



“Success Begins Here!”  
Gateway Elementary School  
GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

## **PTA Meeting Minutes from September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Persons in attendance:** Vanessa Simmons, Paige Longest, Cristi Dover, Sandy Whitaker, Mrs. Calvage, Ashley Painter, Justin Forrester and five additional PTA members

Meeting called to order at 9am

### **PTA Announcements from the Co-President** (Cristi)

Cristi announced a new fundraiser for the 2017/2018 school year. Gateway Elementary will be the first school in the Upstate to do the Book Pro Game Show. This fundraiser has a strong emphasis on reading and literacy. The theme for 2017 will be “Castle Quest.” The fundraiser is easy to incorporate into the classroom as it includes elements that are already happening in the classroom but providing a fun, new twist. The students will ask for money to achieve their reading goals. Book Pro Game Show will last ten days with a kick-off pep rally, team huddles throughout and a celebration trivia game show at the end for each grade level. This fundraiser will take place October 25<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be followed by the Grandparent/Special Friends lunch and book fair the next week. Volunteers will be needed to serve during this time period.

Cristi highlighted some recent PTA purchases for the school including student agendas, two new Riso copiers, a new CD player and music for the cafeteria, and pro board remotes for all of the teachers. Last year, Birthday Book Club raised \$1,000 to buy new books for the library and Box Tops for Education brought \$1,800 back into the school.

A “Celebration Rock” has been placed outside the school. The rock is able to be painted and will be rented on a first come, first serve basis. The idea is that parents/guardians can rent the rock and paint it to for celebrations (i.e. birthdays, passing tests, etc.). It is \$20 to rent the rock. You can sign up on Sign Up Genius and pay through Paypal. Those renting the rock will be able to come paint it from 3pm-8pm and the rock will be covered with their chosen paint until 3pm the next day (or until the rock is rented again). If there is inclement weather, the date can be changed or a refund will be given. All funds from the Celebration Rock will go towards the purchases of Chrome Books.

The goal for the 2017/2018 school year is to purchase a digital sign for the outside of the school. This will allow more and better communication with parents as they are dropping off and picking up their students.

There will be upcoming Chick-fil-A Spirit Nights once the Travelers Rest location has opened.

### **Treasurer** (Justin)

Justin distributed a copy of the 2018/2019 PTA budget. All of the numbers were the same as the 2017/2018 budget. A motion to approve the budget was approved by all members in attendance.

The next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17am.