

**Galatas Elementary PTO**  
General Meeting  
February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am

- **Attendees:** Rena Taylor, Jessica Buono, Elizabeth Jones, Risha Sugden, Megan Thomas, Robyn Jinojoso, Cassie Jezerski, Judy Michelson, Megan Anzaldua, Alex Kabli, Meghan Sucher, Katie Kegley, Katie Leicht, Jordan Damel, Karla Letness, Michelle Ladner, Sarah Seefeldt, Denae Wilker, Lindsey Campbell, Terri Singer, Candace Mathis, Mirada Metrejean, Sabre Gaffikin, Elena Kambouris, Courtney Weiderhold, Sam Fielder
- Sabre Giffikin, President called the meeting to order at 10:07am, Seconded by Megan Anzaldua
- **President's Report: Sabre Gaffikin**
  - Deal or More Deal Springetti Kick off fundraising campaign was very successful, thanks for your support!
  - Top Dog End of Year Celebration will be on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-5pm, tickets will be sold online and you should be able to purchase within the next few weeks
  - The shark guy Author Visit was very well received for our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students!
  - The Science Fair was a great success, thanks to Judy Michelson and her team for organizing and a shout out to the students who participated and the volunteers who helped judge!
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade had a wonderful field trip to go see the Sound of Music at The Woodlands High School
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade has a big field trip coming up on February 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> to the Sam Houston Museum
  - Field Day is coming up on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> which our Galatas Greyhounds look forward to all year long!
- **Principal's Report: Mrs. Wilker**
  - Congrats to our Robotics Teams! Both teams did fantastic, one team made it to finals and will compete this Saturday! Good luck to them!
  - Thanks to Jan C and her PTO team for hosting continued delicious luncheons for Galatas teachers and staff!

- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> is Go Texan Day – we hope to see all of your Galatas students wearing their Western gear!
  - Destination Imagination – competing at Woodlands High School on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. They have been working hard and we wish our team good luck!
  - Second grade music program will be taking place on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>! Second grade is our largest grade with 9 homerooms so please expect crowds. It will be a wonderful performance.
  - Fourth grade Field Trip – the grade will be split into two groups.
  - Shout out to our teacher meeting reps, Ms Wiederhold and Ms Freeman for being at today's PTO meeting!
  - Thank you to our PTO volunteers (in advance) for helping our with field day! We could not do it without you!
  - At this point in the year, we can really see the growth amongst all of our Greyhounds! The growth between the start of the year and now is amazing!
- **Treasurer's Report: Mirada Metrejean**
    - Recent Deposits
      - Exxon Grant (thanks to our dedicated volunteers!)
      - Twisted Sugar Spirit Day
      - PTO Membership
      - Spirit Wear
      - Deal or More Deal Springetti Fundraiser
    - Recent Expenses
      - Give Smart to run our fundraisers
      - Author Visit for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade
      - Field Trips for various grades
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade music program
      - Springetti Entertainment Expenses
      - Teacher Breakfasts/Luncheons
- **Committee Reports**
    - Springetti Update – Risha Sugden and Elizabeth Jones
      - Deal or more deal cost campaign raised \$6,300 – this is a great start at covering some of our Springetti expenses. Thirty-one out of forty-two classrooms raised enough for all 5 briefcase rewards! That is fantastic! Thanks to all who participated!
      - Ticketing Sales will start next week. From February 20<sup>th</sup> to March 9<sup>th</sup> (three weeks), you can buy wristbands at a reduced cost and receive bonus tickets with your ticket package purchase

- After March 9<sup>th</sup> you can still purchase tickets (but will no longer receive bonus tickets)
  - Springetti meeting to follow the general meeting – please stay if you can!
    - Plan is to have a VIP experience (vs VIP space) – you will be able to upgrade to VIP that night. VIP experience will have the opportunity to complete an Amazing Race type game and then win a VIP prize!
    - Donation Needs: Unopened toys for raffle and Gift Cards! Any denomination appreciated! Thanks for your support!
- **New Business**
    - Galatas PTO Openings – Sabre Gaffikin
      - Executive board openings – feel free to reach out to current executive board officers with any questions!
        - 3<sup>rd</sup> VP membership
        - 4<sup>th</sup> VP Corporate
        - Assistant Treasurer
        - Secretary
    - Mitchell PTO Openings – Judy Michelson
      - President Elect
      - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Kickball Tournament
      - 6<sup>th</sup> grade EOY celebration
      - Fall Fundraiser
      - Spirit Night Coordinator
      - Staff Appreciation
      - Volunteer Coordinator
- Spirit Night – coming up on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – all day at Red Robin (mention Galatas), can do online ordering as well!
  - Sabre Gaffikin motion to adjourn 10:36am, seconded by Katie Leicht
  - **Upcoming events:**
    - **February 21<sup>st</sup> – Galatas Spirit Night at Red Robin**
    - **February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Go Texan Day**
    - **March 7<sup>th</sup> – Kinder, First and Second Field Day**
    - **March 8<sup>th</sup> – Third and Fourth Field Day**
    - **March 11-15<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break**
    - **March 19<sup>th</sup> – 10am PTO Meeting**