

GAPS Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2019

President: Jen Ousby
Treasurer: Jen Chu
Secretary: Kristin Watkins

17 in attendance

Fun Food Friday:

October 3rd was the first Fun Food Friday, kiwi was served and well received by the students.

Walk-a-thon:

Our 2nd annual Walk-a-thon was held on October 3rd during the students Special Area time. We have an approximate total: of \$7,400! Don't forget **100% of the money stays at Grimshaw!** Next year, we plan to send home the letters earlier so families have time to gain more pledges. We had the addition of signs this year that helped advertise the Walk-a-thon.

Applefest:

GAPS does not have a booth at the Applefest but many local groups do. Stop by and support our community as this is a big fundraiser for most of them.

Optimist Halloween Party:

The Halloween party will be held in the evening of Friday, October 25th.

Read to Them Program:

Our book for this school year will be Kenny and the Dragon, all students will receive a copy of the book. The books are here and are ready to go. Reading will begin in the next few weeks. As requested, reading will be spread out a bit this year and will be assigned every other night. Trivia questions are created for each chapter and prizes are given to students for answering the trivia questions correctly.

Administrative Report -Jen Blossey:

McMahon Ryan: In the spring, presentations will take place in the classroom with age appropriate lessons about internet safety and appropriate touching. A parent night will also be hosted for families who want more information about the presentations. The services provided by McMahon Ryan are free and align with guidelines put into place by NYS for 2021.

Halloween parade will continue as planned. Two SRO officers will be present for safety reasons. The parade starts at 1:15 and will be outside unless it is pouring rain.

In the Spring, new doors will be installed with doors that lock from the inside. This is a safety feature and will not interrupt instruction.

Please remind children to dress for the weather. It is getting colder outside and children should be dressed accordingly.

Jump Rope for Heart is another fundraiser that will be coming in the Spring.

Treasurer Report- Jen Chu

Starting off the year with less money than last year, our profit from the Walk-a-thon is also down \$800 from last year.

Voting:

\$500 for trivia prizes: 16-yay

\$100 for 5th and 6th grade student library: 16-yay

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 4th at 6:00pm!