

Genesee PTO Minutes
September 16, 2014 ~ 7pm

A. Welcome

We had a great group show up for the first meeting, an excellent collection of old and new faces!

B. Treasurer's Report – *The bank account is very healthy right now.*

C. Committee Review

1. Box Tops

a. First collection date

b. Prizes

The committee chair was missing, but I have since spoken with her and she will be following up with us soon.

2. Teacher Appreciation

As an overview this committee usually prepares three teacher appreciation projects a year. In the Fall we have a Soup Luncheon. After Winter break there is a welcome back to school item. In the Spring there is a breakfast for the teachers. We do welcome new committee members and ideas.

a. Fall conferences – Soup Luncheon

This has been set for 11/7/14. A new approach will be used to solicit donations, volunteerspot.com.

b. Any other prior to Soup Luncheon

Next year we are hoping to have a back to school item.

3. Bingo

This committee is responsible for putting on Bulldog Bingo every March. This event is our largest fundraiser and a really popular event in town. We lost our committee last year and need new people to run the committee and work with others to organize the event.

a. New committee leaders

One person did show interest in the committee and was going to think about potentially helping out this committee.

b. Volunteer/ Recruit

4. Bookfair

This committee is responsible for putting on the Book Fair's at the school. Sherie Wright has graciously done this job for many years. This committee puts lots of free books into the hands for the entire Genesee student body. Last Spring each student got a free book!

a. Back to School Night Book Fair Recap

This was a quick book fair, just for PreK – 3rd. We discussed expanding it next year at least through 4th grade. This was successful and many students utilized the \$5 coupons in order to purchase books. These coupons were supplied with scholastic dollars in our account.

b. New committee members

This committee also needs members to help set up, take down and run each fair. There are two more scheduled this year. The theme for the Fall fair is Sir Readalot, (think castles, knights and princesses) which should be a ton of fun to execute.

5. Other

a. New committees?

It was proposed to explore "Labels for Education"

D. Existing Fundraisers Update

a. Printer cartridges

We discussed Staples ever changing policies with regard to the printer recycling program.

b. EScrip

This is an online program through Safeway. We encourage everyone to sign up, Genesee gets a small percentage of purchases.

c. Bulbs

This has been very successful so far. We need to get the word spread a bit more and get more sales. Genesee gets 50% of all purchases, below is the link to the website:

http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=19779&user_campaign_id=439344

E. Teacher Requests

We were going to check the box for any requests.

There was a request made to help pay for new PRIDE shirts for the entire student body. We were going to do some research on pricing then decide how much PTO would help with.

F. New Business

1. Missoula Children's Theater

We paid the deposit to bring MCT to Genesee. They will be coming the week of April 20th and will be performing The Little Mermaid.

2. Other?

Next meeting – October?

The next meeting will be 10/7/14 at 7pm in the school library. We would love to see everyone! We do provide childcare during the meetings. If making a meeting is difficult, but you have an interest in volunteering in one of the above areas please contact either Kristy Mayer at kristym@gmail.com or Aulia Steinbis at moonstruck25@hotmail.com, or any teacher could direct your interest or questions to an appropriate person.