



Gates Chili Middle School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2022 General Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE

Executive Board Present: Mark DeGray, Holly Catalano, and Dr. Lisa Buckshaw

Executive Board Absent: Tracy Dalykas, Kristen Kruspe, and Jennifer Gelfuso

Other Attendee's: Robin Williamson and Denise Rado

Meeting call to Order at 7: 03pm by Mark

Review of February 2021 Meeting Minutes. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes as printed & distributed.

Motion Approved - Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0

TREASURER REPORT

- Reviewed February 2022 Financial Statement. Motion made and seconded to approve financial statement as printed & distributed. **Motion Approved - Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0**
- Reviewed Budget vs Actual for month ending February 28, 2022. Currently income and expenses are better than plan.

OLD BUSINESS

- 501(c)3 application has been filed. Application lists Mark DeGray as the contract for any questions. As application was submitted, we can start acting as a Non-Exempt organization until official notification is received. This means we would file the tax forms in early July 2022.
- PTO Executive Board Discussion
 - Majority of the PTO Board has students in 8th grade and will be leaving the board at end of June.
 - Linda Palmer has expressed interest in serving on the PTO Board as Secretary for 2022-2023 School year.
 - Discussed options if no additional parents express interest in serving on next year's PTO Executive Board

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed the PTO Scholarship
 - The PTO will once again offer 5 (five), \$200 scholarships for students to attend an educational or community program.
 - Application will be posted on the PTO Website.



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- Mark to finalize application and share with team.

SIT/DIT UPDATES

- District Improvement Team (DIT) was cancelled.
- SIT Team focusing on Equity. Good Turnout for February Meeting. Next meeting is next Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

PRINCIPAL UPDATES

- Discussed Superintendence Conference
 - Three former students presented and discussed the challenges they faced and overcame.
 - Diversity – Rochester City School District
 - Professional Development opportunities in the afternoon
- State Assessments coming up – Last week of March and at the end of April
- 6th Grade Fun Night is scheduled for May 20, 2022 – Will include COVID safe inflatables
- Talent show is coming up on March 18, 2022 – 13 acts planned. PTO will sell concessions

OPEN DISCUSSION

- 8th Grade Class Trip
 - Contract has a minimum number of attendees
 - Trip cost is \$155 per student
 - Discussed if PTO support is needed for students who cannot afford to attend
 - Student Council will support some students to attend
 - Old list was used to communicate the credit each student had earned from fundraising. New notices being sent to students based on list finalized in late November 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.



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