

Galatas Elementary PTO
General Meeting
October 10th at 10am

- **Attendees:** Sabre Gaffikin, Katie Kegley, Carrie Cappabianca, Sarah Seefelt, Karla Letness, Lily Jaojtiani, Cassie Jeuerski, Shauna Tyson, Anna Yoder, Chrissy Finnegan, Katie Leicht, Stephanie Thomson, Lesley Hunt, Meghan Sucher, Gabby Willmore, Risha Sugden, Rena Taylor, Jordan Daniel, Macie Kerbs, Alex Kable, Kendall Clark, Mirada Metrejean, Juli Mills, Judy Michelson, Michelle Ladner, Tatyana Torskoya, Denae Wilker, Jessica Holt, Arjun Raguraman, Megan Anzaldua, Terri Singer, Candace Mathis, Ros Auders, Cassie Jeuersky
- **Sabre Gaffikin, President called the meeting to order at 11:13, Second Katie Leicht**
- **President's Report: Sabre Gaffikin**
 - Thank you to Diana Adams and all volunteers for a successful and fun walk to school day. The kids had so much fun and loved having McGruff and the greyhound there.
 - Thank you to Jan and her team for a wonderful teacher luncheon.
 - October is going to be a busy month!
- **Principal's Report: Mrs. Wilker**
 - Hold on tight, October is going to be super busy with lots of activities.
 - We had a great launch of the Watch Dog program and are in week 2 with dads on campus.
 - Thank you to Jan and her team for the great teacher luncheon.
 - Walk to school day was a great success.
 - Huge thank you for everything the PTO does for our school!
 - Upcoming events:
 - Storybook parade Oct. 20th - The kids will dress up as their favorite character and they have a big parade around the school hallways and around the car rider line. They carry their book to hint their character. The kids really enjoy it and its fun to see what they like.
 - Reading week - Literati delivered books this morning. Mrs. Ladner is helping and coordinating to give students access to books. Red Ribbon week and Generation Texas week are coming up.

- **Treasurer's Report: Mirada Metrejean**
 - Thank you Katie and Megan for spirit nights.
 - Thank you Katie Leicht for sponsorships.
 - Thank you for Friends of Galatas donations.
 - We wrote a check for \$7,695 for the playground and the shade structure that we replaced from damage over the summer.
 - Provided the current statement of financial position and the budget vs. actual expense

- **Committee Reports**
 - **Science Day Update - Judy Michelson**
 - The science day theme is potions for Oct. 31st. The science committee did a hands on experiment and created lava lamps at first science meeting. The kids will make lava lamps and take them home on science day. We are looking for dads or watch dog dads to help with an experiment. One of our speakers Norb who has been with us for many years would like to train them for an experiment. It is an all day time commitment. Our next meeting is on Monday, Oct. 23rd from 9-11. We will put together science experiment kits. Then we will meet again Friday, Oct. 27th to turn the activity room into a laboratory. Please email with questions. programs@galataspto.com
 - **Fall Fundraiser Update - Chrissy Finnegan**
 - The theme for the Fall Fundraiser is the floor is lava. The fundraiser runs from Nov. 6th through Nov. 17th. There will be fun prizes and different tier levels for money raised.

- **New Business**
 - Reading Week themes will be in the Gazette. Nightly reading minutes can be entered online. There will also be reading fair displays around the library. The kids will turn in a poster with different components of a book they read. We need volunteers for bedtime story night with reader theater. We also need volunteers for book fair. All volunteer opportunities are found under the volunteers section of the PTO website.
 - Yearbook cover contest - Students submit their artwork based on the theme and one will be selected for the yearbook cover. They are due Nov. 3rd. The Gazette will have a section to purchase a yearbook when they go on sale.
 - Oct. 25th Twisted Sugar Fundraiser from 3-7. Thank you to Katie Kegley for setting that up.
 - Red Ribbon Week daily themes are in the Gazette.
 - Exxon Mobil Volunteer Coordinator: Terri Singer sent out email. If you or your spouse works for Exxon Mobil, they have a grant program that gives money back to the school. We have to have a certain number of people and a certain number of hours. The first two events coming up are Reading

Week and Book Fair. Please put Exxon Mobil in comments of any sign up genius and let Terri know how many hours. The next event will be Science Day.

- o Springetti: We will be meeting after PTO meeting next month on Nov. 14th for the kickoff so we can hit the ground running in Nov. and Dec.
- o Movie night - Nov. 10th

Sabre Gaffikin called for the meeting to close at 11:48am, Second: Mirada Metrejean

• **Upcoming events:**

- o **October 13th - Kinder and Top Dog Pictures**
- o **October 16-20th - Reading Week/Fall Book Fair**
- o **October 17th - Bedtime Story Night**
- o **October 20th - Storybook Parade**
- o **October 23-27th - Red Ribbon Week**
- o **October 31st - Science Day**
- o **November 14th - PTO Meeting**