

Grimshaw Association of Parents and Staff (GAPS) Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 10th, 2018

Grimshaw School Main Office Conference Room

6:30pm

8 people in attendance

Jen Ousby, President

Jen Booher, Treasurer

Sunshine Ouimette, Secretary

Welcome!

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

*Smart Snack Friday: Unclear whether it will be continued this school year due to lack of volunteers. Perhaps support from Student Council and reducing it to once a month could work.

*Walk-a-Thon fundraiser: Instead of the previous fall fundraisers with Charleston Wrap, we will instead participate in a Walk-a-Thon fundraiser where students do a Walk-a-Thon during school hours, sometime in mid October. Information with labelled envelopes will be sent to families next week.

We are hoping the Walk-a-Thon will raise funds to upgrade musical instruments.

Funds raised from Charleston Wrap and Gertrude Hawk last year provided a new basketball hoop for the playground (which will be installed by the end of September), and also paid for books for the Read-to-Them program.

*Read-to-Them: There will be a meeting this **Wednesday, September 12th, at 3:45pm in the Grimshaw Library** to begin planning our '*Adventures of a South Pole Pig*' Read-to-Them event. Any parents or staff are welcome to attend. If you are interested in helping to plan the Read-to-Them family and students activities, and/or would like to receive emails, or have any questions in this regard, please email Jennifer McDonald @ jmcdonald@lafayetteschools.org.

*Apple Festival: no booths will be operated by GAPS this year

*Lafayette Optimists Halloween Party: **October 26th** - Thank you to Lafayette Optimist Group for funding this great event, and to the Lafayette Teen Institute for their continued help in the set up, running the activities & games, and for clean up. Thank you, also, to the Lafayette H.S. Senior class for their continued help with the Haunted House.

Administrative Report: Jen Blossey, Principal

*This school year we will be recognizing students with perfect attendance with a reward tag for each month in which they are on time to school everyday of that month. Each student will be given a necklace, to be kept at school, on which the reward tags can be attached. Students will have an opportunity to earn a tag for each month with perfect attendance.

*New Signs inside the school: If you drop off or pick up your children from school, please pay attention to the new signs located by the double doors before the lockers.

*There are new tables in the cafeteria and we hope to have all cafeteria tables replaced by the end of next year. The new tables will have attached stools.

*BOCES Classroom in the Kindergarten wing of the school. The school now has a BOCES classroom with a 12:1:4 configuration.

*New Staff: Ashley Brown - school nurse
Jen Koons - food service
Bill O'Leary - school counselor
Wendy Smith - food service

Treasurer Report: Jen Booher

*Briefly discussed GAPS fundraising expense report.

Voting: Funds will be allotted for Kindergarten binders, etc needed for graduation. All attendees voted yes in favor of this disbursement.

Closing