Givens PTO 2025-2026
Monday, August 3, 2026
6:00 pm / Frisco Barroom

1. Principal Update
    a. *Betsy met with Meg and Dr. Givens; both are very excited*
2. Presidents (Betsy/Jake)
    a. Calendar
        i. *Please see at the end*
    b. End of year Survey Results
        i. *All enjoyed special events like Back to School Bash*
        ii. *Many people want to help with Larger Initiative*
    c. Summer Meeting with Sharnez/Meg Updates
        i. PTO Liaison
            1. *Dr. Givens will recruit a teacher to attend all PTO meetings as a liaison between staff and PTO*
        ii. We're Building Something Special *(motto for the year)*
        iii. Standing meeting prior to monthly PTO meeting
        iv. New Events (holding on these for now): Bingo, Family Movie Night, Family Game Night, Mad Scientist, Serengeti Steve
        v. PTO Closet
            1. *Should only be for PTO materials*
    d. Large Initiatives
        i. Teacher's Lounge
            1. *Cleaning everything out*
            2. *Putting in some new cabinetry*
            3. *Leave sink*
            4. *New tables*
            5. *Couch*
            6. *Nice Sitting Area*
            7. *Looking for community donations and volunteers*
        ii. Courtyard
            1. *Work on getting a proposal*
    e. Buzz Book
        i. *PTO is working on it*
    f. Car window clings
        i. *Will buy and pass out at Back to School Night*
3. VP Administration (Madeline)
    a. Staff: 12 new staff, total staff ~50. Check in before holidays for number of staff for gifts.
    b. Staff Favorite Things
        i. *Reaching out for an updated list for Ms. Peeples with survey for favorite things*
    c. Stocking the Lounge
        i. Continue with monthly stocking of the lounge with a Happy Birthday Sign

    d. Amazon Wish List
        i. *Will be sent out to parents with further items to stock the teacher's lounge and will ship directly to the school*
4. VP Community (Erin)
    a. Room Parents
        i. Sign-ups
        ii. Training Document and time
    b. Back to School Bash 9/11, 5-7pm
        i. Kona Ice
        ii. Papa Johns
        iii. Community Tables
        iv. Police – Sharnez working with Rock Hill PD
    c. Progressive Dinner 9/19
        i. Erin will chair this event
5. VP Fundraising (Audrey)
    a. Dine Outs
        i. *Family focused, Parkmoor, Sylvie D's, Panera?*
    b. Wine Night
        i. Audrey to reach out to Grapevine schedule 2027
        ii. *Aiming for February 4th*
    c. Lava Island
        i. *May do it twice, including one in the beginning of the year*
    d. Fundraising Ideas: Bobos Pizza, Do Good Popcorn, Makers Market
    e. Spirit Wear
6. Treasurers (Mitch/Natasha)
    a. 2026-2027 Fundraising Goal - $29,000
        i. Wolf-a-thon: $8,000
        ii. Trivia Night: $18,000
        iii. Spirit Wear: $1,500
        iv. Dine Out: $1,500
    b. Total in account
        i. *$63,721.82 is currently in our account*
        ii. *$25K for larger initiative project*
    c. 501(c)(3)
        i. *In Process*
    d. Lava Island Check
7. Communications (Nicole/Jessica)
    a. Process should remain the same with Sharnez (Nicole/Jessica send PS communications to Sharnez for approval)
        i. *Sending out weekly communication but with a new name*
    b. Website Updates
        i. *Nicole is making updates*

c. Social: Facebook and Instagram
    i. *Jessica*
8. Equity (Megan/Cloris)
    a. District Meetings
    b. Black Rep
    c. *They will work closely with social worker and nurse to assess needs*
9. Upcoming Dates & To Dos
    a. w/o 8/10: Kindergarten Sign Distribution
    b. 8/12 @ 8:30am: New Staff Welcome Gifts
    c. 8/19: Welcome Back Breakfast @ 7:30am
    d. 8/21:
        i. Kindergarten Meet & Greet @ 5:30pm, Larson Park – should we reserve a pavilion for $160?
        ii. Popsicles with PTO & Principals @ 6pm, Larson Park
        iii. Popsicles, drinks
        iv. Agenda
        v. Sign-ups
    e. 8/25: First Day of School
    f. 9/11: Back to School Bash @ 5-7pm, Givens Playground
    g. 9/19: Progressive Dinner
    h. 9/20: Givens Day at the Cardinals
    i. w/o 10/6: Fall Fundraiser
    j. 10/23: Trunk or Treat – will need committee chairs, revised plan
    k. 10/30: Trimester Parties
    l. TBD: Teacher Conference Meal @ 3pm
10. Welcome Committee (Stephanie)
    a. Kindergarten Yard Sign Delivery
        i. Signs are expected to be delivered between August 14th and 16th.
    b. New Family Bags
        i. These bags are for new non-Kindergarten students and include a cinch sack, a Givens T-shirt, a water bottle, and a WGHS football game ticket.
        ii. They will be given to Ms. Aguilar to distribute, and we will check in with the office regularly throughout the year for new students.
    c. First Day of School Decorations
        i. Monday, August 24th at 6:00 PM at Givens (expected to take 1-1.5 hours).
        ii. Tuesday, Aug 25 at 6:00 AM: Arrive to set up
            1. 7:15 AM - 7:30 AM (Arrival Support): If you can help during student arrival, please let me know. We need volunteers for the following roles:
                a. Music (1 person)
                b. Photo booth area (2 people)
                c. Balloon Arch areas (2 people)
                d. Clean up (4 people)

d. New Staff Gifts
    i. Gifts consist of a Givens coffee mug, candy, and a welcome note from the PTO. These will be delivered on August 12th.
e. Kindergarten Playdates
    i. August 8th at 10:00 AM, August 17th at 6:00 PM, and the Kindergarten Meet and Greet on August 21st at 5:30 PM.
f. Grade Level Summer Playdates: Canceled due to low attendance last year.
g. Grade Level Caregiver Meetups: We are still looking for coordinators to ensure all grade levels are covered.

11. Cardinals Game
    a. We have sold 96 tickets, which is about where we were last year.
    b. Our section is closer to where the children sing, so that should be easier for the day of the event.
    c. Would like to start promoting ASAP and in school communications.
    d. We have 9 scholarship tickets available. There had been a request for something ~ 11 tickets and are waiting to see how many families requested tickets before giving all of them to one family. If we get requests for scholarship tickets beyond the amount we have fundraised, would you like us to give out the tickets (which would put the event at a loss), or let people know that we don't have enough scholarship tickets/say no? We are happy to do whatever the exec committee thinks is best. Last year we had enough scholarship tickets.