



GULF COAST CHARTER ACADEMY SOUTH
PTO PLANNING MEETING 07/28/2015
6PM – CAFETERIA

On Jul 29, 2015, at 11:41 AM, debramos@comcast.net wrote:

Hello all: Hope this finds you well- please excuse the length of email but I wanted to make sure all points discussed were written and shared. If I have omitted anything, please respond to all so that we have the information and are on the same page. Thank you for all you do and see you soon!

The PTO meeting began at 6pm with the following persons in attendance:

Mr. Staros-Administrator

Mr. Scully-Teacher

Parents:

Stephanie Almond

Jamie Bentley

Sean McCullough

Luz Kline

Deb Ramos-Vargas

We reviewed last meetings minutes and Mr. Staros updated the following:

- *PTO fund account had approximately \$2900 and has been closed/ follow up to take place once new PTO board is elected.

- *The only remaining person from last year's PTO is Michelle Schoonover/elections will need to take place in September

- *Discussed local Restaurants willing to participate in fundraising (Costco, Target) - Jamie to check with Chick-Fil-A (does not require teachers to work) Chick-fil-a does spirit night on Monday Wednesday or Thursday however the second Thursday of month already committed. Hours are from 5-8 pm / Contact Ana Gray 248-5804 and McDonalds was also mentioned (teachers would have to work) - Looking into GSF to see if they would be interested.

- *Discussed calendar of events including 3 movie nights (scheduled around enrollment period) / Each month has specific events including Book Fair (Oct/Mar) - Trunk/Treat (Oct) - Dec (Christmas Parade) / St Patrick's Parade (March) - see calendar on website for other events. PTO members should have significant presence in these activities / Admin will take one of the parades and PTO the other.

- *Discussed state funding received per student (\$5400) and how diligently the office staff, teachers, and administrators worked to contact each parent to verify their return to

GCCAS in the fall. Some parents expressed different needs and administration met the needs so the students would continue to attend our school (i.e. after care costs, bus transport, uniforms, etc.)

*Used uniforms may be donated (we have washer and dryer now) and they will be available for low cost (\$5.00) to purchase (or donated to needy families)

*Arrival and Dismissal practices were reviewed and now we have 2 buses which allows for 120 students to ride to and from school. We have 50 walkers who will be dismissed at 3:15 / carline will allow for 16 vehicles at a time; Discussed possibility of the upper classmen to assist with dismissal of lower grades.

*We have Safety Patrol and National Honor Society and more staff available for dismissal and after care.

*We need Parent Volunteer for Car-line

*Enrollment at capacity+ Total of 690 students/ below students per grade
KG-108 / 1st-125 / 2nd-108 / 3-90 / 4th-66 / 5th-66 / 6th-66 / 7th-66 / 8th-44

*GCCAS Staff have been assigned to events / there will be representatives from all levels: admin, teachers, office, cafeteria, and maintenance / PTO presence is strongly desired at all events.

*Mr. Staros mentioned Board Meeting on 7/31 in which the handbooks will be reviewed and then to be sent to Staples for mass production / he also encouraged us to work smarter and more efficiently to "conquer" all that is ahead of us to make this another successful year.

Other activities:

*Back to school Picnic on Saturday August 8th -Jamie to contact Aunt Tea to verify that Sudgen Park is still available (the park requires \$60.00 be paid upfront-Mr. Staros is able to pay for this with school card once information is provided)- if this park is unavailable then to consider Cambier, Golden Gate Community, or North Naples Regional Park

*Review done of needed items for the picnic and divided per grade level as follows:

KG-cutlery / napkins

1st-entree

2nd-side dishes

3rd-drinks

4th / 5th- desserts

6th / 7th / 8th - fruits & vegies

*Stephanie Almond suggested possibility of web-based sign up for activities / will make the process more efficiently - she will check on this and report to Mr. Staros. (forgive me, I am drawing a blank on the name of the website and it doesn't look like I wrote it down)

*Sean McCullough brought up the bylaws and how we had discussed in the previous meeting the need to review these.

**Katie - we know you are on vacation and unable to attend this meeting/ we thought it best if you and Sean can dialogue about the bylaws / not sure if you were able to research it further

*Discussion about nomination committee / Mr. Scully suggested he would contact his prior school's PTO to ask specifics regarding elections and other PTO processes. Mr. Staros commented that we may have an administrator, a teacher, and Michelle Schoonover as the nomination committee -

*Need to promote PTO at the picnic and at each of the Meet the Teacher nights scheduled for Week of August 10

8/10 (VPK); 8/11(6th-8th) ; 8/12 (4th-5th); 8/14 (KG-1st)

*PTO volunteers needed to make packets for meet the teacher night.

**September 8th (Tuesday) will be the BIG meeting - with election of board and discussion of school academics and other activities.

Deb Ramos-Vargas
239-272-6165