# Viola Gibson PTA Feb Meeting Agenda
## Thursday February 8, 2024

**Board Members**

President: Aimee Cardon, Vice-President: Emily Wilkinson, Secretaries: Erin Sneller and Jennifer Mixdorf, Treasurers: Julie Rosenbohm and Allie Boenish, Volunteer Coordinators: Ashley Mead and Sandra Swarner, Teacher Appreciation Chair: Sarah Mersch

1. Introductions
2. Principal's update- Testing has shown growth in reading from the fall, goal is to get all kids to fluent level and then work on comprehension. Instructional Empowerment- teachers will go through this training. Testing coming up for random selection of 4th graders.
3. Mid-year data update - not doing this meeting
4. Finances
   a. Budget update - Expenses of Glow dance (~$350), teacher event and flyers. Income from papa murphys night and a matching gift. Upcoming expense of gaga pit installation.
5. School Support
   a. Funding requests
   i. **Fourth grade: APPROVED** This year Fourth Grade Students will be studying the Great Depression. Through their learning, they will do a great deal to learn about Herbert Hoover. We would like to take the entire Fourth Grade Student Body to West Branch to visit the Herbert Hoover Library and Museum in late April/Early May. 2 of the fourth grade classes will have a guided tour, while the other 2 classes walk the historical neighborhood, tour a one room schoolhouse, and visit the gravesites of the President Hoover and First Lady Hoover. Then, the two will rotate-allowing each group to see both aspects of the Museum/Library. Students will then eat lunch and return to school. **Cost: $360 for transportation** (entrance fees are waived for students and teachers)
   ii. **Reading Team:** The reading team is wondering if you would pop popcorn for us on Tuesday, March 5 for one of our Read-a-palooza celebrations. We would need the popcorn and individual bags. Preschool would need their AM class bags at 10:30, and the rest of the school would like theirs at 2:30. **PARENT THAT TEACHES SPECIAL ED AT KENNEDY WILL BRING STUDENTS TO DO THIS FOR WORK EXPERIENCE.**
   iii. **Reading Team:** Option #1: For Read-a-palooza, we would like to ask the PTA to help purchase a book for every child to have to take home. These books would be a non-fiction book that relates a science or social

studies topic they are learning about this year. **Cost: $1,796.83** Option #2: We would like to ask for you to purchase a new nonfiction, read aloud for each general education classroom in the building. These non-fiction books will help to increase vocabulary and background knowledge on social studies and science topics still to be taught this year. We would like to gift each class with a new book for the Read-a-palooza **(Cost: $100 - $200) APPROVED BOTH**

iv. Gym sound system update from Aimee - Waiting on one more quote for acoustic modification and then discussion with the district.

v. Gaga pit mats are delivered - Pending installation by the district. They have been moved outside for storage.

vi. Ideas about how to support completion of projects for teachers in addition to drop-in volunteering are welcomed. Can be discussed as a group or the volunteer coordinators can work on this outside of the meeting. **TABLED UNTIL NEXT TIME WHEN VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS ARE HERE**

6. Teacher appreciation update from Christy Blomburg- teacher meals during conferences- one night is taco night and the other will most likely be catered.

7. Positions for next year - President, Vice President (Emily can continue), 2 secretary spots possibly, Need update descriptions of jobs

8. Fundraising

   a. Restaurant nights - Ashley

   b. Change wars March 4 - 8

9. Community building

   a. Grade level reps: updates needed from grades 1, 3, and 4 about anyone interested.

   b. Spring spirit wear sale- Emily will organize this to run in April

   c. Glow dance follow up

      i. Station volunteer by the back doors

      ii. Dedicated volunteer check-in spot

      iii. Stairs blocked off

   d. Upcoming events:

      i. Game night - Friday April 5

      ii. Carnival - Friday May 17

      iii. Field day - whenever the last day of school is…