



Meeting Minutes of the PTO August 27, 2018

Call to Order, Welcome and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order and Co-Chairs April Mbida and Becky Andersen warmly welcomed attendees to the first PTO meeting of the 2018-19 school year. Input from our active and diverse PTO is critical to the continuous improvement and advancement of its mission. Please email the PTO at goldapto@gmail.com with any comments, concerns, questions and suggestions you may have as we all work together to grow and improve the Golda Community.

Members reviewed the minutes of the April 23, 2018 PTO meeting and approved them as distributed. All PTO meeting minutes are posted on the Golda website under the Parents tab.

Co-Chair Becky Andersen reported that the back to school picnic was successful, with around 500 people in attendance, including 180 students. Ms. Bailey's class won a pizza party to be funded by PTO. Shoutout to Ms. Gleason for her tremendous efforts at the picnic.

Former PTO co-chair, Stefanie Dugan, reported that a directory for the 3rd and 6th grade are currently under development and reminded parents that an "opt in" is required to be in the directory. At this time, there is no plan to include other grades, although she will support any volunteer who wishes to compile a directory for their student's grade level. Contact Stefanie at sbndugan@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report

PTO Treasurer Heather Hildeman reported that the PTO balance as of August 27, 2018 was \$3112.51, which does not yet include income from to-date ticket sales for the Golda Global Gathering. There is also an outstanding loan of \$2750 made to Golda Meir's Fund Board to be repaid immediately following the Fund Board's 10.19.18 event.

Golda teachers and staff are reminded that requests for funding of classroom supplies, project expenses, etc can be placed with the PTO. Please contact GoldaPTO@gmail.com with any questions regarding the PTO Funding Request process, and see the "Parents" tab on the Golda website for the funding request form.

Principal's Report

Principal Carter welcomed and introduced new staff. She also reported that the 2018-2019 school year has gotten off to a great start and thanked all staff and parents in attendance for the efforts. So far the 2018-2019 enrollment at Golda is at 1176, which is higher than projected at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. In September, recruitment will begin for the 2019-2020 school year for both middle and high school. There is a district wide middle and high school fair occurring on Saturday September 29, 2018, time yet to be determined. There are currently teacher vacancies at the middle school level in both math and music.

Principal Carter also reminded staff and parents that senior fees are due and a FAFSA night is being planned for some time in September for the senior class.

Parent Coordinator's Report

Parent Coordinator, Liza Cohen, reported that there is a new initiative at Golda Meir beginning this year, Golda Giving hours. This program would allow for families to donate 5 hours per school year to assist the school in needed areas, such as recess and lunch at the elementary level. Currently, there are 4 volunteers signed up.

The back to school picnic for 2018-2019 was successful, with 170 students and families in attendance. Due to strong response, Golda plans to make this an annual event.

Open house was held on August 23, 2018 and there a high turnout.

Fund Board

The Fund Board's first fundraising event will be held on October 19 at Discovery World. Please email Fund Board co-chairs Sherry Terrell-Webb at sterrellwebb@gmail.com or Judith Romelus at judith.romelus@gmail.com with any questions regarding the event or the Fund Board in general.

Principal Carter or the Fund Board chairs will provide more details on this event at the September 24, 2018 PTO meeting.

High School Development and Recruitment

Golda's High School had its first graduating class in the 2017-2018 school year, with a 97% graduation rate. $\frac{1}{3}$ of the students passed their AP exams, leading to 137 college credits earned overall. 86 of 97 students went on to pursue college, while the remaining 11 students are currently placed in internships.

MPS received a total of \$86 million in scholarships, with Golda receiving \$10 million. Additionally, there were 5 students who received a full ride scholarship to UW-Madison.

Ongoing Business

Coordinator for the Golda Global Gathering, Jenny Rushizky, reminded parents and staff that this adult event will take place on September 7, 2018 from 5:30pm to 8pm. This is the second time this event is being held, and it is one of the two major PTO fundraisers per year. Tickets cost \$15 per person and include a pint of beer or root beer and access to the nacho bar. All teachers and interested staff will receive 2 free tickets. There will be a silent auction. Parent Coordinator, Liza Cohen, will send out the reminder and ticket forms to parents regarding this highly anticipated event.

Co-Chair April Mbida reported that a committee is needed to begin planning for the annual Trivia Night. This is the 2nd fundraiser that is held annually for the PTO and last year generated approximately \$2500.

The PTO approved a fund request by Ms. Bailey for \$113 to cover half of the cost of the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center Program "Owls: Designed for Darkness" to be presented to 3rd Grade Classes in the lower campus gym. The other half of the cost is being covered by a 3rd grade parent who suggested this experience for the 3rd graders to learn about owls, the school mascot, in a hands-on way.

The PTO approved a fund request of \$200 by Ms. Razaa for a new middle school initiative program that encourages and reinforces positive behaviors through an honor level system.

Next Meeting

The next PTO meeting of the 2018-19 school year is scheduled for Monday, **September 24**, at 6:30 p.m. in Golda Meir's Upper Campus library. It will be immediately preceded by the School Engagement Council (formerly Governance Council) meeting which is open to all of Golda's staff and families and will start at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne Cook
PTO Recording Secretary