

Gold Rush Elementary PTO meeting Notes December 9th, 2022

Meeting called to order @9:05am

Approvals

- November Meeting Minutes - approved

Officer Reports

- President/VP - Merry Christmas and Thank you so much for all of your work so far this year! There has been such great feedback on all of the events so far and would love to keep up the steam for the last half of the year! January and February will be a little quieter.
- Treasurer - It's so great to see so many giving their time to all achieve such an amazon goal. Holiday market felt so great, just stopping for a moment to listen to the kids and the excitement on their faces.
- Principal - This past week has been so special! It was so great to see so many more parents being involved and brings so much joy to the school! Kindergarten registration night was this week. It is amazing how many have open enrolled, 108 kids in the first round! There will be a 5th section added since there are 5 sections for 5th grade. Every other grade level is triple what it has been in the last years. Want to keep the max class size at 25, 640 for the whole school. The results and the success of the school is really showing! We are working to spend our Digger Dash money on playground equipment. Some items were not approved, so back to the drawing board. The back playground has been finished, looking at how to improve the front playground. Goal is to select and have the district come out and approve before Winter Break.

Old/Ongoing Business

- Book Fair - Went so great transitioning to the new set of volunteers. Looking into the dates for the Spring date. The Fall semester went
- Holiday Market - Sold 536 Squishmallows, definitely the hot item! It went so well with the new format and decorations. Jillian and all volunteers did so great and we are so thankful! Next year will be so great now having all the tools!
- Staff Holiday Gifts - Have 90 staff holiday gifts of soap and gift cards ready to go for our amazing staff! The goal is to get them into all the mailboxes by the 19th! Will need a few volunteers to help get these in the mailboxes. Total was \$6.65/person spent. Would like to spend January brainstorming all teacher gifts going forward.
- School Supply Kits - We are going forward with this again for next year. They have agreed to be more coordinated this year by going online and saying what they want in the kits this year. Will come labeled with grade level and kids names, organized on pallets! Cut-off should fall in the last week of June. This company only uses name brand supplies, so should be a non-issue with previous feedback from teachers and not working.

- Spirit Wear - Would be great to have a Fall and a Spring sale, rather than holding on to a bunch of inventory. A great opportunity too would be including it with the School Supplies sales or a Spirit Week. Also, we would want to do a back to school order. We need to get the word out more too for Spirit Friday's. Sold 148 shirts during the Fall sale! Will look into having GR hold some inventory for teachers and new staff. Would be best going forward due to inventory not always updating accurately. Will continue to brainstorm dates. Connect to Express Check-in?

New Business

- Spring Event - if it's not held before Spring Break, it will not be featured in the yearbook. Looking at dates depending on if comfortable holding indoors or similar to last year's movie in the field. It was such a great school community event and brought everyone together. Add glow in the dark necklaces to the list since it was so dark. Looking into dates and ideas that will not conflict with graduation and such going forward, based on previous feedback. Would like to have everything going by March. Everyone is on board with end of year movie night and try to accommodate more by making a few little changes based on feedback. We will pick our date in January.

Housekeeping

- Next meeting is January 13, 2023
- Meetings will be held in the Gold Mine room or the Cafeteria, come find us!

Meeting Adjourned @10:06am