

# GRAND PRAIRIE PTO MINUTES

March 12, 2018

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Megan Terry, Tiffany Sabatini, Kelley Houser, Bill Bilotta, Heather Whisler, Vicki Lilas, Suzie Badertscher, Tina Schwab, Pat Baker, Cheryl Airoidi, Ashlee Linneman, Melissa Cavenaile, Megan Magic, Susan Krippelz, Lauren Atwood, Aimee Gipes, Bethany Smothers, Marcie Stateman, Lynaris Colón

## **CALL TO ORDER**

- Meeting called to order by President Megan Terry at 6:02 p.m.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- Minutes from the February meeting were presented by the Secretary. Approved with a motion from Suzie Badertscher, second from Megan Majic, and a majority vote.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- February's Treasurer's report was presented by the Treasurer. Approved with a motion from Aimee Gipes, second by Susan Krippelz, and a majority vote.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- ***PARCC Testing*** –3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> testing will begin tomorrow and finish before Spring Break.
- ***4<sup>th</sup> Quarter*** begins today (3/12). 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards will go home 3/22.
- ***Spring Break*** - 3/26-4/2.
- ***Disabilities Awareness Week*** – week of 4/9
- ***School Fine Arts Night*** – 4/11 at Timber Ridge. Music programs at 5:30pm (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grades) & 7:00pm (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grades). Grades K-5 art showcase that includes 1 piece of art for every student. Art open whole time.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- ***Spring Fundraiser*** – 4/19 (rain date 4/20) Kickoff assembly on 4/6 at 2:30pm to announce class color teams. Renamed “Wildcat Warrior Challenge” because format will be an obstacle course instead of just a fun run. Other changes: extra prizes, raffle prizes. More information will come out before spring break. Whole packet will come home day of kickoff. Asking teachers to support the event with class incentives and participating themselves.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- ***Vote on Proposed PTO Bylaws*** – wording was presented at the last meeting. Melissa Cavenaile summarized the changes that were being proposed. No additional changes were made, so we can vote on the updates tonight.
  - Proposed Bylaws changes adopted with a motion from Ashlee Linneman, second from Lauren Atwood, and majority vote.
- ***Foundation of Excellence Basket*** – Aimee Gipes will put together a \$100 basket.
- ***\$500 GP Alumni Scholarship*** – Application is at PCHS. Nominating committee set last month. Applications due 4/6.

- **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Student of the Month** - Recognized and awarded 1<sup>st</sup> grade students of the month – Axel Rivera and Olivia Fenney.

**TEACHER REPS**                    *no reports*

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **2018-19 PTO Board Nominating Committee** –
  - Secretary – Bethany Smothers – board approved no previous committee chair
  - Treasurer – Aimee Gipes – board approved no previous committee chair
  - Vice President – Tina Schwab – meets all qualifications
  - President – Tiffany Sabatini – meets all qualifications
- **Yearbook** – Yearbook is finished, and will be turned in to LifeTouch after a final edit. 80 colored pages – each class has a 2 page spread, plus pages for school events and autograph pages. Order numbers are low. After 3/16, price will increase from \$16 to \$18.
- **CAPE** – Meeting Recap by Aimee Gipes: CAPE reception next Tuesday. Voted on CAPE Community Award. Witnessed the kindergarten lottery. Discussed reading for not having a late start on icy mornings is we don't have a plan for late starts with the 3-tiered bus system. Tom Hernandez discussed safety in schools. May 29 is tentative last day of school. 5/25 will now be a full day. 5/29 is early release. Foundation for Excellence – all money received is invested back into district.
- **Family Night Out** – Oberweis 3/13. Minimum is \$600 in orders to get in same percentage as last year. Classroom with highest participation wins an Oberweis class ice cream party.
  - SkyZone – profit \$304 for 73 jumpers.
  - Marco's – profit \$545. Gave us percentage of sales from the entire evening, not just Grand Prairie sales.
  - Portillo's – 4/19
- **Box Tops Recap** – Spring challenge earned \$292.80. 1<sup>st</sup>-Badertscher (rewarded with ice cream party), 2<sup>nd</sup>-Bellia PM, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Ryan. Budgeted \$1600 for the year, but only earned \$960. Will promote a March special with Amazon Smiles and Shoparoo too – uploading any receipts to earn money for the school.
- **Book Fair Recap** – Media Center gained 183 books. 193 teacher books. \$7,813 collected. Took the cash profit (\$1,821), rather than Scholastic Dollars (currently have \$14,648). Talia will use the money for the Media Center – furniture and MakerSpace items.
- **Raging Waves "Plunge Into Fitness"** –Forms (sent home several weeks ago) track every 30 minutes of physical activity. Completed forms receive a free ticket for Raging Waves in June or \$10 off coupon for July/August. Forms due 4/9.
- **Pack 81** – 4/12 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders promote to Boy Scouts. New committee chair Joe Girten. Will do a pirate theme mother-son dance and invite school to join. PTO can help with copies if needed. Dance will be 5/18.
- Family Fishing Event – 5/12.

**NEW BUSINESS**                    *none*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm with a motion from Melissa Cavenaile, second from Tina Schwab, and a majority vote.

Respectfully submitted by Kelley Houser, PTO Secretary.