



MINUTES

Gene Witt Elementary PTO

Date: April 3, 2025 6:00 PM
Location: Gene Witt Media Center

In attendance:

Jennifer Alcantara, Laura Anastasia, Jolie Ayo, Jon Ayo, Owen Ayo (student council president), Karen Barrett, Keary Bartlett, Ashley Brown, Krystle Bruck, Catherine Burke, Kiley Cannon, Emma Cecil, Cristina Coelho, Connie Dixon, Ann Draper, Cynthia Fosbenner, Rachel Gaines, Crystalle Holmes, Kristen Klei, Chris Lindstedt, Laurin Orr, Stacy Piazza, Callie Pikcinglis, Carla Santoro, Nicole Smith, Rachel Smith, Hazel Tejano-Yap, Laura Thacker

Meeting called to order at 6:54 p.m.

WELCOME (Kiley Cannon)

PREVIOUS BUSINESS (Kiley Cannon)

- **Memory Bricks**
 - Memory bricks are being ordered this coming week
 - Chair - Carla Santoro
 - We will give an update once we have the final count and know when they will be in.
- **Walmart Spark Good**
 - Shop Walmart online or through the app and round up to the nearest dollar to donate funds back to Gene Witt Elementary PTO
 - Just a reminder, this is an easy way to donate back to the PTO. There is a tutorial on it on the Gene Witt PTO Facebook page.
- **Sons Plus One**
 - The Glow Party was held on March 28 in the cafeteria.
 - We got rave reviews and had over 300 guests in attendance.
 - Co-Chairs - Laura Anastasia and Krystle Bruck
 - Key club volunteers from Parrish Community High School were great!

NEW BUSINESS

- **2025-2026 PTO Board Nominees (Laura Anastasia)**
 - A voice vote was held among all general and board PTO members present to confirm the new board, since there was one nominee for each position and no position was

running opposed. (Nominations were due in March.) We have one person for each position.

- Current and Incoming Board members will meet following the April meeting to discuss roles to facilitate a smooth transition for new board members
- The 2025-2026 PTO Board was unanimously elected:
 - President - Crystalle Holmes
 - Vice President - Shannon Cooley
 - Treasurer - Kiley Cannon
 - Corresponding Secretary - Rachel Smith
 - Recording Secretary - Emma Cecil
- **Donuts with Dads (Kiley Cannon)**
 - This Saturday, April 5
 - Chair - Ann Draper
 - Around 400 students and people have RSVPed to attend so far. Please come hungry and with your dad jokes. Ice cream coupons for every dad brave enough to tell a Dad joke.
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation week**
 - April 21-25
 - Our theme hint: "Because We knew You, We have been changed for good!"
 - More info to come next week, we will need a few volunteers, please watch your emails.
- **Family Fun Night at the Marauders Game**
 - April 12 at Lecom Park, replacing April 26 Family Fun Day.
 - Tickets \$10, can also choose an add-on to get a hat or a soda. Mrs. Dixon throwing out the first pitch.
 - We're looking forward to having all families past or present. Anyone in the community is welcome, please share the flyer.
 - Drone show, Raffles, Silent auction, Play catch on the field!
 - Chair - Shannon Cooley
- **Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night**
 - All day April 15 (originally booked for April 8, but they had to reschedule for April 15). There will be a special visit from the Chic-Fil-A cow the day of.
 - More information will go out about this soon.
 - Chair - Cara Misciewicz
- **Family Game Night (Emma Cecil)**
 - May 9, \$5 a person, from 6-8 p.m. Pre-orders of pizza. A couple Minute To Win It games, teacher vs students. Teachers can get in for free. We're going to have a mock jail so you can arrest your students, teachers, parents.
 - We are looking for family friendly games to be donated (not borrowed).
 - Chair - Emma Cecil
 - Email us if you want to volunteer or donate games, so we can coordinate it.
 - Raised as a possibility: If students win the Minutes To Win It games, maybe an extra 30 minutes of recess for each grade? The PTO board will discuss.

APPROVED MINI GRANTS –March (Kiley Cannon)

- N/A, nothing since the meeting in March

NEW MINI GRANTS

- **Mrs. Burke:** Requested a mini grant for student council to have an ice cream party as an end-of-the-year celebration: \$55. APPROVED.

- **Laura Thacker:** Did the teacher from last meeting get her stapler?
Mrs. Dixon: Yes.
- **Kristen Klei:** What happened on the IXL mini grant request from last month?
Kiley Cannon: Shannon Cooley is working with the company; the package we talked about was pro-rated for the last two months of school. We are trying to figure out a free trial.
- **Mrs. Alcantara:** The Sunshine Committee is holding an end of year breakfast waffle bar with fruit and juice and coffee. Can we reach out to our business sponsors for donations?
Kiley Cannon: Shannon Cooley just reached out to them all for the Family Fun Night, so PTO could sponsor it or we could find someone.
Crystalle Holmes: My business will sponsor it.
- **Mrs. Dixon** suggested we reach out to the new builder on Rye for donations.

SAVE THE DATE (Kiley Cannon)

- April 3 - SAC/PTO Meeting
- April 5 - Donuts with Dads
- April 12 - Family Fun Night at the Marauders
- April 15 - Chick-Fil-A Spirit night
- April 18 - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
- April 21 - 25 -Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
- April 23 - Running Club ends – will be having a breakfast of some sort as well.
- May 1 - SAC/PTO Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 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)

ONLINE – GENEWITTPTO.COM

GENE WITT FACEBOOK GROUP

- We created this group for security reasons. 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