



GCS PTO Meeting Agenda

Date: January 9th, 2024

Time: 3:40 pm

In person: GCS Cafeteria

Chair People: Kayla Candelaire , Brittany DeBarris

Secretary: Alyssa Choate

Communication: Leslee Voisard, Courtney Reynolds

Treasurer: Heather Henson

Teacher Liaisons: Lily Redfield, Olivia Regester

BOD Liaison: Jenna Preston

Members at large: Hannah Leto, Sena Walsh, Stephanie Berg, Sarah Munson, Lyndsay Hazen

1. Welcome Back to School!
2. Call to Order
3. Roll Call

Kayla Candelaire, Alyssa Choate, Leslee Voisard, Courtney Reynolds, Heather Henson, Lily Redfield, Olivia Regester
4. Newsletter Looks amazing! Thank you
Next edition will be sent to both families & staff
5. Brat booth
 - a. Thanks for all the help from volunteers, friends, and family.
 - b. Full Amount of Money we raised

Profit: \$8,616. We are still lacking the invoice for the brats. Cabin Creek Brewery will be buying the remaining 4 boxes left over.
Ornament profit: ~\$500. Great Success!
3rd Weekend profit: ~\$244, super slow until just after noon.
 - c. Ideas to make it run smoother next year

Create a Supervisor position for each shift (ideally staff) to ensure smooth running and open/close the school.
Allow for volunteers to sign up for specific roles in each shift (runner, money handler, food handlers, cook, etc)
Possibly add an additional position on the afternoon shifts to better handle the lunch rush?
Include a sign-up position for students to sell the ornaments
Fewer ornament options for next year: limit them to 2. Santa Lucia ornament and one other type to relieve the strain on the students to make

them in time. Possibly include the library Friday activities or do a PTO-run after school activity to allow for more time to make the ornaments.

Have someone give a plug for brats and ornament sales just before the Santa Lucia procession begins.

If we do the 3rd weekend event again, we won't begin sales until noon.

6. Next Fundraiser- World's Finest Chocolate

a. Dates when it starts/ends

Heather will be reaching out to rep Jake for him to come to our next PTO meeting to establish sale dates. Last year it was the 2nd week of March, but we might consider doing it in February this year to spread things out a bit more.

b. Goal of boxes to sell

When Jake comes, we will go over last year's sales, establish a goal for this year and determine how to handle prizes. (Last year was a combo of prizes from WFC and some Heather bought from Amazon to supplement)

7. Spring & Fall 2024 BookFair

a. Dates when it starts/ends

Spring Date: April 22-25 (will confirm).

Fall Date: September 2024 (will confirm which week is assigned for Sep)

b. Sign up link

Heather will duplicate the Fall sign-up sheet and update for Spring.

We discussed possibly opening up the Friday sales to the community -

Have a Community Day sale open to the public.

8. Slacker Fundraiser

a. Good idea? Try it or not?

We have been signed up to participate. It is just a simple link we can share with people. We will test the waters with it and see what kind of participation we get this year

Might want to consider having a table at the race as well with school info

b. \$5 dollars goes to school for every person signing up with link

9. ButterBraid Spring Cookie Fundraiser

We do not have any dates or further details, but looking to try it out and see if it is as successful as the bread is in the fall. This year will be a test year to determine if we continue it in the future. More details to come.

10. Volunteer Opportunities

a. Classroom Support

Teachers will continue to reach out on a classroom basis for specified Needs, will reach out to PTO if any additional support is needed

b. Kitchen Helper

Kitchen help is ALWAYS welcome, but is also being well-managed. Lunch

monitors for the older classes will be invited to assist as-needed as well.

- c. Concessions-Basketball games
 - TWO Home Games: February 1st @ 4:15p and February 22nd @ 7:30p
 - Looking to provide something like chili, chili dogs, walking nachos, etc as a “meal” option that can be eaten in the cafeteria ONLY. Also will provide snack options that can be taken into the bleachers;
 - Will have trash cans set up along the bleachers with someone to remind people to discard the trash before leaving @ the end of the game.
 - We are also looking for both adult and student volunteers to help man the concessions.
 - We will be using the Book Fair barriers to help block off any unnecessary areas of the school to prevent rogue children from running through the halls. Also asking Gaskins to be there for support.
11. Make sure to time your Volunteer Hours
 - Possibly look at a different method to track volunteer hours, more like a system where you can clock in and out as you go to make it easier to track odds and ends that parents are doing throughout the year?
12. Next meeting- Feb 6th? Questions,Comments,Concerns
 - Looking into potentially switching up our teacher liaison for Mar-May to best accommodate the needs of our current teacher liaisons. Won't make any official changes until next PTO meeting.
 - Confirmed to be held Tuesday, February 6th, @ 3:40p in the Cafeteria.
13. Meeting adjourned @ 4:25p