



Viola Gibson PTA Meeting Minutes

DATE: 11/12

Location: Viola Gibson school library

Call to Order: Eric Christofferson called meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Attendees: Eric Christofferson, PTA president; Babita Thupa; Shannon Kehoe, principal; Debbie Fricke; Trask White; KcKenzie Soden; Christine Lenhardt; Emily Wilkinson, PTA co-treasurer; Sarah Mersch, PTA vice president; Heather Spangler, PTA volunteer coordinator; Beth Paynter, PTA volunteer coordinator; Anne Kapler, PTA co-secretary; Ruth Hospodarsky; Lisa Leslein; Tawnie Kerska

1. Introductions and Opening Remarks – Eric Christofferson
 - a. Quarterly Report will be shared with staff and in an upcoming Gibson Gazette.
2. September minutes approved.
3. Principal's Update – Shannon Kehoe
 - a. 4th and 5th grade Lego League team competed this weekend. They won Core Values and will go to state on January 12.
 - b. Run Club did the Turkey Trot in Marion last weekend.
 - c. Picture retake day is Wednesday.
4. Budget Review –Emily Wilkinson
 - a. PTA budgeting software purchased for \$129.00
 - b. Staff-needs budget: About \$5,000 remaining for the year
5. Volunteer Coordinator Update – Everything is going well
6. Old Business
 - a. Vendor/Craft Fair Update – Emily Wilkinson
 - i. 41 vendors signed up
 - ii. Expenditures: \$76 to buy ornament crafts.
 - iii. Income from table fees: \$1,076. 39 vendors also donated an item for the silent auction this spring.
 - iv. Need help with table set-up from 3 to 4 p.m. Friday.
7. New Business
 - a. Surface Pro Replacement
 - i. HP Laptop selected. Based on budget available, Exec Committee recommends purchasing 40 laptops for \$14,960.00. Motioned. Approved.
 - b. Teacher Funding Requests
 - i. Approved by Exec Committee
 1. 5 new radios (walkie-talkies): \$1,085.00
 2. 1 hour of Kindergarten Para-Pro Salary: \$3,123.50
 3. Run Club budget: Run Club found sponsors, this line item now open for PE items, Coach Murray was notified and will submit requests through regular process

- ii. New Requests
 - 1. Kerska: Freckle for 3rd, 4th, 5th grades. Standards-based reading and math technology that allows personalized learning. Requesting \$3,899 for a 1-year license for 300 kids. (Free teacher training included.) Motion to fully fund. Approved.
 - c. Carnival
 - i. Christine Lenhardt will co-chair. Need a co-chair.
 - ii. First meeting will be Monday, Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the teacher's lounge. Include notice in Gibson Gazette and Office News
 - d. Gaga Ball update – A spot for Gaga Ball has been selected. We'll use a District-approved contractor to build the pit to meet insurance requirements.
 - e. School Supply kits
 - i. Ruth H will lead for 2 more years. We're looking for an assistant and future leader/co-chair/volunteer shadow.
 - f. Motivational/inspiring messages (RR Door Designs) – Emily Wilkinson
 - i. Hope to schedule the first committee meeting after Thanksgiving.
 - g. Child care/kids activities during PTA meetings
 - i. Minor setback with key contact health issues
 - h. Restaurant give-back nights
 - i. Will try to have these once a month for the rest of the year. Currently coordinating a date with Adelita's on Blairsferry Rd. Papa Murphy's up next.
 - i. Open discussion
 - i. Fundraising idea from Shannon Kehoe and Debbie Fricke: Pura Vida bracelets. Cost to us for customized bracelet is \$3 each; suggest selling for \$6 each. We could add them to the spiritwear website. Takes 2 to 4 weeks.
 - ii. Activity idea from Emily W: Breakout room kits designed for PTAs
 - iii. Talent show: Kids are asking about it, but we don't have a volunteer to chair the show. Sarah M. will reach out to potential chairs. Ruth will help.
 - j. Next meeting Monday, 12/10
8. Adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Anne Kapler, co-secretary