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Garfield Elementary PTA Community and Board Meeting

Tuesday September 8th 2026

Board and Community PTA Minutes

Call to order by Gina McCune: 6:30pm

Attendees and Intros:

- Mark – Treasurer
- Zoey - Book Keeper
- Gina - President
- Kaelyn - Co Vice President
- Crisha Yantis – Secretary
- Brenden Chertok
- Kirk the Librarian (staff Representative)
- 5 Community members

Finances & Meeting Minutes:

School Updates – Brendon Chertok

New staff this year include a new music teacher and preschool Ecap teachers. We are also now hosting the birth to 3 program supporting kids that need extra support. Staff did trainings this summer on restorative practice helping kids build social emotional skills and professional learning communities - to build how we come together as teams. Comments made on how successful this was.
Garfield will be partnering with our dance company again, more to come later. We are also exploring ways to coming together as a community. Last year's end assembly was a success and we are looking to continue that.
September 17th there will be an announcement about school consolidation. You can find all the information in Board docs. Here is the board doc link. Garfield is not on the list to close and will most likely absorb other students: Garfield's goal will be to help support our community in this potential big change. How the schools grow or are defined in boundary lines are also under talks.

Bark delivery is coming. We may then need to purchase more depending.

PTA Events

Activities for the year include:

- **This fall we will kick off our first community night with Parfait Bassale**. Please check out his website for more specifics on him: https://parfaitbassale.com/ We will have him come in and speak and PTA will provide a dinner for families. The goal is to have gym and outdoor activity for the kids while the parents listen to the speaker. We will need volunteers to run this so stay tuned. He is available September 28th Monday. We will check on this date.
- **Popcorn Fridays**: Meg is committing to run a chunk of the popcorn Fridays. Although 1 person can manage, it is better with 2 volunteers per shift. See end of document for a sign up link to help

out. No popcorn on half days.

- **Track Stars** can use volunteers. Kaelyn, Luke and Gina often run this and the time commitment is typically Fridays 12:40-1:50pm. Kids do laps and get rewards and charms. This coming Friday is the first one. See the link at end of document to sign up to volunteer.
- **Snack distribution**: The PTA continues to provide snacks for all. We take donations and can cover the full cost of the year if each family that was able could donate $25. See the snack donation link at end of document. Popular items we often get from costco are bananas and string cheese. Discussions were had on having students help distribute snacks once a week to classrooms. We also get donations for snacks from local businesses and we have a letter to give to them to request donations. Crisha works on this but anyone looking to help out can reach out and she can provide a form to give to business for the request. Some businesses we have already connected with are the Co-op. Trader joes. Bayview. Some businesses review requests once per year in the Fall.
- Fundraising: Main fundraiser. $10,000-$13,000 goal. We should take donations throughout the year not just during the fundraiser time. We now have a monthly donation as well. We talked about having the fundraiser open all year round and making ¼ increment celebrations or recognition for reaching the goals.

Bank Account: We still need members on the bank account. The minutes with new members and removal of past members are on a document in the google drive. This needs to go to the bank with folks to shift things around.

Budget: We discussed having a somewhat healthy amount of money in our bank account but on the same to low end compared to other PTA's. We can spend down some money but will need to work at our fundraising goal to keep it where it is to pass on to the future years.

Items that need a person to head them and some were previously discussed:

Track stars: Luke. Kaelyn. Gina. Could always use more volunteers

Popcorn: Meg. And need consistent help each Friday.

The Play: MARK and Gina will be the point people and we will need parent volunteers each day to support the kids.. Month long commitment for kids. We could decide to spend money on it. But also had families pay for it last year. Half of kids asked for scholarship and half paid full price. It takes a bit of work. 5 days a week.We have gym and the dates already scheduled thanks to Terra. February 22nd - March 20th. We will choose the specific play later. There are 30 slots. Possibly first come first serve. We can only offer these to student attending Garfield.

Movie nights are already scheduled/booked. Kaelyn and Luke will do the organization and main point people and we can use more volunteers to run it. Dates are Oct 9th, Nov. 13th, Jan 8th, Feb. 12th, May 14th (we had a December date but this needs to be cancelled as we are doing another even in December.)

Trunk or Treat. Crisha will be the point person and Zoey may be able to help as well. October 25th the last Sunday before Halloween. We have families do trunks and provide candy. This is tied in with the bookfair. Police people are here with a trunk as well. PTA can help provide candy and people are welcome to also bring candy. We will have side games and prizes.

Bookfair is open during the trunk or treat and officially opens during school on Monday October 26th. Kirk could use PTA/parent volunteers to run this and supply the Lollipops as well as break it down. There will be a volunteer sign up sheet.

Bingo night December 4th. Friday night. No movie night this week. Dinner. Pizza. We had prizes from the community. We need to get on top of donations earlier. I DON"T THINK WE HAVE A POINT PERSON FOR THIS SET UP YET? Luke mentioned some businesses will give a 2fer, meaning we pay them 100 dollars and get 200 dollars in gift cards for prizes.

Wintergiving: Mark and Meg have agreed to be the point people for this. We ask families that need help and we set them up with donations. We had 30 ish families last year. *This takes a lot of work.* Elementary school or lower grade levels we support. We don't support Middle and High schoolers as they have their own programs. This takes someone willing to write a letter that mr. chertok writes and makes gift tags for. Donors in the past give for this. This takes quite a bit of outreach. Blankets and scarves are given by a company. Question on where there is info in the drive on this was asked….fingers crosses.

Website: We could use someone to manage the Website and place updates.

Monthly newsletter: We could use someone to right a monthly newsletter

We could use a **social media coordinator**.

Art in the schools: We discussed how to had more art in the schools. Possibility on bringing in a resident artist once or twice a year. Pay them to come in and work on a project with the whole school. Perhaps after school type of program options were also discussed. This is in discussion.

We also discussed continuing to keep our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Sometimes providing food and reminding grownups they are welcome to bring kids. If we had a large turnout develop we could discuss providing child care. We will be doing dinner at the October meeting.

Email list needs to be refreshed. The first community event is a big draw for the email list. Mark may be working on this or this is in discussions.

We need to Stuff teacher mailboxes with flyers on occasion. Mr. Chertok offered to allow us to print from the school budget and some folks agreed to stuff mailboxes with some upcoming events.

Meeting Adjourned pm 8:05pm

- Don't forget to join the PTA!: Click here to JOIN PTA:
- Click here to sign up to help count laps for kids running Track Stars on Fridays at recess.
- Click HERE for PopCorn Friday Sign ups.
- Please use this link to donate to the snack fund: SNACK DONATIONS.