Gallup Hill PTO Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2014
3:30pm

1)Board in attendance -

Dawn Sullivan, Jennifer Hennessy, Amy Hernandez, Denise Dittrich, Dr.Austen

2) Principals Report-

A)DARE-5th grade completed their DARE graduation.Thank you to the PTO for the cake and refreshments. The 5th grade class attended a DARE baseball game at D page stadium today!
B)Teacher Appreciation- Thank you to the PTo and parents for a great luncheon!
C)Art &Science Day - With so much success these items will becomeAnnual events. Stephanie Calhoun and Dr. Austen will meet this Friday to debrief about what worked,what did not and discuss the out come of the teacher surveys on these events.
D) SBAC testing is coming to an end for this this year on Friday 5/16/14. All in all things went well. A few glitches with things like logging on but all was worked out. The new mobile computer cart made it much easier to get everyone in. The children have given good feedback as to really enjoying the text and multi media options.
E) GHS Informal Band Concert will take place on May 29, 2014 at GHS at 2:15 pm. The gathering of all elementary school bands will take place at Ledyard High School on June 4, 2014 at 7pm.
F) Chorus- Mr. Lambert will also be doing a chorus presentation at the end of the school year. More details and a date to follow
G)Kindergarten Orientation will take place at 10am on June 3,2014. This gathering will focus on parent concerns and questions as their child enters their first year of school. Sign ups for screening will take place at this time for the following week.
H) All School Meeting- The next All School Meeting will be hosted by the Kindergarten classes on June 6th.
I) Summer Reading Day-The reading team at GHS is working on jazzing up the Summer Reading Day scheduled for May 18th. This will include a summer song that Mrs. Motzko has put together to the beat of the CUP song, guest readers and a picnic style lunch. It should be a FUN day! More details to follow .
J) 6th Grade Graduation- This will take place on June 20th at 10am at GHS. The PTO has helped fund this with a $150 donation to go toward flowers, balloons, cake etc.
K) ONLINE SURVEY- please see the GHS home page for a parent survey to be completed by May 16th. An All School call will go out to inform parents it is there. This information will help administration to improve each year.

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3)BOE Report- Stephanie Calhoun reported to please get out and VOTE for the Ledyard town budget on May20th. Polls are open from 6am-8pm and GHS district votes at Ledyard Center School. Please mark your calendars to vote next week! It is so incredibly important to our schools that the town budget passes next week! EVERY vote counts! Not sure if you are eligible to vote? If you are registered to vote in Ledyard, you can vote. Also, you can vote if you own property assessed at more than $1,000 in the town of Ledyard (cars, boats, houses). Get the word out and invite your friends to vote! No childcare it's OK to bring your kids!!! Need a ride just ask!! If you haven't voted before and have questions just ask.
If you do not want to see more cuts then this budget must pass!

LEAF fundraising dinner will take place next thurs. May 22, 2014 . This is the last night to purchase tickets. LEAF is currently working on raising funds that will directly influence GHS with a grant for a new mobile iPad lab.

4)Treasurer's Report-

Checking balance - $4749.10 Savings acct. balance- $18.48
Ice Cream profitYTD $1,540.15 YTD, School Store-$1010.07 YTD ,
Art Day PTo cost-$920.00
Box tops check received $488.00, Box Tops YTD $1317.36
** Suggested by Dr. Austen to get the teachers on board with saving their box tops too, as this is a great resource of funds! Also suggested by Christie Seckley that a small box be put at Ledyard Center Store to collect box tops.

5)PTO Presidents Report

A.) April Movie Night- Dawn Sullivan showed us the short slide show that ran before movie night. Her husband, Jim Sullivan put this together about all the upcoming GHS PTO happenings. THANKS JIM!!! Movie night was a lot of fun! THANKS Jim Sullivan for all the set up and use of the big screen and sound system!
B) Field Day- June 5th with a rain date of June 6th. The PTO will sponsor a watermelon tent, water tent and tattoos this year.

6)Chair People Report-

A)Raffle-The next raffle will be for a NEXUS 7 TABLET. Ticket sales will began at movie night and will continue through to June20th. The drawing will take place at end of the year Galaxy Rollerskating Party. Tickets available to all for $2 each. Need not be present to win.
D) Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon- Took place 5/6/14 with a successfully yummy Fiesta Taco bar! Thinking about a barbecue theme for next year!
E)End of the Year Roller Skating-The end of the year skating party will take place June 20,2014 at Galaxy Roller Rink in Groton CT from 5pm-7pm. We are excited to partner up with our Ledyard Center friends to roll our way into summer! This will be a great opportunity for 6th graders to meet some new friends that will be joining you on your new adventure at Ledyard Middle School. The drawing for the Nexus 7 Tablet will also take place at the end of the evening!

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F) Ledyard Clothing Exchange- LCE is an organization that has been put together by Camie Lozier to help meet the needs of elementary school children from Ledyard. Currently they disturbing FREE spring and summer clothing. If you need service please call Camie at 869-912-7659. No income guideline ,if you need a few things PLEASE use the service! Forms and more info will be available on the GHS PTO website. June 7,2014 come join the **Ledyard Clothing Exchange COOKOUT** fundraiser! To take place at Ledyard Center School from 11:00-2pm. Help raise funds to set up a permanent clothing distribution center, meeting children's needs, and bettering the lives of those in our community ! FREE balloons, police cars and fire trucks!! Lunch will be service for $5 INCLUDES- Hot dog or hamburger, bag of chips, dessert, and soda!

G)2014-2015 PTO BOARD VOTE- In April the following people were nominated for PTO Board for the 2014-2015 school year. President- Dawn Sullivan and Jennifer Hennessy, Vice President- Dawn Debrodt, Treasurer- Amy Hernandez, Secretary - Denise Dittrich

VOTING took place today May 13, 2014 at the GHS PTO meeting at 3:30pm
OUTCOME for the 2014-2015 PTO BOARD
President- Dawn Sullivan
Vice President- Dawn Debrodt
Treasurer- Amy Hernandez
Secretary - Denise Dittrich
THANK YOU to all that voted and those that volunteer! A HUGE THANK YOU to Jennifer Hennessy for her time and efforts as GHS PTO Vice President and your dedication as chair for various events next year!

VOLUNTEER opportunities
Field Day 5/5/14 or rain date 5/6/14

May 22,2014 1/2 day PD
May 26 NO school, Memorial Day
June 20 LAST DAY of school

***The next PTO meetings will be A VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION gathering on June 3, 2014 3:30pm

Sincerely,
Denise Dittrich GHS PTO secretary