

# S.E. Gross School PTO

Parent Teacher Organization  
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## ***S. E. Gross School***

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***October 17, 2017***

### ***Meeting Minutes***

### ***Unapproved***

#### **In Attendance:**

**Guests:** Sue Eckhart, Melissa Biskupic, Melissa Bowen, Betsy Fallert, Lisa MacKenzie

**Staff/Teachers:** Ryan Evans

**Council:** Teresa Speziale (Co-President), Patti Chmura (Vice President), Shannon Towers (Vice President), Carla Brassil (Corresponding Secretary), Suzanne Harrison (Treasurer), Lisa McGuinness (Recording Secretary)

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm with Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

#### • **REPORTS**

##### ○ **SECRETARY'S – MCGUINNESS**

- Minutes from September 19, 2017 meeting were presented and approved by Patti and seconded by Melissa Biskupic.

##### ○ **CORRESPONDENCE – BRASSIL**

- No new information to share.

##### ○ **TREASURER'S REPORT – HARRISON**

- Budget has been updated and distributed. We have 79 members so far for this year.

##### ○ **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – MR. EVANS**

- Principals Report
  - Band Concert is the evening of October 17, 2017. There are many extra circular activities going on at school including the student elections.

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- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade classes attended the Holocaust Museum for a field trip and the school received a letter stating that the kids were a pleasure.
- School Board Report
  - Construction Update: The first step is the new power lines which have been put up across the street from the school on Maple Ave. and eventually all power will run through them.
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - Barnes and Noble – Eckhart & Fallert
    - Betsy met with Mr. Sorenson regarding the upcoming event.
    - There will be a new program, Name That Book for grades 1 - 8
    - The theme this year will be Page to Screen and will be about books that have been made into movies.
    - There is a secret fun event this year for the grade level with the highest attendance.
    - The Chair is planning to meet with Mr. Evans for more ideas.
    - The committee will order more cupcakes this year as they sold out in previous years
    - The committee wants to hold a raffle for this event. Tickets prices are still being decided, will most likely be \$3 each or 2 for \$5.
    - A Raffle License is required to sell raffle tickets. It requires a \$25 fee, tax exempt forms are required, a fidelity bond and we are not allowed to ask anyone not with the group to purchase raffle tickets.
    - The committee is only asking parents with personal businesses to contribute raffle prizes. The grand prize will be a \$300 - \$400 prize.
    - Barnes and Noble had mentioned to a PTO board member that there shouldn't be a raffle.
    - The committee will get more information from Barnes and Noble regarding the raffle and then a decision will be made whether or not to proceed with it.
    - This event had \$12,000 in sales last year, \$3000 was given to the schools in the form of a gift card. 40% to S.E. Gross and 60% to Brook Park. The wish list was \$1800 in books.
    - Any questions should be addressed by the committee.
  - Business Benefits – Towers
    - Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser had \$453 in sales, \$136.15 was given to the PTO.

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- November 9 – California Pizza Kitchen, 20% donated to S.E. Gross
- December – Five Below and Wreaths. Wreaths will be ordered online and mailed directly to individuals address. \$10 from each wreath purchased will go to the PTO.
- Waiting to hear back from Galloping Ghost regarding a fundraising event there.
  
- Dances (Halloween, Snowflake, Spring Fling) – Chmura
  - New “Trick or Treat” station has been added.
  - Sign up geniuses went out and are filling up.
  
- Sky Zone – Chmura
  - New waivers are needed for everyone. Event is November 13, 2017
  - Tickets in advance are \$20 and \$25 at the door, flyer will go out in eblast.
  
- Trivia Night - Biskupic
  - Event will be held March 10, 2018 at Community Park District of LaGrange Park
  - Melissa Biskupic is chairing this event and has developed an action plan for the committee with deadlines. They will be meeting in the next couple weeks.
  - Insurance portion is taken care of by PTO.
  
- Book Fair – Bowen
  - Melissa will need a replacement to chair this event as it is her last year.
  - The idea of a Dine and Dash may be added to this event, possibly adding a Food Truck.
  - Mr. Evans will discuss finding space for this event with Melissa.
  
- OLD BUSINESS
  - Solar Glasses – Invoice has been paid by Brook Park, we are waiting for our bill which is \$236.00
  
- NEW BUSINESS
  - Lisa MacKenzie introduced a new idea for a night out for parents, Yoga and Wine at Stride For Fitness, a local business. Lisa will Chair this event. We need to pick a date

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and get an idea of a number of people attending as the space is limited. This would be a BYOB event in the evening.

○ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next PTO Meeting is Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:30pm in the SE Gross Cafeteria
  - Committee of The Whole Meeting is October 26, 2017 at 7:00pm at S.E. Gross School and regular School Board Meeting is at 7:00pm at Brook Park School.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm

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