



Gates Chili Middle School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2019 General Meeting

7:00pm – 8:00pm Gates Chili Middle School Library

ATTENDANCE

Executive Board Present: Mark DeGray, Tracy Dalykas; Bryan Arthmann, Paula Arthmann, Kristen Kruspe, Dr. Lisa Buckshaw, Jennifer Gelfuso

Executive Board Absent: None

Other Attendee's: Christina Delorenzo, Robin Williason, Amanda Hart

Meeting call to Order at 7: 00pm by Mark

Welcome by PTO President Mark DeGray and Introductions of PTO Officers, Principal, Teacher Reps and Parents in attendance.

TREASURER REPORT

- Reviewed July 2019 Report, 2 outstanding checks, no variances
- Reviewed August 2019, no outstanding checks, no variances
- Voted to accept July & August 2019 reports. **Motion Approved - Yes: 10, No: 0, Abstain: 0**

FUND REQUESTS:

- Allow GC MSPTO to apply for 501(c)3 Non-Profit status.
 - Advantages: Tax Exempt on sales/purchases (Federal and State), property, Donation receipts, Federal and State Level Grants available.
 - One example of a Grant being a rock climbing wall for Neil Armstrong School.
 - Disadvantage's: time, paperwork and a \$600.00 fee to file, and possibly a lawyer for our Group, additional \$300.00.
 - Total Approx. Cost: \$1,000 **Motion Approved - Yes: 10, No: 0, Abstain: 0**
- Set Community Funds: Redwings \$350, Amerks \$350, Rhino's \$170 **Motion Approved - Yes: 10, No: 0, Abstain: 0.**

NEW BUSINESS

- Cherrydale Fundraiser is underway, orders due 10/7/2019. Will be shipping from Colorado, Due in 11/6 or 11/7. Will be published in Spartan Happenings.



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- Spirit Wear/Spartan Wear orders due 9/20/2019.
- New to District/6th Grade Upstander shirts are on order.
- Looking for an Auditor for GCMSPTO 2018/2019 Finances.
- Discussed updates to the Bylaws.

PRINCIPAL UPDATES

- Construction in/on Building continues, going well.
 - 6th Graders, navigating well, the 7/8th Graders taking time to adjust.
 - R.S. hall is gone, new foundation, ground up.
 - Two science rooms under construction and are ahead of schedule.
 - New School year, and construction going well.
 - Teachers/Staff are handling the construction, classroom changes, and sharing well.
 - Students are adjusting.
 - Bells to start and End Periods.
- Late Buses are now running on time, extra Period ends at 3:30PM.
- Lunch by Community's now.
- Picture Days: 9/23, 24, 25 during Gym Class.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, 10/7/19 Cherrydale Fundraiser Due.
- Friday, 10/18/19, 7:00PM 7/8th Grade Dance.
- Tuesday, 10/29/2019 7:00PM PTO Meeting!

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.