

Galatas PTO General Meeting May 13, 2020

A Galatas PTO General Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 via Zoom Video Meeting. A quorum of voting members was present.

Attendees: Shauna Tysor, Becky Barton, Katie Kegley, Laura Sahni, Emily Frazier, Judith Michelson, Lisa Galassini, Catherine Preddy, Denae Wilker, Candace Mathis, Rajashree Gathoo, Michelle Nolen, Ana Lanni and Sabre Gaffikin

Shauna Tysor called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

President's Report

Minutes from April were approved by the Executive Board via electronic vote on May 11, 2020.

- Information regarding the End- of-Year item pick- up and 4th Grade Clap- Out were distributed in the Galatas Gazette on May 08, 2020. Sent out via email.

Treasurer's Report

- Current Account has \$104,077.05, this does not include Springetti funds because Springetti is still active. It is estimated to increase by around \$30,000.
- Today's voting will only be on Wish List items that were already built into the 2019-2020 budget and the proposed 2020-2021 School Year Budget.
- The Wish List amount remains the same as last year at \$63,650.40.
 - Mrs. Wilker noted that some of the line items in the wish list may be adjusted to accommodate for the increase in staff and students for the 2020-21 school year.
 - The questions were raised, will the Tutoring and Testing programs still be offered at the same level with no budget increase, yet a large student increase? Also, will the district begin covering expenses for any of the technology licenses currently being covered by this budget?
 - Mrs. Wilker has encouraged staff to make cuts in other areas to cover the changing expenses. If it is not enough, there is a possibility more will be requested in the fall. At this time, the district is not looking to take on the expenses of technology licenses they do not currently cover.

Shauna Tysor motioned to approve the Wish List expense of \$63,650.40. Becky Barton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and passed.

- The proposed 2020-2021 Budget was presented. Over- all there was an approximately 30% decrease in expected income and expenses were adjusted to accommodate the decrease.
 - Michelle Nolen discussed the possibility of changing directories and other planned expenses in order to decrease the solicitation of local businesses due to the economic

burden from the COVID- 19 pandemic. She noted other schools will not be distributing directories this year.

- Shauna Tysor discussed how our current budget proposal will have to remain fluid as we enter the coming school year. It is not certain what will be allowed and changes are being made almost weekly from state and federal levels.

Shauna Tysor motioned to approve the proposed 2020-2021 Budget. Becky Barton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and passed.

Committee Reports

- **Springetti-** Michelle Nolen gave an update on Springetti. The online event is still going and the final online auction will close May 22nd. A rough estimate was showing to be doing better than expected in the circumstance. No definite numbers will be available until the conclusion of the auction. Incoming parents have been in contact and participating. Michelle encouraged everyone to spread information beyond just our school parents. Others in the community may have an interest in participating.

New Business

- Mrs. Wilker and Mrs. Mathis strongly encourage reading for students to keep from falling behind. Students should read daily and be asked the “who, what, when, where, and why” to build comprehension. Working on Math Facts is also beneficial.

Shauna Tysor motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 PM. Michelle Nolen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.