

GRAND PRAIRIE PTO MINUTES

October 16, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE: Megan Terry, Tiffany Sabatini, Kelley Houser, Bill Bilotta, Heather Whisler, Vicki Lilas, Aimee Gipes, Cheryl Airoidi, L.Kay Garrison, Candace Savage, Suzie Badertscher, Tina Schwab, Marcie Stateman, Linda Salkas, Deb Bernard, Melissa Cavenaile, Paul Cavenaile, Kelly Ryan, Pat Baker, Judy Crowhurst, Theresa Donahue, Kari Beck, Andrea Finch

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order by President Megan Terry at 6:06 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Minutes from the August meeting were presented by the Secretary. Approved with a motion from Paul Cavenaile, second from Candace Savage, and a majority vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- September's Treasurer's report was presented by the Treasurer, reflecting the changes with the fraudulent charges. Approved with a motion from Marcie Stateman, second by Aimee Gipes, and a majority vote.
 - Square card reader will now show a fee.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 10/20 – End of 1st Quarter
- 11/1 – Report cards go home
- 10/23 – Early release. Will send a reminder connect ed on Friday prior. Students still have lunch. No kindergarteners in attendance.
- 10/31 – Halloween Parade/Party
 - AM Kindergarten- 10:25 Parade (rain location in Media Center) 10:30-11:30 party.
 - PM Kindergarten – 5th grade - 2:00 parade, parties 2:30-3:30. Class teachers leading events rather than PTO.
- 11/2 & 11/3 – Parent Teacher Conferences 11/2 – 3-8pm, 11/3 – 8am-1pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **Membership Drive Recap** – 118 Families and 38 staff joined PTO. Gave away 2 baskets for PTO members – staff basket to Mrs. Wrobel, family basket to Marquez family. Ms. Atwood's class had highest percentage of families join -36%
- **Students of the Month** – Recognized and awarded 4th Grade students of the month, Kierney Latarewicz & Zion Finch.
- **Room Party Snack** – Classroom teachers are coordinating parties, but PTO will provide snack - Halloween fruit gummies and Capri Sun.
- **Conference Dinner** – PTO will provide dinner for teachers on 11/2 at 5:00pm

TEACHER REPS

- We have received requests from 2 grade levels for spending their grade level funds. Teachers have all year to spend the money, but don't forget to use it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **5K** – 105 participants. Approx profit of \$870. Nice to have the bullying event at the same time, especially for parents running in the 5K race. Future ideas may include the ice cream social as a part of this day. Anyone interested in the committee can join. PTO purchased a certified course after using First Assembly's course for free for the first couple of years. If other groups, such as middle school bands, want to use our course, we would not charge a fee.
- **Family Night Out** –
 - September: Haunted Trails – went well, steady flow. Changed from Thursday to Friday, which seemed to boost attendance. Need 2 people for taking money – square had errors. Did have to book now to hold a Friday night for next year, but can cancel.
 - October: 10/24 Potbelly's 5-8pm. We receive 35% profits.
 - November: Sky Zone rather than Aurelio's that was advertised
- **Monster Bash** – 10/20 6-8pm. New this year is no food or drink but bringing in Marco's and Kona Ice for purchasing. We will receive a percentage back from Kona Ice. Will still have DJ, fortune teller, and trunk or treating. New pumpkin walk in the media center. Currently have 19 trunks for trunk or treat. Still short on volunteers and candy donations.
- **Box Tops** – due 10/24. Freeze pop party and trophy to highest class. Committee will come around to collect the bags, but can also drop off in the PTO bin. Box Top app gives Tops to the school when you purchase items and upload receipt.
- **Book Fair** – Nov 13-17. Monday - teacher preview at 8am with snacks/coffee. Wednesday - Family Shopping 4-7pm, tied in with Family Literacy Night. Friday is tear down day. Still doing the coin collection the week prior- Nov 6-10.
- **CAPE** –
 - Announced timeline for looking at redistricting zones. Ideally they hope for Crystal Lawns to house all of their children.
 - Reminded of proper use of social media.
 - Halloween costumes at school – no poop emojis or scary clowns.
 - Reviewed crisis plans
- **Pack 81** – finishing up candy bar fundraiser. Cub-mobile, a soapbox derby type event, coming up next.

NEW BUSINESS

- Contract Negotiations – our bylaws require us to remain non-political. School Board meeting Wed, Oct 17 at 7:00pm. Grand Prairie PTO will share facts.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm with a motion from Tina Schwab, second from Marci Stateman, and a majority vote.

Respectfully submitted by Kelley Houser, PTO Secretary.