week
- Kristina Ackley: **spirit apparel** orders are due September 25; we will purchase a small inventory based on previous event sales
- Arlen Speights: **Track Stars** starts last week of September; Erin Johnson suggested Capitol High School students may volunteer; Brendon Chertok indicated that workstudy students might help
- Regina Reeves: principal's robo-call was valuable; Brendon Chertok indicated he will start that
- Brendon Chertok: Bre Gyllis is now updating GES website
- Amy Koster and Katy Beatty are taking over **Spring Field Day**

Adjourned at 7:50