



# MINUTES

## Gene Witt Elementary PTO

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Date: May 1, 2025 6:00 PM  
Location: Gene Witt Media Center

In attendance: Jennifer Alcantara, Laura Anastasia, Jolie Ayo, Jon Ayo, Karen Barrett, Keary Bartlett, Lisa Blakemore, Jennie Boone, Ashley Brown, Krystle Bruck, Catherine Burke, Angela Cannon, Kiley Cannon, Emma Cecil, Shannon Cooley, Cynthia Fosbenner, Danielle Guida, Crystalle Holmes, Danielle LaPoint, Kristen Klei, Laurin Orr, Callie Pikcilingus, Jill Rubin, Carla Santoro, Nicole Smith, Hazel Tejano-Yap, Laura Thacker

Meeting called to order at 6:27 p.m.

### **WELCOME (Kiley Cannon)**

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### **PREVIOUS BUSINESS (Kiley Cannon)**

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- **Memory Bricks**
  - 22 Bricks were ordered!
  - Estimated ship day is May 6; delivery date TBD; hope to place the new bricks before the end of the school year
  - Chair: Carla Santoro
- **2025-2026 PTO Board Members**
  - President - Crystalle Holmes
  - Vice President - Shannon Cooley
  - Treasurer - Kiley Cannon
  - Recording Secretary - Emma Cecil
  - Corresponding Secretary - Rachel Smith
  - Feel free to reach out to the new board with any questions.
- **Donuts with Dads**
  - 400 students and father-like figures attended and showed up with great Dad jokes!
  - Chaired by Ann Draper, her first Gene Witt PTO event as chair and she did great.
- **Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night**
  - Held on April 15<sup>th</sup> all day.
  - This was our first spirit night there in several years. The estimated amount we raised was \$500. This means that Gene Witt families spent more than \$3,000 at Chic-Fil-A at the spirit night. Thank you to everyone who participated!
- **Family Fun Night with the Marauders**

- Over 350 Tickets sold! Over 40 raffle items, plus silent auction for teacher/administrator for a day.
- It was a great evening with the Gene Witt Community!
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week**
  - We had a great time making sure our Teachers and Staff felt appreciated for all they do for our students and families!
  - Thank you to Sierra Butler with Butler Elder Law for sponsoring a delicious salad bar featuring Chick-fil-A nuggets!

## **NEW BUSINESS (Kiley Cannon)**

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- **Family Game Night**
  - May 9
  - We are looking for family friendly games to be donated.
  - Ticket sales are ongoing, \$5 a person, pizza is pre-order only.
  - Bring your family and join us for dinner and game night!
  - Chair - Emma Cecil
- **1st Day School Supplies**
  - Name brand products
  - Save over 30% off retail
  - Kits will be delivered directly to your child's classroom in August
  - The PTO does not make a profit off these kits. We do it at cost to keep the price as low as possible for families
  - Flyers will come home next week.
  - Orders due by July 1st - NO exceptions or extensions
- **Event Chairs for the 2024-2025 School year**
  - Spirit Gear - Kiley Cannon
  - 1st Day School Supply Kits - Shannon Cooley
  - Back to School Night - Carla Santoro, Kiley Cannon, Laura Anastasia, Shannon Cooley
  - Business Sponsors - Shannon Cooley
  - Spirit Nights - Cara Misciewicz
  - End of Quarter Celebrations - Shannon Cooley
  - Tidal Wave Fundraiser - Shannon Cooley
  - Mabel's Labels - Kiley Cannon
  - Green Parties - Jessi Brown/Laura Thacker/Claudia Ward
  - Kindergarten Playdate - Laura Anastasia/Emma Cecil
  - Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser - Shannon Cooley
  - Gene Witt Dads - Doug Hange/Chadd Brown
  - Opt-Out - Shannon Cooley
  - BINGO Night - Carla Santoro
  - Monster Mash - Kiley Cannon/Shannon Cooley
  - Muffins with Moms - Michelle Gibson
  - Santa's Workshop - Kiley Cannon
  - Penny Wars - Carla Santoro
  - Running Club- Kristen Klei (her first year chairing something, she did a great job!)
  - Sweetheart Dance - Stacey Piazza
  - Stock the Pantry - Crystalle Holmes
  - Sons Plus One Glow Party – Laura Anastasia/Krystle Bruck
  - Memory Bricks - Carla Santoro
  - Donuts with Dads - Ann Draper
  - Family Fun Day - Shannon Cooley
  - Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week - Carla Santoro/Kiley Cannon
  - Family Game Night - Emma Cecil

- It takes a village. We're thankful for every one of you, whether you chaired an event, helped out at an event, or contributed in another way. Please look this list and think about what events you can be part of next school year.
- **Mod Pizza Spirit Night**
  - This will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>, all day.
  - Chair - Cara Misciewicz

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### **APPROVED MINI GRANTS – April (Kiley Cannon)**

- Student Council Ice Cream Party – approved at April PTO meeting.

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### **TREASURER'S REPORT (Shannon Cooley)**

- New Mini Grants
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Asking for money for a pioneer field day and a pioneer food day, an annual event paired with reading A Land Remembered. \$730. APPROVED.
  - Custodial department: Asking for floor cleaner to strip the old wax off the floors. (District pays to clean the floors, but Lenny also strips the old wax and puts down new wax. He still has wax from last year, so he is just asking for the stripper. \$400. Will pull from the custodial department's reimbursement fund first if that is not used. APPROVED.
  - Postage for letters that go out at the end of the summer to families from school/teachers. \$584. APPROVED.
  - Front office petty cash to cover catering/delivery fees because they can't take cash out of their accounts. Lisa Blakemore tracks these expenses. This will cover the fees for the next school year. \$600. APPROVED.
- Kristen Klei: What happened to the IXL mini grant from March?
- Shannon Cooley: – I reached out. I did not hear back from them. I emailed and I think at this point with there only being 2 months left it was just flow it into next year type thing.
- Budget (Shannon Cooley)
  - Any comments? Questions? Concerns?
- Laura Thacker: Because of a misunderstanding, we did not use the funds we were given for Green Parties. Can we please get the same amount next year anyway?
- Shannon Cooley: The incoming board will meet at the end of this month/early next month to determine budget next year. Also, all receipts for reimbursement need to be given to me by May 30, so checks can be cut by June 30.

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### **SAVE THE DATE (Kiley Cannon)**

- There is a Defy spirit night on May 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. Now called Sky Zone. During those two hours, 20 percent of all money spent goes back to PTO. You don't need to mention Gene Witt for that to happen. You can also buy a summer pass at that time, with 20 percent going back to PTO.
  - May 1 - SAC/PTO Meeting
  - May 9 - Family Game Night
  - May 21 - Q4 Celebration - Kona Ice

- May 22 - Mod Pizza Spirit Night
- May 26 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
- May 27 - Early Release at 1:50pm
- May 28 - Early Release at 1:50pm
- May 29 - Early Release at 1:50pm
- May 29 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!
- May 30: Defy/Sky Zone spirit night, 6-8 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

## **PTO INFORMATION**

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### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

President - Kiley Cannon

Vice President - Crystalle Holmes

Treasurer - Shannon Cooley

Corresponding Secretary - Rachel Smith

Recording Secretary - Laura Anastasia

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

**ONLINE** - GENEWITTPTO.COM

### **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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/genewittpto)
- We created this group for security reasons.