

12.05.2024 MINUTES

Gene Witt Elementary PTO

Date: December 5, 2024 6:00 PM

Location: Gene Witt Media Center

In attendance: Jennifer Alcantara, Laura Anastasia, Jolie Ayo, Karen Barrett, Keary Bartlett, Rina S. Becker, Chadd Brown, Krystle Bruck, Jessie Brown, Kiley Cannon, Emma Cecil, Shannon Cooley, Michael Gibson, Crystalle Holmes, Susan Johnson, Kristen Klei, Joanna Metcalf, Angie Nowakowski, Callie Pikcilingis, Jil Rubin, Carla Santoro, Tracy Seiler, Pearl Sinkler, Nicole Smith, Cami Tabor, Laura Thacker, Brooke Tovar

Meeting called to order at 6:22pm

WELCOME (Kiley Cannon)

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

- **Morning with Mom (and Mother-like figures)**
 - Thank you to Michelle Gibson for chairing a such a special event!
 - Over 850 donuts served to students and their guests!
 - 975 people RSVPed
- **Corresponding Secretary**
 - Rachel Smith was appointed corresponding secretary before our last PTO meeting to fill a vacancy. She was not able to attend tonight, but she has jumped right in and has helped at every event since she joined the board.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Santa's Workshop opening night**
 - Date: 12/6/24
 - Time: 5-8 pm in the PTO portable
 - Bring your family to see Santa and do some early Holiday shopping! This is a great way for students to use their budget skills and support Gene Witt!
 - Food Trucks will be on site for coffee, dinner, and dessert!
 - Guac N Roll, Tom's Coffee Truck, Kona Ice, Two Guys to Go
 - Chair - Kiley Cannon
 - Then next week, Monday through Wednesday, your kids will be able to shop with their class; the teachers have have signed up for time slots. The envelopes to fill out spending amounts for shopping went home today. Thursday will be the last day for Santa's Workshop. It will be for students who were absent and missed their class time.

- For all of Santa's Workshop, especially opening night, cash would be preferred as the credit card reader does not always work in the PTO portable.
- **PTO Board Vice President Position**
 - Crystalle Holmes has joined the board as vice president. We were grateful to have multiple people express interest in this position
 - CRYSTALLE: Introduced herself; she has a daughter in 2nd grade, toddler son. She and her husband own a concrete/masonry business, trying to get involved as much as they can.
- **Gene Witt Dads (Kiley)**
 - The dads group, formerly known FBI, is restarting and rebranding.
 - Co-Chairs - Doug Hange and Chadd Brown
 - Chadd recently rehung all the business sponsor banners in the car loop after the hurricane.
 - The group will assist with events and projects at Gene Witt.
 - Please email Douge Hange at doughange@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the group. We are hoping to grow this community.
- **Penny Wars**
 - January 21 – 24
 - Chair - Carla Santoro
- **Running Club**
 - Begins January 22
 - Information will go home
 - Co-Chairs - Nicole Yensan and Kristin Klei
- **Sweetheart Dance**
 - February 7
 - Chair - Stacy Piazza
- **Family Movie Night**
 - February 28 – date may change, we just found out today
 - Movie TBD
 - Chair - Emma Cecil
- **Event Chairpersons needed**
 - Sons plus one
 - Stock the pantry (we haven't been able to do that yet for our staff this year, maybe for valentine's day)
 - Please email GeneWittPTO@gmail.com if you are interested in chairing an event

You will be seeing emails and Facebook notices going out, so if you're interested in helping with any of these events, please reach out to us or the person(s) chairing the event.

APPROVED MINI GRANTS –November

- In between meetings, the board approved a mini grant to buy napkins for the Café. The napkins that they needed were not on the truck for a week or so, so we purchased napkins for them. A necessity for the school

TREASURER'S REPORT (Shannon)

Budget: The budget is not totally complete for this month because we've done a lot of purchases for Santa's Workshop, but it will be updated for the next PTO meeting.

New Mini Grants:

- (1) From Kristen Nunn and Tracy Seiler, on behalf of the Sunshine Committee
They are requesting \$250 to purchase ten \$25 gift cards (for Amazons, local stores and restaurants) for the staff holiday party. There will be 92 staff members participating; they will hold a raffle to determine the 10 winners. APPROVED.
- (2) From Rina S. Becker, on behalf of the fifth grade teachers. They are requesting to buy 110 copies of Number the Stars to replace the current copies, which have been in use for the past 20 years and are beat up. The book helps them hit their Holocaust standards. They are able to get them for \$3.99 a copy, so with tax the total will come to about \$438.90. APPROVED (Laura Anastasia abstained.)
- (3) From the Occupational Therapist. She is requesting to purchase several supplies, including a sensory cuddle swing to address sensory regulation and core development. The cost is \$175 and she is asking for this as soon as possible. APPROVED.
- (4) From Cami Tabor and the Math Committee, on behalf of the entire school. This will be a two-part mini grant, first for stencils and later for paint. They want to purchase large stencils to use paint interactive designs on sidewalks around the school: a clock, a compass rose, a four square, and a twister. The compass rose would go out near the map.
CAMI TABOR: It is an immersive, playscape activity that will work for all grades as hands-on, multi-sensory engagement. The stencils come with cards or stations or things like that too. The clock would be outside the music room, for any grade. Elapsed time for the younger grades, "o clock" for the primary grades, etc. Twister (four rows of dots) would go out toward the playground area. It could be used for math games. Four square they love, we used to have it back in the playground and they would use it. For Twister ideally we would put a concrete slab out beside where the tetherball is, away from the classroom. If there is leftover paint from the map by the office, we would like to use it so the compass rose matches.
CONNIE DIXON: Just a note: We do have a work order into the district to put something on the map, because that gets very slick when it's wet.
SHANNON: The stencils (clock and compass rose) would be \$687.50. For all four (including four square and twister), would be \$1,171.50. APPROVED.
- (5) From Mrs. Moser. She is requesting shelving for her classroom. It will provide additional shelving at an accessible height for students and would open up room to add more learning centers, including for dramatic play.

The price on Amazon is \$89.99 per shelf. She is asking for four, for a total of \$360. APPROVED.

SAVE THE DATE (Kiley)

These dates go out farther than usual because do not have a January PTO meeting.

- December 6 – Santa’s Workshop Kickoff – please come and support your school, bring cash
- December 9 – 13 – Santa’s Workshop
- December 18 – Q2 Celebration - Kona Ice
- December 23 - 31 - Winter break
- January 1 - 5 - Winter break – students return on January 6.
- January 20 - MLK Day - No School
- January 21 - 24 - Penny Wars
- January 22 - Running Club begins
- January 24 - 100th Day of School
- February 6 - SAC/PTO meeting
- February 7 - Sweetheart dance
- February 11 - Class picture day
- February 17 - Presidents Day - No School
- February 28 - Family Movie Night – Note: Date will likely change.

Does anyone have any questions or concerns?

MRS. MOSER: I would like to volunteer for the Friday night Santa’s workshop.

KILEY: We also need volunteers for Santa’s Workshop next week. Grandparents can volunteer, they do need Level 1 clearance. The signup is on Facebook and in an email as well. Or new parents can email us directly if needed to be added to our email group.

Meeting adjourned 6:48 p.m.

PTO INFORMATION

BOARD MEMBERS:

President - Kiley Cannon

Vice President - Crystalle Holmes

Treasurer - Shannon Cooley

Corresponding Secretary - Rachel Smith

Recording Secretary – Laura Anastasia

EMAIL – GENEWITTPTO@GMAIL.COM

FB GROUP – GENE WITT PTO (be sure to answer questions before requesting to join)

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GENE WITT FACEBOOK GROUP

- Please answer the questions and join the GENE WITT PTO FB Group to stay up to date with all things PTO.
- www.facebook.com/groups/genewittpto
- We created this group for security reasons.