

Agenda

PTO and Leadership Council (LC)

Green Street School

Date: Sept. 12, 2022

“The leadership council puts the funk in function. The PTO puts the fun in fundraising.”

LC Items

1. Call to Order 6:00pm - 6:22 (technical difficulties) New Zoom link for hybrid meeting was needed.
2. GSS Mission Statement
 - a. *We support each student’s intellectual, physical, social and emotional development through meaningful, challenging experiences. We foster healthy relationships which create a safe and caring environment that will sustain lifelong learners, creative thinkers and responsible citizens.*
 - b. PTO mission statement: *“We are a volunteer group of families and staff who support the Green Street School in their educational mission while also building relationships between school and family. We emphasize equality, engagement, and enrichment. Funds raised by the PTO directly benefit the students at GSS, we operate as a unit with the school to assist and offer creative ideas. All perspectives are welcome.”*
 - c. LC mission statement
3. In Attendance/Introductions: Mandy Fray, Mo Hart, Paul and Michelle Martinez, Cindy Douglass, Kate Margaitis, Andrea Conkling, Rebecca Stamulis, Chrissy Howe, Ali Bissonnette, Kelly Shifflette, Leigh Niland
4. Principal’s Post
 - i. Great start to our year at GSS, phenomenal compared to last year, no classroom closings.
 - a. Prep over the summer felt good
 - b. Kate is in her 2nd year which feels great
 - ii. Lots of people did summer work, which made the school year start feel really structured and successful
 1. PBIS conference: Level 1 behavior expectations were updated throughout the school, signage
 2. Tier’s are transitioning to “levels”: explanation of levels: 1 (core instruction) is all the kids, 2 is intervention, 3 is the more targeted behaviors
 - a. It’s been positive and targeted. We are reading a book as a staff to target core behaviors and meeting all students needs by using best practices and differentiated instruction.

- b. Person centered language
 - c. Tier 2 team is transitioning the planning room into a reflection room: not there for reactive behaviors, but for taking safe spaces for breaks when needed. Kathy Bloom will do the processing with kids and make a plan to head back into their room for the day.
 - i. The focus is preventative instead of disciplinary
- iii. New Instructional coach is helping new staff
 - 1. Ran training on classroom management prior to school starting.
- iv. IM is our new math curriculum
 - 1. Lots of PD around this for staff.
- v. Tracy did a training for staff on _Erin's_ Law on mandating reporting of sexual harassment and assault.
- vi. Staff will have training on ALICE tomorrow (9/13) : intruders and unsafe situations at school. Emergency protocols.
 - 1. Fire drill and options based drills are required by law.
- vii. Diversity and Equity committees are happening at GSS
 - 1. Building a diverse classroom library
 - 2. Integrating diversity and inclusion into morning meetings
 - 3. Diverse holidays and traditions being integrated into your classroom
 - 4. "What I learned from my new black friends"
 - 5. New staff PLC to support them
- viii. We have the best maintenance staff in the world!

- 5. School Board Member Update
 - a. No one came - Maybe the link didn't work.
 - i. Chrissy needs to put L. Dever on the general email list
- 6. Opportunity for discussion among "stakeholders" and families present
- 7. Diversity and Equity Committee updates
- 8. Other Business, Agenda items for future meetings

***End of Leadership Council Specific Items**

Begin PTO agenda items

- 9. Set budget contributions for:
 - a. Enrichment

- I. Previous budget from PTO: \$2,500.00
 - b. Winter sports
 - I. Previous budget Bratt. Town/School: \$ 7,000.00
 - II. Previous from PTO: \$5,000
 - III. Total Costs of 2019- 2020: \$15,000**
 - IV. Total Costs from 2021-22?**
 - c. Field Trips
 - I. Previous Budget from PTO (2018): \$2,500
 - II. BT budget (2018): \$4,200.00
10. School wide events upcoming:
- a. Spooky Stories: an iconic folklore feature
 - I. Contact Andy Davis for fees and availability- \$150
Mo or Ali will contact him
 - II. Discuss budget maximum based on prior year
 - III. In person and Zoom hybrid– Can we do it in person maybe outside?
11. Trunk or Treat
- I. Candy sources: PTO donates money for candy
 - II. Kelly S will reach out to staff to gauge interest
 - III. Date and time: Saturday 10/29
 - IV. Two waves of students; k-2 and 3-6
8. Enrichment Committee:
- a. Mobile Ed, Judy Dow (writing workshops), Native/Indigineous peoples curriculum, etc.
 - b. Looking for a staff person to be on the PTO and enrichment board to be the liaison between the PTO and the coordination of different events.
 - i. Mo has been filling in for this
 - ii. keep the money budgeted for this for later uses
 - iii. Booking Mobile Ed events as a PTO and passing those choices onto Kate and Staff for finalizations as an enrichment option in lieu of staff members and organized committee.
 - c. Field trips are a different story; tabling that for now
9. Future pipeline
- a. Determination on Craft Fair. Yay or Nay?
 - I. Set date: did we miss the boat on this for this year, maybe a goal for next fall?
 - II. Set committee meeting: Rebecca will reach out to Kate B.
 - A. Is there anyone else in the school who could organize the craft fair?
 - 1. Mo could put a blurb in the school newsletter to see if anyone would be willing to do this?
 - III. Contact vendors
 - b. Committee for Winter Sports- Emails will go out to form a committee beginning with last year's members and this year's PTO meeting attendees.

- I. Begin planning stages in early October
- II. Set date estimate for Sports, 4 weeks or 5 weeks.
- III. Review last year's WS for ideas
- IV. Budget, PTO funds and School budget, family kick-ins?

10. Teacher Appreciation

- a. Possible committee? Spring.
- b. Set dates: Lunch on one of the PD days? Jaci's BBQ Joint
 - i. Rebecca will reach out to her
- c. Monday May 1st is Teacher Appreciation Week

11. B-I-N-G-O

Kids play for free

Money goes to PTO to sponsor all these events

Date: Fall and January

We have everything for that except prizes

We get donations for these things: dominoes, dunkin donuts, etc

People donate food and time, it's an easy event

The kids really enjoy this event

We need a good MC for this event: Patrick and Miss Germain were previous MCs.

12. Discussion/questions and unattended business

Police and fire department giving information to parents about drills and safety in schools.

Anyone interested in being the after school program coordinator?

- Chrissy H expressed interest

Fundraising committee to talk about all these things related to fundraising instead of small groups?

13. Next meetings agenda items/requests

10/17 6PM

We need help!! More members!

Meeting in person or on Zoom, the hybrid option is too complex to navigate without dedicated equipment. Next meeting in person, at the GSS Library where the final decision on hybrid or zoom meetings will be made.

14. Conclude meeting