

Graebner Grapevine

(Information from the September 17, 2019 GPTO Meeting)

The meeting came to order at 6:32pm with 19 in attendance including 3 board members, Mrs. Wood, and 3 Graebner teachers.

The President, Jenna Wiland, introduced Madelyn, the sitter, who would take the children in attendance outside to play. She read the GPTO mission, our timed meeting format, and introduced the May 2019 adopted by-laws. We voted on the GPTO meeting times with 16 approved yes and 0 no's at the time of voting. The GPTO meetings would be scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm with the exception of February 25, April 28 and June 9, 2020

Graebner Reports

Principal's Report from Mrs. Wood (Interim Principal)

- She thanked the teachers and members for attending.
- Discussed Graebner's new Title 1 status which includes the school receiving federal money, a full time literacy coach, Mrs Chapman, and more parent and school/teacher collaboration. A Home/school compact would be sent home to be signed by parents and teachers. A parent asked a question on how to motivate children to read and if this literacy coach would assist with that. Other parents chimed in how different grades strive to motivate students.
- She is getting to know everyone and has an open door policy.

Box Tops for Education (Stephanie Brannack)

- She will be setting up the bulletin board.
- Has collected envelopes from last year.
- There is a box tops online app that appears to be very easy.
- She has \$14 total at this point
- There will be 2 submissions again this year.
- There will be no way to track individual teacher earnings with the new app.

6th Grade Committee (Kathleen Garner)

- All 6th grade teachers will be involved in making decisions with the committee
- Tshirts are in design
- There will be a 6th grade committee meeting before next month's PTO meeting
- There will be candygrams fundraisers
- The teachers and students will vote on themes.

Green Schools – No teacher chair as of yet

- Girl Scouts have marker recycling bins and Mrs Borbola will take charge of emptying them.

Committee Reports

Nomination Committee (Jenna Wiland)

- What does the VP do?
- Discuss options of having co-chairs
- In order to be nominated, you needed to chair a committee in the past or currently
- Took nominations and discussed who was possibly willing

Committee Chair – vacant as of right now without VP

- We need a Santa Shop Chair
- Committee Signup sheets are in the back
- Holiday Night will be Wednesday Dec 11th.

Classroom Reps (Autumn Molnar)

- Discussed what they do as an eyes-and-ears in the classroom. Communicate to teacher's PTO activities and communicate to PTO what teachers are doing.
- There is a signup sheet in the back, and flyers will go out soon in Friday folders.
- Kathleen Garner will be 6th grade Classroom Rep

Community Relations (Autumn Molnar)

- Nothing to report
- Anyone who needs a card for an illness, death, or baby can report that to the school office for an anonymous delivery

Beautification Committee (Andrea/Veronica)

- Just before Ice Cream Social, they weeded, planted mums, and put up fall decorations. More mums will be planted soon in the planters.

Playground Committee (Autumn Molnar/Veronica Moravcik)

- Playground equipment 3 quotes will be submitted to Jerome (grounds supervisor) and Mrs. Wood as soon as possible with the \$6000 that was approved to use last June from the PTO playground funds.
- Home Depot grant was used in June to add retaining wall, mulch, paint equipment, install a bench with the assistance of Home Depot volunteers and school volunteers.
- Unfortunately we could not add grass/gravel/dirt and mulch paths or even expand due to last minute denial by grounds
- Repairs to playground equipment still in the works on North Playground

Secretary's Report (Autumn Molnar)

- Submitted by Kathleen Heberling at June 2019 meeting was approved

Treasurer's Report (Stephanie Brannack)

- Passed around report due to no wifi and will be uploaded and approved

Activities and Fundraising

Roller Skating Night (Holly Mahew)

- 79 skaters attended with a goal of 100
- Other dates will be Nov 8, Jan 17, Mar 13 and May 1 at 5-7 on Fridays
- Holly and Ms Nochelle will pass out extra stickers at event if needed

Restaurant Night (Veronica Moravcik)

- Chose 4 nights at Chuck E Cheese because all proceeds from the day go to Graebner
- Oct 25, Dec 30, Feb 18 and April 9

Fun Run (Mr Nader)

- August planning with feedback from all around the school – PTO, teachers and parents
- Mr. Nader really wanted lanyards, tshirts and obstacle course for motivation and excitement
- Had a kickoff meeting during assembly where he talked about the PTO and what it does
- He has been trying to get everyone involved, excited, transparent about donations, for large families, small families, large donations and none.
- Mrs Rosso will be scheduling the timing of run
- Mr Nader also heavily involved in trying to get teacher participation throughout PTO events
- Teachers interested in at cost fun run shirts
- He hopes to not be involved next year and pass all responsibility to PTO.

Old Business

Ice Cream Social (Jenna Wiland)

- Great turnout
- Over 400 ice creams served
- Large teacher support

Spiritwear Sale (Autumn Molnar)

- Over 100 tshirts sold already
- Deadline to order is this Friday

New Business

School Supply Collection (Kathleen Heberling)

- Working on getting the form out
- Will wait a few months to ask parents to donate because she didn't want to load up parents with too much at beginning of year

Donuts with Dad (Sheryl Franks)

- Oct 15/16, 7:30-8 in gym

Trunk or Treat (Tiana Kemp)

- Working on a Sunday date but will be decided after Friday.
- Logistics of building being closed

General Discussion

Attendance Winner (using wheelofnames.com):

- Kathleen Heberling, wins a spiritwear item for her child