

Galatas Elementary PTO

October 11, 2022

Attendees: Shelly Tosh, Lisa Galassini,, Denae Wilker, Robyn Hinoiosa, Mirada Metrejean, Joy Dernick, Samantha McClellan, Cassie Jezierski, Karla Letness, Sabre Gaffikin, Katie Kegley, Jessica Buono, Shauna Tysor, Michelle Ladner, Megan Anzuldua, Katie Leicht, Kristen Dorn, Christy Scharf, Elisa Dunn, Lyndsey Christopher, Chrissy Finnegan, Elena Kambouris, Meghan Sucher, Anna Seltz, Matt Spielman

Lisa Galassini, President, began meeting at 10:05am.
Seconded by Karla Letness.

President's Report – Lisa Galassini

- Welcome everyone . We are in a great place for Fall .
- So much going on in school and many opportunities to get involved.
- Thank you to Jan le Clair for organizing the September BBQ Breakfast for the teachers and The Coffee Truck for teachers on Thursday the 13th and all parents dropping off treats.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Wilker

- Thanks to all volunteers for all the help in the near future.
 - A big thanks from all the staff for the Teacher Breakfast at the start of the new term and to Elena Kambouris for all the wonderful landscaping around the school its looking great.
 - The new comers coffee had a fantastic attendance.
 - Friday 14th October Kinder and 4th Grade will have group photos taken as a tradition for the Galatas Yearbook. Wear your Galatas Spiritwear or anything maroon.
 - Book Fair will begin Monday 17th October and we are using a new company this year. Literati. Lots of entrants for the Book Poster Contest that will be judged and displayed for all to view during this week. There will be a guest author reading at the Bedtime Story evening on Tuesday October 18th . All parents are invited to attend the Storybook Parade On Friday 21st October.(no masks, nothing scarey, no hair spays).
 - Red Ribbon week will begin Monday 25th October and will be themed around making Good choices.
 - Attendance – the best way to learn is to be present. Galatas receives accountability awards and all attendance goes towards that which benefits everyone.
 - Science day will be Monday 31st October and the theme this year is Pumpkins – all the STEM based activities will be a blast.
 - Read the Galatas Gazette each week as it is the main source of UpToDate communications
 - The new security system has been installed and will be having a safety audit from the State in the near future.
- Front double doors at the front office are the only access. Safety over convenience always.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Galassini

- We are starting October on a healthy budget, (\$94 K) most expenses come in from October onwards but the budget is planned and will cover all our needs.
- Money coming in from PTO Membership is up and continuing to raise funds. Great work.
- Dr. Wagner a parent of past students donated \$1000 to The Art Department for materials And to continue to encourage an interest in Art.

Lisa Galassini called for a Motion to approve the October Financials

Seconded by Jessica Buono

All in favour - YES

Committee Reports

Fall Fundraiser – Katie Kegley

- November 7th starts fall fundraiser our goal is to raise \$40K
- Coin drive – highest amount in each grade will win a PJ Day
- Grand finale Super Hero fun run (during PE timeslot) Parents invited to watch and dress up.
- Kidtokid donated money to have a shirt printed for each child – will be given out on morning of the run.
- 100% of funds raised goes back to Galatas Elementary

Programs – Sabre Gaffikin

- Chalk the Walk 3rd October was a huge success.
- Reading Week 17-21 October, Bedtime Story will be back in school and there will a Storybook Parade on the Friday of that week.
- Red Ribbon Week 17-21 with daily themes focusing on healthy choices
- Science Day 31st October with a pumpkin theme. Volunteers needed so look out for sign up genius for this. The Science Committee are working hard on activities for all students. It is so much fun. A Trebuchet Catapult is being built by Mister Ladner to launch the pumpkins.
- We are hopeful HEB will donate pumpkins for this day.

Spirit Night – Meghan Sucher

- Look out for the next one coming up in the Galatas Gazette we are running them every other Month.
- Twisted Sugar was so happy to work with us on the last Spirit Night we raised \$130
- Waiting to hear back from Kendra Scot & Greggos for future Spirit Nights. The Stand has Been suggested also.

Book Fair – Michelle Ladner

- 90 book projects have arrived at school and will be judged on Thursday 13th October 12, 2022
- Look out for the sign up genius – volunteers are needed throughout this week.
- Any credit with Scholastic from the last book fair can be used online.
- The new company are offering many ways for continued fund raising for the school e.g. signing up for a subscription box.
- There will be a 2 day preview this year.
- Re-stock shipments will be made daily

Red Ribbon Week – Sabre Gaffikin

- This week will focus on positivity and making good choices, each day will have a theme And there will be collaboration with the school Counselor Mrs Christopher.

New Business

- The PTO will buy a copy of the Guest Authors books from the Bedtime Story evening And donate them to the school library.
- Spiritwear already ordered will ship this week and be sent home in student back packs.
- Springetti shirts will be printed to purchase for volunteers.
- Karla Letness - Art Liason – will set up sign up genius for frosting tubs with no lids.
- Year books are on sale now – early bird pricing ends 18th November - the competition to design the cover is underway. The students vote on a winner during their library time. Reach out to Jessica Buono if you would like to help with the yearbook in any way.
- Robin Curtis – Registrar – person of contact if you are not receiving Gazette by email

Lisa Galassini called for the meeting to be concluded at 10:52am

Second: Jessica Buono

Motion passed

Next meeting on November 15 th at 10am

Minutes approved by a majority vote of the PTO Executive Board