Givens PTO 2025-2026
Monday, March 2, 2026
6:00 pm / Givens Library

1. Presidents (Betsy/Hannah)
    a. Teacher Grants
        i. Ms. Pierce: $260+tax: BreakoutEDU digital subscription + kit.
            1. Mr. Kirksey: Table this for next year; PTO agrees.
        ii. Total Budget: $2,000
            1. Spent: $1954.73 (prior to request 3)
            2. Natasha is tracking $2,020.14 for teacher requests. She and Betsy to reconcile.
    b. Parent Resources
        i. Anxious Generation Book discussion workshop by Amy Maus
            1. Partnering with all elementary schools; split cost of $400 w/ all schools
            2. Tuesday, 3/3 at 6pm at Givens
            3. 75 rsvp'd so far.
            4. Check for Amy; payment from other elementary schools
    c. PTO Board for 2026-2027
        i. We need to publish our list of officers on 4/4
        ii. We will vote on the 2026-2027 board at the 5/4 meeting
    d. Trivia Night
        i. Next planning meeting 3/11 @ Global Brew
        ii. Tickets: $35/person or $275 for a table ($5 savings)
        iii. VIP Table: Secure one of three VIP Tables for $450 (seats 8)! VIP Tables include: front-row seating, dinner (Dewey's pizza and salad plus dessert), mulligans
        iv. Call for volunteers - need to include Trivia Night call for volunteers weekly
        v. Solicitations
            1. Wish lists/class baskets: 80% done. Hannah will take baskets/buckets if anyone has them.
        vi. Sign-Up Parties (Kelly I. offered to do these)
        vii. Sponsors: Event and Round (need more)
        viii. Treasurers (Mitch will be there to collect $$)
        ix. Stephanie creating a Kindergarten-specific invite
        x. Setting aside 1 teacher table - how do we publicize this to teachers? Tickets w/ QR code in teacher mailboxes? Sign-up sent out?

xi. New principal has been invited
xii. Shirts - sell spiritwear from BTS Bash at Trivia Night?

2. VP Administration (Madeline)
    a. Staff meals
    b. Staff birthdays
        i. $75 is the monthly budget for stocking lounge - March is done
3. VP Community (Erin)
    a. We need more community-building events. Grade-level meetups at parks? Casual gatherings? Bingo? Need to brainstorm more on this.
4. VP Fundraising (Audrey)
    a. Dine Outs
        i. Skipping March
        ii. Snarfs (waiting on Snarf's response for total; Audrey sent 2 emails)
        iii. Chicken Scratch Tue April 14th
        iv. Vanilla Sugar Bake Shoppe (sent email beginning of Jan & Feb)
        v. Kilwins (end of school/last day) - sent inquiry
        vi. Cyranos (they do % of entire evening sales, not just people who mention your school)
    b. Progressive Dinner
        i. 9/19
        ii. Jessica Hughes working on Save the Date flyer and host sign-up to announce at trivia
    c. Wine Night
        i. Total raised: $1,670
        ii. Profit $990.55
        iii. Additional $135 in sales…need to pick up check
    d. Lava island
        i. Awaiting check
5. Treasurers (Mitch/Natasha)
    a. Net Fundraising This Year (so far): $8,048.70 → $10,693.70 (Mitch confirms)
        i. Goal - $27,425 ($19,376.30 to go)
            1. Last year - trivia night net - $19,839.20
    b. 2025-26 budget
    c. Current Summary:
        i. Previous Month Closing Balance: $45,364.30
        ii. Current Balance: $46237.82
        iii. February Expenses/Deposits:
            1. Wine night ($1022.39 net)

2. Feb stock the lounge ($76.07)
3. Conference meals (Snarfs - $417.07)

iv. Budget for next year: district projections for school enrollment; we need to know that bc it affects the budget/donations
1. Assuming the same as prior year (around 50) but Givens is hard to predict given nature of family sign-ups (mostly later sign-ups)

d. 501(c)(3)
i. Spoke with Joshua Brinkley (last person running the umbrella org - will help once we decide direction)
ii. Also in communication with an individual who helped other schools.
iii. Plan to decide between 1) re-file as a new nonprofit vs. 2) recategorizing as independent (outside of umbrella) with the same EIN.

6. Communications (Alex/Nicole)
a. Posting monthly minutes publically (Nicole will do)
7. Equity (Brooke/Cloris)
a. Black History Month: is it too late to partner with Black Rep on something? Be sure to get this on the calendar for next year
8. Upcoming Dates & To Dos
a. 3/3: Anxious Generation presentation and discussion
b. 3/5: 2nd and 3rd Grade Concert
i. Madeline will bring flowers and Pepsi
c. 3/9: Teacher Conference Meal @ 3pm (Madeline is on it, $419 total from Snarf's)
d. 3/26: Art Festival
e. 4/6: PTO Meeting (new principal has been invited)
f. 4/11: Trivia Night
g. 4/22: Choir performance (no gift needed for this; choir parents will take a gift) - flowers are sufficient as a gift
h. 4/24: School Dance
i. Mr. Kirksey is taking care of this; will let us know if he needs help
ii. PTO has $1k budget for this event.
i. 4/30: Kindergarten and 1st Grade Concert - Erin will take care of Pepsi/flowers
j. 5/4: PTO Meeting (new principal has been invited)
k. 5/4 - 5/8: Teacher Appreciation Week
i. Coffee truck booked 5/7 from 10-12p (add pastries)
ii. Build-a-bouquet 5/5
l. MAP Party (3-5 graders)
i. Already have games, nacho bar; Mrs. Whistler will let Betsy know what she needs

m. 5/15: Field Day
    i. Nothing needed from PTO
n. 5/18: Volunteer Appreciation and Harambee
    i. Betsy to follow-up with Dwight
o. 5/21: Trimester Parties
p. 5/21: 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony (goal is to raise $500 more)
    i. SkyZone needs to be funded.
    ii. Yorba/Stephanie want to use QR code for 4th and 5th grade families to donate or volunteer; will distribute at PT conferences; will send a sign-up with more specifics soon
    iii. PTO agrees we're NOT covering the cost of yearbooks for 5th graders this year

9. Committees
    a. Large Initiatives – holding
        i. Ideas with Current Money
            1. $5k on Staff: split $4k lounge, $1k staff grants
            2. $5k- $10K: Building Updates
    b. Cardinals Game (Amy)
        i. 9/20/26 vs. Nationals; Take me out to the ballgame
        ii. Spirit week the week of opening day
        iii. For the first two weeks, each ticket you buy gets you one voucher to see a summer game of your choosing.
        iv. Ticket Sales Process Update (GiveButter?)
            1. Mitch may be able to make a second website through square (goal is to have people pay at time of purchase)
        v. Ticket Price ($25), we will be on lower level
        vi. Transportation to the game
        vii. Shirts - use spiritwear from BTS Bash?
10. Opens
    a. Bobo's Fundraising: school profit 40%
        i. Betsy will keep talking to the rep; maybe do this next year.