



Gates Chili Middle School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Meeting Minutes for March 09, 2021 General Meeting

7:00pm – 8:00pm *Virtual Due to COVID-19 Restrictions*

ATTENDANCE

Executive Board Present: Mark DeGray, Bryan Arthmann, Paula Arthmann, Jennifer Gelfuso, Dr. Buckshaw, Kristin Kruspe

Executive Board Absent: Tracy Dalykas

Other Attendee's: Robin Williamson

Meeting call to Order at 7: 04 pm by Mark

REVIEW OF JANUARY 19, 2021 MEETING MINUTES.

-MOTION TO ACCEPT: 1ST: P. ARTHMANN 2ND: J. GELFUSO VOTE TO APPROVE: Y: 7 N: 0 AB: 0

TREASURER REPORT

- Review of January 2021 Financial Statement:
- MM: \$20,430.77 CK: \$2,460.86 Trip: \$4,032.57

-Motion to Accept: 1st: M. DeGray 2nd: B. Arthmann Vote to Approve: Y: 7 N: 0 AB: 0

- Review of February 2021 Financial Statement:
- MM: \$20,432.34 CK: \$2,449.86 Trip: \$4,032.57

-Motion to Accept: 1st: M. DeGray 2nd: B. Arthmann Vote to Approve: Y: 7 N: 0 AB: 0

-Paula wrote one check out of the checking account for \$11.00 to Mark DeGray for Postage.

-Funds Requests:

A funds request was submitted by Mrs. Dorofy for \$500.00 to purchase books and materials for an

Author visit. One autographed book plate for each Student. **Vote to approve: y: 7 N: 0 Abs: 0**

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Recruitment for the 2021-2022 GCMSPTO. Put in Spartan Happenings and Dr. Buckshaw to send notices to the Elementary School Principals to get info out to Parents of the incoming 6th Graders.
- Submit interest by 4/30/2021, will vote on during the May 2021 General Meeting.



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DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT TEAM (DIT) UPDATES

- Mr. Tavelaris is the GCMS Representative. The DIT is currently working on building equality teams to meet the 5 year District Equality Plan.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM (SIT) UPDATES

- Continuing to read the Book "Stamped". Discussing what can be done with this information and how to use the information.

PRINCIPAL UPDATES

- No 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Socials.
- 8th Grade End of year Dance to be held outside/inside. Will have a tent for the event. Tentative date is 6/11/2021
- Will be renting a tent for Tuesday to Friday of that week.
- Awards Ceremony is planned for in person in the tent.
- National Junior honor Society Ceremony will be held in person with two guests per student.
- No 8th Grade trip and no 6th Grade Night Out.
- Looking at doing a 6th, 7th Grade movie night. Can hold it on the turf field at the High School to allow for Social Distancing, and we can eat in the stands. Will need a site License and may possibly be 2 separate nights.
- Dr. Buckshaw will let the PTO know how we can help.
- One end of year event where students go to classes from Periods 1-5 then Periods 6-8 will be different events for the students. Ice Cream Truck as the special treat.
- The Superintendent has instructed the Building Principals to begin setting up their year end events.
- Assessments for the old N.C.L.B act. NYS is pushing back on this. Grades 3-8 assessments will be in mid April. The Federal Government is saying to administer these tests, NYS says no. These will not be a Graduation requirement.
- Final Exams for Non Regents Classes this year will not be administered. Teachers may give a cumulative knowledge assessment but the grades will not be weighted or recorded.
- Last day of school for MS and HS will run concurrent with the Elementary Schools this year.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned by Mark at 7:42PM