



**DRAFT: Meeting Minutes of the PTO
March 25, 2019**

Call to Order, Welcome and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairs April Mbida and Becky Andersen, who welcomed all members to the March 25, 2019 meeting. 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 November 26, 2018 PTO meeting and approved them as distributed. All PTO meeting minutes are posted on the Golda website under the Parents tab.

PTO looking to recruit new reporting secretary for the 2019-2020 school year.

Treasurer's Report

PTO Treasurer Heather Hildeman reported that the PTO balance as of March 22, 2019 was \$4524. March expenditures included \$60 reimbursed to Ms. Young for STEM night snacks and \$359 for sub sandwiches for Golda teachers and staff for parent/teacher conferences.

There is an outstanding loan of \$2750 made to Golda's Fund Board.

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 announced that voting was completed, regarding the early start/traditional calendar and that the district has decided to keep the two separate schedules going into the 2019-2020 school year. Golda's start date for 2019-2020 school year will be August 13, 2019.

Back to school planning to begin and will tabled until the next PTO meeting.

Parent Coordinator's Report

Parent Coordinator, Liza Cohen, reported that Family Fun Night was a success, with making \$3284 in profit. Liza reports that students were a huge part of the event and often took the lead while promoting school spirit. The goal is to continue Family Fun Night, due to its' success rate and engagement of the students. More talk to be had as to whether this will be a parent coordinator/school event or if PTO will also be a part of the event. If PTO to participate in this event, Trivia Night will possibly become part of this event, as opposed to a typically standalone event. Decision to be tabled until the next PTO meeting.

Fund Board

Principal Carter reports that the \$2750 loan will be paid back to Golda PTO as soon as possible.

High School Development and Recruitment

Dr. Nelson reports that the incoming freshman class for the 2019-2020 school year is expected to be between 150-180 students, with 86 of those students coming from Golda. High school recruitment process is going well. The 2018-2019 school year will produce Golda's 2nd graduating class. Golda continues to push their AP curriculum forward and has the 2nd biggest AP class offering in the district.

The People Program has grown at UW-Madison and is now open to 8th grade students.

Shout out to Jeremiah Walker, who received \$1 million in scholarship funds, earning a full ride to both Madison and Marquette.

PAGE and SENG

No more events until the 2019-2020 school year.

Green Team

Ms. Gleason obtained another grant from Groundworks which will assist in building a garden at Golda.

A shoebox recycling program will be in the next week and the plastic bag recycling program to be shortly as well. NESB Jr. is now apart of the Green Team and working on the recycling program as well.

Urban veggie garden has been started at the lower campus.

Shout out to Ms. Gleason for being the recipient of the Herb Kohl Teacher Award and winning \$6000 for herself as well as \$6000 for the school.

Ongoing Business

Discussion of Golda directory and wanting to include more than 3rd grade to be tabled until the next PTO meeting.

PTO requesting stronger presence of teachers and parent volunteers at the 2019-2020 back to school picnic.

Teacher Appreciation to be held the week of April 29-May 3rd. Theme is "You Lift Us Up" and will be celebrated by offering breakfast and/or lunch options throughout the week.

Fund request from Dr. Nelson and the high school social studies department for \$600 to send 3 students to Badger Boys State. PTO approved.

Ms. Bailey requests \$40 for 3rd grade to provide bananas to each student for participation in the American Heart Association fundraiser. PTO approved.

Reminder that Golda has Cub Scouts troop that is offered for 3rd to 5th grade, dates and times of meetings to be made known through the lower campus.

Suggestion of new fundraiser raised, due to cancellation of Trivia Night this 2018-2019 school year proposed.

Next Meeting

The next PTO meeting of the 2018-19 school year is scheduled for Monday, **April 29, 2019** 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 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne Cook
PTO Recording Secretary