

**Galatas Elementary PTO**  
General Meeting Minutes  
November 14th at 10am

- **Attendees:** Carrie Cappabianca, Mirada Metrejean, Sabre Gaffikin, Rena Taylor, Christy Scharf, Meghan Sucher, Karla Letness, Megan Anzaldua, Risha Sugden, Katie Leicht, Megan Thomas, Robyn Hinojosa, Alex Kabli, Jessica Holt, Gabby Willmore, Candace Mathis, Terri Singer, Dawn Wright, Dawn Michalsky, Lindsay Guier, Lourdes Berrondo, Denae Wilker, Jessica Buono, Chrissy Finnegan, Kathryn Kouns
- **Sabre Gaffikin, President called the meeting to order at 10:03am, Second Megan Anzaldua**
- **President's Report: Sabre Gaffikin**
  - Bond Update – three out of the four propositions passed, thank you to everyone who voted
  - VP-Membership Update – Chrissy Finnegan has been nominated for the role – her nomination will be voted on at the December meeting
  - Science Day shoutout to Judy Michelson and team – Science Day was fantastic and the students really enjoyed all the activities!
  - Reminder – please ensure gazette announcements requests are sent to Stephany by Tuesday (to be in the Gazette on Friday) – her email address is (scrobinson@conroeisd.net)
  - Fall Fundraiser update – please spread the word, the fall fundraiser directly impacts our ability to support Galatas through programs, technology support, etc. All donations go directly to Galatas.
    - Our goal is to have each class raise \$1,000 (Currently, only one 4<sup>th</sup> grade class that has reached this goal).
  - Movie Night update – excellent turnout and student council did a great job with the bake sale!
  - Springetti Fundraiser kickoff meeting will follow today's general meeting.
- **Principal's Report: Mrs. Wilker**
  - Thank you to Jan Cornelius and her hospitality team, they always do an incredible job making our teachers and staff feel very appreciated!
  - Our top dogs will be participating in skate week throughout the month of November, everyone is very excited for this program!
  - Movie Night was fantastic! Great turnout and lots of fun was had by all.

- Fall Fundraiser – thank you to Jessica, Chrissy and team for all of their efforts – fun run will be taking place during student’s PE time
  - Watch Dog program is off to a great start and the school appreciates all of our volunteers
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade choir program was a wonderful success!
  - Polar Express Day will be coming up on December 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Generation Texas Week is happening this week – Galatas students and staff will be discussing college and career options
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade service project – benefitting Texas Children’s hospital – a donation drive of activities children can do while in the hospital. Each classroom will have one item to collect. Donations will be accepted from November 27<sup>th</sup> until the morning of December 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Hour of Code is coming up December 4<sup>th</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup> – students will have the opportunity to learn coding.
  - Our Galatas Student Council is doing wonderful things. They just completed a Food Drive with Interfaith and are now helping with the Children in Santa’s Dreams Toy Drive – please donate new unwrapped toys for boys and girls of all ages - need items for junior high and high school age children.
    - Toys should be donated by Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>
  - December 8<sup>th</sup> – Winter Choir Program – additional details will be coming soon
  - Winter Parties – look for communications from your teacher!
  - A few requests for our Galatas families:
    - Attendance is important for your child’s growth, please make an effort to have your student in attendance
    - Parent Access Account – Galatas is almost at 100%, please make sure you sign up for your parent access account
    - Library emails – are automatically generated, books are not overdue, you can opt out of the email
- **Treasurer’s Report: Mirada Metrejean**
    - Recent Activities
      - Deposits
        - Papa John’s Spirit Night
        - Corporate Sponsorship Donations
        - Donations from membership

- Baked goods fundraiser at movie night – raised over \$400
  - Expenses
    - Purchase items for music program
    - Science Day Expenses -Big thank you to Judy for Science Day program
    - Deposits for Springetti entertainment
    - Monthly Lunches for Teachers
  
- **Committee Reports**
  - Fall Fundraiser Update – Jessica Buono
    - We need donations – the fall fundraiser has currently raised \$14,415 and the goal to be able to provide continued program and technology support for Galatas is \$40,000
      - The coin drive has currently raised about \$1,500 in coins
      - Second Grade is leading the coin drive
    - Friday is Fun Run Day! Please sign up on the volunteer sheet if you can help out with the event on fun run day.
  
- **New Business**
  - Questions about Greyhound Gab – it would be wonderful for the Greyhound Gab to return. If anyone is willing to volunteer to help coordinate the Greyhound Gab, please contact the PTO.
  - Science Day pictures needed for yearbook – please email [yearbook@galataspto.com](mailto:yearbook@galataspto.com)
  - If you are on a PTO committee – please make sure you get approval prior to making purchases.
  - Jersey Mike’s Spirit Day is coming up on November 15<sup>th</sup> – no need to cook, enjoy some yummy sandwiches and support Galatas!
  
- **Upcoming events:**
  - November 15<sup>th</sup> – Jersey Mike’s Spirit Day
  - November 17<sup>th</sup> – Fall Fundraiser Fun Run
  - November 20-24<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break
  - December 4-8<sup>th</sup> – Hour of Code
  - December 12<sup>th</sup> – 10am PTO Meeting
    - At the December meeting we will have a white elephant social – please bring a wrapped game (\$10 limit) if you would like to participate
    - We will also have a basket for game donations for the Springetti basket!

**Sabre Gaffikin – Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am, Second Christy Scharf**