

## GRAND PRAIRIE PTO MINUTES

August 14, 2017

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Megan Terry, Tiffany Sabatini, Kelley Houser, Linda Salkas, Bill Bilotta, Heather Whisler, Candice Haymond, Ashlee Linneman, Melissa Cavenaile, Tina Schwab, Sam Lauwers, Karie Beck, Shari Bellia, Shelley Hoffee, Talia Kulaga

### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Meeting called to order by President Megan Terry at 6:05 p.m.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- Minutes from the May meeting were presented by the Secretary. Approved with a motion from Karie Beck, second from Talia Kulaga, and a majority vote.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- May Treasurer's reports were presented by the Treasurer. Approved with a motion from Sam Lauwers, second by Shari Bellia, and a majority vote.
- June Treasurer's reports were presented by the Treasurer. Approved with a motion from Karie Beck, second by Sam Lauwers, and a majority vote.
- July Treasurer's reports were presented by the Treasurer. Approved with a motion from Karie Beck, second by Sam Lauwers, and a majority vote.
- 2017-18 School Year Budget proposed. A few changes – extra money given to Kindergarten (\$300 instead of \$200) because of extra K classes from CL; Fun Run is only major fundraiser; No spring conferences, so no teacher dinner needed, but allocating this money for tshirts instead.
  - Approved with a motion from Talia Kulaga, second by Ashlee Linneman, and majority vote.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- Heather Whisler, our new principal, introduced herself.
- 8/16 – Meet the Teacher from 12:00noon-1:15pm
- 8/17 – First day of school
- New district assessment, iReady, replaces Discovery. All grades, K-5, will take the test 3x/year. This is a diagnostic assessment, so questions will get easier or harder based on student performance on the previous question.
- 9/7 - Curriculum Night – 2 sessions at 5:00 & 5:40, Title 1- 6:25, Ice cream social – 6:30pm

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Membership Drive Theme – “The Few, the Proud, the PTO” Membership packets will go home with students. All classes who receive 100% family participation will receive a freeze pop party. There will be 2 raffles for PTO membership – one for staff, and one for families who sign up. Winners will be chosen in October.

- School Supply Kits – Kits are in and will be in classes for Meet & Greet. Only had 20-25 kits purchased. Feedback for the supply kits include: too much money asked of families at the end of the school year, not all brand name items in the kits as advertised. We may or may not continue with these orders next year.
- Meet & Greet – PTO booth will sell spirit wear and have 5k registration forms.
- BooHoo/Yahoo Breakfast – Kindergarten parents invited for both AM and PM sessions. Flyers handed at round up, and will make more for Meet & Greet.
- Ice Cream Social –9/7, 6:30. Looking into Culver’s ice cream if costs can stay low

### **TEACHER REPS**

- Teacher reps will be 2 teachers at each meeting
- Talia Kulaga is creating a makerspace for students to problem solve, collaborate, etc. She is seeking donations for supplies – toilet paper rolls, craft sticks, etc.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Sign UP TO BE A COMMITTEE CHAIR OR CO-CHAIR!
- 5K-9/16. There will be a 5K and a 1 mile race. Currently getting sponsors. There is a training program on our FB page.
- Box Tops – Summer contest going on now. Box Tops class winner will have a trophy this year to display in the room until the next contest period. Box Tops has an app where you can scan your receipts for bonus box tops..
- Family Night Out – Haunted Trails (September), Potbelly (October), Aurelio’s (November), Barnes & Noble (December), Marco’s (January), Sky Zone (February), Oberweiss (March), Portillo’s (April), Chipolte (May)
- Spiritwear – Same logo on all shirts: black sweatshirt, green cotton, green dryfit, green tie dye. Orders due 9/1. Can order online. Should have by end of Sept.
- Monster Bash – 10/20. Looking into having food trucks there.
- Pack 81 – no rep present

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ideas for encouraging participation at meetings. FB Live was mentioned, but we do not get service in the media center. Also would need to check with district IT about using school wifi for social media. Suggestion to do a recap video instead or use a web cam for the video.
- Request for copy person committee- can add this to the committee list to see if we have volunteers to make copies for teachers.
- Linda – resigning from co-president since her children are now at River View.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm with a motion from Sam Lauwers, second from Melissa Cavenaile, and a majority vote.

Respectfully submitted by Kelley Houser, PTO Secretary.