

Meeting Minutes GAPS

Monday, October 2nd, 2017

Grimshaw School Main Office Conference Room

6:30pm

7 people in attendance

Jen Ousby, President

Jen Booher, Treasurer

Sunshine Ouimette, Secretary

Welcome!

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

*Create a new GAPS Facebook account (close old account, first). Use this platform to reach more people with updates of school events, and photos such as smart snacks.

*Smart Snacks - since there is NO SCHOOL this Friday, October 6th, there will be no Smart Snack. Will resume the following Friday, October 13th.

*Charleston Wrap Fundraiser is now underway!!! Order forms and payment **due October 11th**.

*Apple Festival: **October 7th & 8th**

Due to teachers being committed to their own children's booth volunteer work, only one teacher volunteered to work at the Apple Cider Farm Stand. Therefore there will be no teachers at the stand this year.

*Optimist Halloween Party: **October 27th** - Thank you to Mike Sutkus of Lafayette Optimists for taking charge of the party.

Thanks also to the Lafayette H.S. Senior Class for the set-up with the haunted house, and big thanks to The Lafayette Teen Institute, with Kristeen Cool and Kelly Fredericks, for coming up with new games and activities.

*Grimshaw Halloween Parade: **October 31st @ 1:15pm** Thank you to Shawn Reyburn for volunteering to stand in front of M&T Bank to give lollipops, ("safety suckers"), to the children during the parade.

Administrative Report: Principal, Jen Blossey

* Through ALDI Smart Kids Program, ALDI donates fresh produce to schools to provide healthy snacks. Grimshaw School will be submitting an application for the program.

*Room Parents: Will send a note to Homeroom Teachers to identify parents interested in volunteering as room parents.

*Teachers' Interest List: Will request an "interest list" from teachers to get an idea for gifts to be given to teachers for Teacher Appreciation Day.

October will be a busy month!

*There will be **NO SCHOOL on Friday, October 6th and Monday, October 9th.**

***October 16th is picture day.**

***Week of October 16th** is "Fire Safety Week".

-Trooper dogs will be going to each class for the "Paws to Read" activity.

-Physician's Assistants will be going to grades Pre-K, K, 1 & 2 to familiarize the kids to equipment such as stethoscopes, etc.

-Grades K, 1 & 2 will go to the fire barn and get a chance to be in a fire truck.

-It is also Bus Safety Week

*Thank you to everyone for their patience in regard to last week's hot water tank issue. It was found that a switch, no bigger than a pen top, was damaged and caused the gas odor.

Because the event occurred at 8am, students were still being dropped off as the fire trucks were coming in, while at the same time in the bus parking lot students were being evacuated. This caused some degree of congestion. There is a need to find a solution in order to evacuate students more efficiently and avoid congestion. There were no troopers present during the event, but their presence could have been used to assist in directing traffic.

A special thanks to our Superintendent, Mr. Belfield, for his quick correspondence to families and keeping them informed.

*Note that this year, Parent Teacher Conferences will be held in November as it is closer to the 10 week marking period.

Treasurer Report: Jen Booher

*Last month, expense was \$10 for baby sitting fees.

*As per last month's approved Kindergarten expense request, the receipt came to be \$126.00.

*Suggestion of emailing future agendas and having Jen Blossey send it out to parents via School Messenger email.

*Send email reminders for GAPS meetings.

*Discussed other forms of fundraisers such as fun runs/marathons. Develop multiple fundraisers and use in rotation.

*Make an inventory for GAPS equipment.

*Have games available for Grandparent's Day for grandparents to interact with their grandchildren.

Voting: \$50 for "Safety Suckers" to be given to students during the Halloween Parade. All attendees voted yes.

Closing