



Viola Gibson PTA Meeting Agenda

5/13/19 6:30 PM

Viola Gibson Library

Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m.

Attendees: Eric Christofferson, president; Lisa Welsh; Sarah Mersch, vice president; Anne Kapler, co-secretary; Julie Rosenbohm; Rebecca Long; Lisa Leslein; Heather Spangler, co-volunteer coordinator; Emily Wilkinson, co-treasurer;

1. Opening Remarks – Eric Christofferson
2. Budget Review – Emily Wilkinson
3. Volunteer Coordinator Update – Beth Paynter/Heather Spangler
 - a. Kernels Night (Thurs., May 23)
 - i. 18 tickets have been purchased as of Friday, 5/3.
 - ii. The Kernels are in charge of contacting the winners of the auction prizes, all contact info supplied to Kernels. The Kernels will also be making the contacts for kids chosen to be on the field for the national anthem and high five tunnel.
 - iii. We have the opportunity to for a school rep in the sound/radio booth during part of the 4th inning. This could be anyone who wants to chat about how great VG is, or whatever other topics we may want.
 - b. Field Days
 - i. 3-5th grade field day (May 30)
 1. Beth will contact 3rd - 5th grade teachers about sending out sign-up to parents
 - ii. All-School Field Day (last day of school)
 1. Beth will be getting information from Mrs. Gerdes next week and will create a volunteer sign up.
 2. This is Mrs. Gerdes last year running Field Day. Can the PTA take this on? Is there someone who can shadow this year to “learn the ropes”?
4. Old Business
 - a. Carnival Feedback
 - i. Games: Next year, add information to games instructions sheet and signs: This is a free activity/does not require tickets.
 - ii. Signs: Next year, need bigger signs and more signs. Maybe use a print shop?
 - iii. Food:
 1. Positive feedback from attendees and food trucks. All trucks ran out of at least one item. Next year, communicate the size of our school to the trucks. Next year, ask food trucks to offer more kid-friendly foods, start serving food earlier (maybe before carnival opens), add another food truck (for total of 4 trucks).
 2. Offering space for people to sit and eat was good, but we needed more signs to direct people to tables
 3. Long lines for Fruitzen and cotton candy. Consider recruiting volunteers to help alleviate lines.
 - iv. Cake walk: Move to gym next year; it needs more space

- v. Number of volunteers at ticket table was good. Could use one more next year.
 - vi. Positive feedback on Friday date for carnival (instead of weekend)
 - vii. Positive feedback on obstacle course bounce house
 - b. School Supply Update
 - i. 96 orders to date + 19 donation packs
 - ii. Paper orders until June 1; Online orders until June 16
 - iii. Additional flyer going home this week
 - c. Hy-Vee Receipts
 - i. Julie Rosenbohm will be the new coordinator for Hy-Vee receipts.
 - d. Teacher Appreciation Week feedback
5. New Business
- a. Kindergarten Round-Up. Can PTA do a welcome night at round-up? Eric will ask about the date.
 - b. Poured in Place Playground Surfacing – Mrs. Welsh
 - i. Green Team has \$10,000 in “green bucks.” May have \$15,000 by end of year.
 - ii. Mrs. Welsh sees a need to replace the wood chips in the playground with a poured surface. This is because woodchips are not well maintained. They clog up the storm sewer/drain and because of the poor conditions on/after a rainy day, kids aren’t able to play on the playground.
 - iii. Quote for poured surface for the “big kids playground” (45,000 square foot area, 8 foot fall height) = \$64,000. (District will pay for the prep work for the padding, which is not included in the price.)
 - iv. Erskine Elementary would be an example of a poured surface playground.
 - v. Can we incorporate more improvements in this project? (e.g. new equipment, improved accessibility, shade structure)
 - vi. Could we make the Gator Gallop bigger and focus on playground fundraiser? Consider adding online pledges to try to get more donations. Consider adding family events at the end of the day. We have an overage of about \$20,000 in the PTA account that could be used for regular expnses so that all Gator Gallop fundraising can focus on playground improvements.
 - vii. Proposal: Form a committee to create a comprehensive playground strategy. What’s needed for each grade area? What are our priorities? Eric will chair the committee. Lisa will reach out to teachers and the district.
 - viii. In the meantime, could we re-paint games on the blacktop and trail?
 - c. Teacher Funding Requests
 - i. Mrs. Stark: Landscaping (\$133.19) + Woodchips (\$644). Approved.
 - d. Elections – Hannah S. is stepping down as co-treasurer, which means we have an opening for a new co-treasurer.
 - e. Next Meeting – PTA summer social on June 17.
6. Adjourn at 8:02 p.m.