



Agenda
GVMS PTO General Meeting
1/5/23 1-2pm
Hybrid (In Person- Library and Zoom)

Present: Alpa Jani, Co-President; Bobbijo Pinnelli, Recording Secretary; Christine Bradley, Corresponding Secretary; Dr. Souders, Principal; Mary Morelli, GVMS Secretary; Ameer Feager Davis.

Not in attendance: Tiana Threadgill, Advisor; Cristina Hartley, Vice-President; Roxanne Cockerham, Co-President; Cristina Hartley, Vice-President; Meenashki Krishnamurthy, Co-Treasurer; Dr. Cohen, Vice Principal

Meeting began at 1:05pm

Alpa J. (co-president) provided an overview of the agenda and asked for questions.
Approval of last meeting minutes. Unanimous approval, no objections.

Welcome and PTO Board Members

Alpa J. and Roxanne C.

- Tiana Threadgill- Advisor
- Alpa Jani and Roxanne Cockerham- Co- Presidents
- Cristina Hartley- Vice President
- Tiana Threadgill- Treasurer
- Christine Bradley- Correspondence Secretary
- Bobbijo Pinnelli- Recording Secretary
- Open Positions- 2 Co Treasurers

MS Updates and Info Sharing

Dr. Souders

- GVMS is moving forward with field trips
 - Planning underway for Henlopen (in its 44th year) and Amazing Race (in its 3rd year).
 - Henlopen will take place mid-May and the Amazing Race the last week of school. More details to come soon.
 - PTO will be supporting this through fundraising.
- Reminded families to keep their children home if they are sick. Students are being sent home with fevers. Currently the flu and Covid is going around.
- 8th grade – High school course selection begins soon. There will be a presentation to both students and parents to help prepare for this. Recommendations are made by the school, but these are not finalized until the beginning of August. Students self-select courses using the recommendations, and there will be a drop/add the start of school.

- Winter sports going well.
 - 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball are doing having a great season.
 - Wrestling is going good as well.
 - Boys' basketball about to kick off.
 - Cheer has been there to support the winter teams all along.
- Choral Concert is tonight, January 5th at 7pm. Student arrival is 6:30pm.
- Marking period ends 2/26th. Begin checking Skyward for any missing assignments this week.
- Snow Days
 - April 10th – now a school day
 - Day added to end of school year. Last day will now be June 14th, a half day.

Co-President Updates

Alpa J. and Roxanne C.

- PTO Calendar has been updated and posted.
- Teacher/Staff and Bus Driver thank you completed. Thank you for your support!
- January 1/11 and 1/22- Fundraisers (see below for details)
- Field trip community sponsorship package – This is a fundraising opportunity with the community that will allow businesses to advertise through GVMS PTO. Their participation will benefit student events the PTO supports.
 - If you know of any business, please share the information with them.
- February Fundraisers
 - 6th Grade Social
 - 2/14 and 2/17 Fundraisers (see below for details)

More on Fundraisers

Christine B.

- Thanks to Kelly H. for putting together several of these events for us. All the information is available on the front page of our website, social media, and newsletter.
 - 1/11- Dine & Donate at Honeygrow
 - 1/22- ACAC Fitness Class and Giveaway – parents will have access to the 100% of proceeds on this event. \$5.00 raffle ticket to prizes like Land End, ACAC membership, GV swag, and more. Do not need to be in attendance to participate.
 - 2/14- Dine & Donate at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza
 - 2/17- Arts & Athletics Club Trivia and Game Night – Great way for the kids to connect. Event includes improv and acting.
 - 3/10- Ice Skate at Power Play Rinks (no school - teacher conferences) – Friday from 12-1:30pm. Whole family can attend. \$8.00 per ticket of which \$3.00 is returned back to GMS PTO. Helmets are required for ages 7 and under.
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Budget Review

Alpa J.

- We are behind in our income for our budget at this point in the year - primarily because we are behind in our donations. *Just Write a Check* is lower than normal. You can still just write a check to help to continue to fund these middle school activities via the school website or drop a check to the office. Donations offset the cost for events like:
 - School Beautification
 - Teacher Grant Programs
 - Student Events (i.e. field trips)

Just Write a Check [Donate — Great Valley Middle School PTO \(gvmspto.org\)](https://www.gvmspto.org/donate)

- Passive Fundraisers opportunities are posted on the website, too. On note of this, we are finalizing the process with a vendor that will allow families to buy gift cards through their site and GVMS PTO in return receives a percentage of the proceeds.
- Kelly H. shared there are more events being planned and these will be posted soon.

Questions and Comments

Christine B. shared KDM's request to support their book swap. Dr. Souders shared the library is currently cleaning out and updating its inventory and could donate. He also approve placing donation boxes for students and families to donate books.

Upcoming Meetings:

General PTO Meetings (hybrid):

- March 2nd @6:30pm
- May 4th @1pm

Adjourned at 1:40pm
