

**GOVERNOR'S RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNAPPROVED**  
**PTAMINUTES**

September 23, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Tom Stipp called meeting to order at 7:06pm.

**ATTENDEES**

President Tom Stipp, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tamra VanNorstrand, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Marnie O'Connor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Principal Will Morton and Secretary Jayme Piegat were all present from the Executive Board along with 15 members. Treasurer Kristen Colonell was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING**

***MOTION***

Lori Elvera moved to start the meeting.  
Motion was seconded.

***VOTE*** All in favor.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

***MOTION***

Katie Sheehan moved to approve the agenda as is.  
Motion was seconded.

***VOTE*** All in favor.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

***MOTION***

Katie Sheehan moved to approve the amended minutes.  
Motion was seconded.

***VOTE*** All in favor.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **\*CSAP**

The results are currently in the building however they will be distributed during parent teacher conferences. This way any questions can be resolved on the spot.

### **\*H1N1**

There has been one confirmed case of H1N1 in GRE. The school website has a checklist for symptoms. The #1 factor is a fever of 100 degrees or more. In any situation the school will send a child home if there is a fever present. The child must be fever free for a full 24-hour period before returning to school. GRE is encouraging all students to wash their hands, not share certain items like food. The staff is going over ways to handle long periods of absence with students and staff.

A concern about sanitation wipes was brought up. Principal Will Morton informed the PTA that all custodians are taking extra measure and being very diligent in disinfecting classrooms. It has been rendered priority. For those who did not know, Nadine the custodian has color coordinated washcloths in the cafeteria? Some are for disinfecting while others are simply soap and water. The students have been taught when to use each washcloth. There is also a team of parents that comes in every Friday and disinfects the classrooms.

### **\*EXTRA ACTIVITIES**

The school is currently hosting a couple extra curricular activities. Hip Hop Dance and Women's Boot Camp. Paper work has been sent home.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **\*POSITIONS**

The Executive Board is still in need of a President Elect and Parliamentarian.

### **\*COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

The committee chair meeting was held prior to this meeting. All budgets need to be set by October 1, 2009. Turn into Treasurer Kristen Colonell.

Committees that are still open are Library Assistant, Parent Enrichment, Reflections, Science Fair, Silent Auction 2010/2011, Spaghetti Dinner, Talent Show and Yearbook.

There was a suggestion to move the date for the talent show. Principal Will Morton said he would look at the school calendar if a few dates were brought up.

Reflections is in much need of a Chairperson. It is right around the corner. This is a competition that goes to the state level. The students do most of the work. The chairperson needs to get info out, sort through students work for approval and then judge. There is a banquet held to honor all participants and award the winners. Interested please contact Tom Stipp.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Committee Chair Dan Elvera reported the following on the Finance Committee:

This past month the Finance Committee met and formed the Sub-Finance Committee. It is comprised of 3 teachers, Katrina Martin, Amy Nelson and Cathy Price. Joining the three teachers will be three parents: Susan McMullen, Heidi O'Leary and Jill Chase. There will be a survey sent out to the community to give ideas and feedback to GRE. The survey is not a vote it is a brainstorming tool.

The target date for the Finance Committee to have a final plan is December 2, 2009.

## **BUDGET**

There will be a finalized budget once the Committee Chairs have submitted their budgets by October 1, 2009.

Treasurer Kristen Colonell is absent- budget will be tabled until next month.

## **CLOTHING SALE**

The annual clothing sale is October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. It is GRE's biggest fundraiser bringing in approximately \$15,000. It is in need of volunteers.

Tammy Simmons reported that the clothing sale is down by 144 sellers this year. She thought that this might be better because more items may get seen as opposed to last year where it was so overwhelming. As of this point in time the volunteer slots are about 50% filled. Friday has the most vacancies more than likely due to school being out and parents not able to help. If a volunteer works 1 shift they get into the presale from 7pm to 9pm. If a volunteer works 4 shifts or more they get into the early bird sale from 6pm to 7pm.

As always the white ticket items get donated. This year the school is trying to stay local and focusing on Jefferson County. Teen MOPS will get to come browse once the sale has closed. Mullhome is a school we always donate boots, tennis shoes and coats to. If anyone knows of any family in need please inform the committee.

The Clothing Sale is looking for committee shadows for next year.

## **RACCOON RALLIES**

Tamra VanNorstrand reported that the Rallies have been a huge success. The rallies consisted of GIRLS IN GLAM, BOYS IN BOXERS, DADS AND DOUGHNUTS, MOMS AND MUFFINS, and SUNDAES ON SUNDAY. The Dad event sold 184 tickets and made \$500. The sundaes event had only 16 people show up. All the supplies were donated.

Two of the events happened at the end of the last school year. The three that took place this year made around \$900.

## **PROPOSAL FOR PLAQUE**

The Executive Board informed the General PTA of a family living in the GRE neighborhood, the Tedford's, who have supplied our school for years with the certificates

to Elvis Cinemas for the AR program. They have also donated to the school's Silent Auction in many forms, one being many large dollar donations. They once again have decided to supply for the next couple years the certificates for AR goal achievements. The Board would like to honor the Tedford family with a plaque for their community service to GRE.

### ***MOTION***

Lori Elvera moved to discuss the subject of a plaque being made in honor of the Tedford family.

Motion was seconded.

Idea #1- Have two plaques made. One will be put in the school and the other given to the Tedford family.

Idea #2- the idea of philanthropy...give a scholarship. The Tedford family has given so much to the community, have the award be recycled back into the community.

### ***VOTE***

All in favor.

Discussion on scholarship idea follows:

- \*Make application process simple
- \*Scholarship amount equals application effort
- \*Hat draw idea, anyone can win
- \*Senior must write his/her community service
- \*Tie it to senior breakfast

### ***MOTION***

Lori Elvera moved to table this topic until the next meeting due to time.

Motion was seconded.

### ***VOTE***

All in favor.

Next meeting discuss plaque vs. scholarship or both. How much money should be designated if a scholarship is decided.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **\*RED RIBBON WEEK**

Red Ribbon Week is October 26-30<sup>th</sup>. Information will be going out on what theme is for each day of the week. The helicopter landing is still in the planning process.

***MOTION***

Lori Elvera moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion was seconded

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Library.