

Friends Meeting
January 7th, 2016 5:30 PM

Attendees:

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T-Shirt counts were made by Alicia and Leticia on December 17th, 2015.

GBCS Expo:

- Friends will be setting up a table at the Expo on January 28th, and:
 1. selling the "vintage" GBCS T-shirts for \$6 each,
 2. setting up a sign-up sheet for those interested in joining the Friends PTO,
 3. providing informative flyers and meeting dates
- Chensy will contact Ana Perez re robocalls for:
 1. the Expo, to include information about the T-shirt sales.
 2. On 1/29/16, if possible, advertising the Friends PTO meeting on 2/4/16
- We will set up a Friends poster board as part of our Expo table (Alicia)
- Donna joined us briefly and suggested quarterly large meetings for Friends, including talks or presentations by administration, i.e. anti-bullying, as a way to draw more parents in.

Finances:

- Michelle presented the bank reconciliation sheet and our account balances.
- Our current balance is approximately \$5,000.
- We need to update the co-signers for checks cut from the Friends PTO account. Co-signors will be Michelle, Larissa, and possibly Dianna, once legality issues are checked.
- The bank card will be cancelled to eliminate any further possibility of non-validated purchases.
- GBCS will be getting their own credit card device/account so the Friends account will no longer be the "pass-through" vehicle for After School Program credit card payments.

- Friends gave \$4,500 to GBCS this school year, as requested for field trip buses. This represents a \$1,000 increase from last year. We are requesting an accounting of its use.

Communication:

- Chensy emailed David Learn re Facebook access, as per our last meeting, but has not heard back from him yet. We will check with Vanessa, and maybe Kelly, to see if they can provide access to our Facebook account.
- The GBCS website and calendars have been updated to reflect our new meeting schedule. Our meeting minutes are also now posted on the website.
- A new school distribution list has been set up for contacting the Friends: ptogroup@greaterbrunswick.org

Walk-a-Thon:

After discussion at the last meeting, it was decided to go back to the old format for the Walk-a-Thon, partnering with St Peter's Hospital Health Fair, held at Buccleuch Park. GBCS board members George Waters and Chris Coulthard are looking into the date. As per Chris, the date has not been settled on yet. We normally held it the first weekend in May. He will keep us posted.

"Second Annual" Garage Sale:

The next garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 21st, from 9-2 . Table cost will be \$15, up from last year's \$10. Water will be offered for sale, and maybe other items.

Movie Night / Parents' Night Out:

- Our first Movie Night / Parents' Night Out of the year will be held on Friday, February 19th, 2016, from 6-9:30. \$10 for the first child, \$5 dollars for each sibling after that. Children from kindergarten and up will be invited. Pizza, beverages, and popcorn will be provided, and a movie. The movie will be multi-age appropriate. **(UPDATE: We will move the date to Friday, Feb 12th, to take advantage of the Valentine's Day weekend.)**
- Chensy will fill out a Building Use form for that evening.
- Dianna will:
 1. Contact David regarding movie copyright issues, and the possible purchase of a license to show movies at the school.
 2. Work with Student Council for possible help that evening.
 3. Check with George N. regarding best practices/equipment for movie showing

Next regular meeting is Thursday, February 4th, at 5:30. Focus: Walk-a-Thon.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianna