

MINUTES

GALLARDO PTA General Association Meeting September 25, 2024

The general meeting of the Gallardo PTA was called to order by Heather Brandon, Co-President, at 7:00 pm on September 25, 2024, with participants attending in-person in the multi-purpose room.

The meeting was attended by board members: Heather Brandon (Co-President), Dinah Bustamante (Co-President), Andrea Peterson (Secretary), Kim Lundquist (VP Communications), Angie Kreeger (VP Membership/Volunteers), Kellie Lin (Gator Clubs), Tomi Barclay (Reflections Chair), Anthony DeMelo (Financial Reviewer) and Patricia Graham (Principal).

The following board members were not present: Justin Garosi (Treasurer), Valerie Wainscott (Co-VP Fundraising), Elle Bright (Director of Events), Sheree Corbett (Financial Secretary), Kristin Norris (Historian), Jodi Perkins (Co-VP Fundraising), Jake Steiner (Parliamentarian), Cinnamon Cook (Box Tops Chair), Stephanie Lindsay (Garden Club Chair), Katie O'Rourke (Gator Gear Chair), Mary McCarthy (Upper Elementary Representative), and Christy DeGaug (Lower Elementary Representative).

Neha Nigam, Pragati Rohatgi, Jon Inquinboy, Indira Payate, Maral Imani, Rathi Rao, Hazel Clark, Cassandra Davis, Debaroh Sarkar, Nidhi Chopra, Josh Lelko, Annemarie Senior, Katie Benson, Ashley Cowgill, Harichandan Roy, Regina Arnold, Lucy Cannata, and Brianne Bustamante were also in attendance.

Andrea Peterson, Secretary, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heather Brandon, Co-President, thanked everyone for making it to the PTA meeting and pointed out that we had a quorum (over 17 members) despite competing with the Folsom High School Homecoming Parade. She then led a game of Human Bingo.

The minutes of August 28, 2024, were read and approved as presented.

MOTION: Heather Brandon, Co-President, moved to appoint Anthony De Melo as Financial Reviewer. **ADOPTED.**

Patricia Graham, Principal, gave the Principal's Report. She thanked PTA for providing volunteers during recess and asked for volunteers for the PC Pals program through Intel, which involves communicating via email to fifth grade students. Mrs. Graham reminded members of upcoming dates: Walk and Roll to School Day on October 9, No School on October 14, School Resumes on October 15, Red Ribbon Week October 21-25, Trunk or Treat on October 25, and Conversations with Mrs. Graham at 6:30 and General PTA Meeting at 7 pm, both on October 30.

Heather Brandon, Co-President, gave the President's Report. She reported that Gallardo PTA has a new Instagram page, and she shared the success of Yoga Night and the most recent Spirit Nights at Chick-fil-A and Ruby's Books.

Next, Heather shared several upcoming events: Walk to School Day is now on October 9, which is a change to be more consistent with surrounding schools. Red Ribbon Week is October 21-25; the theme is "Life is a Movie: Film it Healthy and Bully-Free." Multicultural Night will be October 4.

Heather also noted that the next meeting on Wednesday, October 30 will have cider, donuts, and a costume contest. She reminded members to email gallardopta@gmail.com by October 16 to add topics to the agenda.

Heather thanked the volunteers who stepped up since the last general meeting and reminded members of the volunteer opportunities still needed: Multicultural Night, Red Ribbon Week, Trunk or Treat, Rock & Run, STEM Night, Family Engagement Chair, Advocacy Chair, Gator Club Leaders, Yard Duty Supervision for 4th/5th Grade (11:50-12:10) and Kindergarten (12:20-12:45), Mileage Club Helpers, and Ring Pop donations for Red Ribbon Week.

Heather advised that Gallardo PTA members are also members of Third District PTA and California State PTA and shared the available resources at the California State PTA website capta.org.

Heather then raffled off prizes donated by Little Chefs World and Bowman Martial Arts.

Angela Kreeger, VP of Membership, gave the Membership Report. She reported that Gallardo PTA currently has 297 members. Angie shared that 12 classes met their PTA membership goal to earn a class ice cream party.

Kellie Lin, Gator Clubs Chair, gave the Gator Clubs Report. She shared the current after-school opportunities for students: Mondays and Wednesdays Cross Country for 3rd-5th grade, Tuesdays Spanish Club for 2nd-3rd grade. A member asked about offering a Spanish Club for 1st grade. Another member asked about other foreign language clubs.

Kellie continued listing the current after-school opportunities: Tuesdays Curious Brush Art Club, Wednesdays Firefly Art, Thursdays and Fridays Little Chefs World. She shared that clubs are advertised in newsletters, on the PTA website, and Peachjar fliers. Members offered suggestions for other clubs at Gallardo and recommended Folsom Parks and Recreation for alternative activities. Kellie reminded members that additional clubs can be started if volunteers are willing to lead them.

Heather Brandon, Co-President, presented the Fundraising Report. Rock & Run will be November 1st. Last year Gallardo PTA raised \$38,000, and we have raised over \$4,000 so far this year. Heather advised ways to encourage children to earn prizes. Chipotle on Iron Point Road will hold a Spirit Night on October 15. Heather also shared that Gallardo PTA now has 12 business sponsors, up from 4 last year.

Heather Brandon, Co-President, presented the Treasurer's Report, 8.1.2024 through 8.31.2024.

Balance as of 8.01.2024 was -\$158.95. Income totaled \$10,236.95. Expenses totaled \$5,787.55. Balance on hand as of 8.31.2024 was \$4,290.45.

MOTION: Heather Brandon, Co-President, moved to ratify checks #8226 - 8245 and EFTs as Presented. **ADOPTED.**

Heather Brandon, Co-President, also presented the 2024-2025 Budget vs. Actual report as of August 2024. She detailed some of the sources of income: Fundraising, Membership, Programs, and Box Tops for Education, as well as expenses: PTA Operating Expenses, Fundraising Expenses, Programs, Class & Student Expenses, Campus Funds, and Events. She noted that member input on future expenses will be discussed at the February PTA Meeting, after fundraising is completed.

Heather Brandon, Co-President, gave a report on Chair Positions. She introduced Tomi Barclay, Reflections Chair and described the Reflections Art Contest. She also informed members that the following Chair Positions are now filled: Box Tops (Cinnamon Cook), Garden Club (Stephanie Lindsay), and Gator Gear (Katie O'Rourke).

The next PTA meeting is on Wednesday, October 30 at 7 pm in the Multipurpose Room; there will be a costume contest. Please submit agenda items to Heather Brandon by October 16 (14 days prior to the meeting). The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Andrea Peterson, Secretary