

Grundy PTO Meeting – Monday August 20, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Jessica Belsly at 6:35pm. Those in attendance were Mr. Saunders, Jessica Belsly, Gina Strubhar, Dan Beckler, Cassandra Grabowski, Sara Dally, Julie LeMasters, Jeanie Dennis, Erica Kennedy, Erin Clayton, Andrea White, Dawn Cole, Toni Martiens, Elise Pate, Ashley Smith, Debbie Harper, Erika Reeb

Those in attendance viewed a video about the Grundy PTO called “Did you know the PTO...” which was put together by Andrea White.

The Minutes from the May 21, 2018 PTO meeting were reviewed and approved.

Committee Reports:

Accelerated Reading – No chair. The AR Prize Patrol provides small prizes several times a year to students meeting their AR goals via quizzes.

After School Clubs – No chair. This committee coordinates after school activities around various interests, arts and crafts, sports, etc. Presently Running Club for 4th-6th Grade is scheduled to start this week. Chess Club runs annually. Most clubs run for 6 weeks and often 1 day a week. If anyone has an idea for a club, please contact Mr. Saunders.

Book Fair – Jessica Belsly & Andrea White, present. This recent Book Fair included a preview for Grades 2-6, who could write down “wish lists”, and an event during the day on Friday where kids could bring money in for a purchase. The Fall Book Fair made about \$1,000 more than last year. The event grossed \$3,499 and earned back \$1,800 in Scholastic Dollars that is often used for AR Prize Patrol, birthday books for students. Last year Scholastic Dollars were used to buy a book binder for the Grundy Library. Next Book Fair is scheduled next Spring.

Box Tops for Education – Erica Kennedy, present. Informational packets about Box Tops along with collection sheets will be sent home soon. Collection dates have not been set.

Carnival – Holly & Mike Manthey, not present. No update. More information expected in November.

Fannie May – Gina Strubhar, present & Jackie Elsesser, not present. Fannie May kickoff is scheduled for Friday, Oct 5. Orders will be due Monday, Oct 15th. Candy delivery to the parents will be Nov 8 & 9th. Money will be due Monday, Nov 19th.

Fast Food Nights – Dan Beckler, present. Kona Ice will be at Grundy this Thursday, Aug 23rd, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm with 20% of sales donated to the Grundy PTO. Arrangements have been made with Pizza Ranch for events in Feb 2019 and Oct 2019 – bookings for the next calendar year must be made in August of the current year.

Grundy Gear – Mr. Saunders, present. Grundy Gear order forms will go out after Labor Day. Students will have a chance to purchase last year’s design for “Grundy Strong” t-shirts.

~~Grundy PTO Publicity – Andrea White, present. We are combining the previous Facebook committee with the PTO Bulletin Board committee to create the Publicity committee. Suggested ideas for postings relate to upcoming Fannie May sale in October.~~

Laugh Olympics – Jayne Eisenman, not present. No update. Laugh Olympics are held in May. More information expected closer to the end of the school year.

Mystery Science – Jessica Belsly, present. Mystery Science is the supplemental science lessons for Grades 1 through 5. Jessica expects to finish stocking the supply cabinet by the end of next week.

Picture Person – Cassandra Grabowski ~~and Erika Reeb, both~~ present. Discussion of using Sign Up Genius to coordinate parent involvement with leading classes through the “ready to go” art lessons within the Picture Person supply cabinet.

PTO Publicity – Andrea White, present. We are combining the previous Facebook committee with the PTO Bulletin Board committee to create the Publicity committee. Suggested ideas for postings relate to upcoming Fannie May sale in October.

Room Parent Coordinators – Tiffany Parrott, not present. Sign up sheets from Registration and Meet the Teacher have been forwarded to the Head Room Parents.

School Supply Kits – Ashley Smith, present. 97 kits were purchased for this Fall, and distribution went well. We have signed the commitment to use the same vendor next year, earning a 10% discount.

Teacher Appreciation – Sarah Chadbourn, not present. The Teacher Appreciation committee provides teachers with small gifts on their birthdays and coordinates breakfasts and lunches for teachers periodically. Sarah is holding an informational meeting on Thursday, August 23 at 6:30pm in the Grundy library for parents to learn more about Teacher Appreciation activities. The next breakfast will be provided by the 6th Grade families on Thursday, Sept 13th.

Yearbook – Amanda Wright, not present. We will be using a new company, Lifetouch, this year.

Maintenance of List of Donations from Businesses – No update.

Budget Report:

Motion to approve the 2018-2019 budget – approved.

Sara Dally, Julie LeMasters, present. Savings is at \$7,002.31 and Checking is at \$11,456.56.

Some money was carried over from last school year for the potential purpose of purchasing a playground slide in Spring 2019. New items added to the budget this year including provisions for childcare during PTO meetings.

Old Business

- Discuss proposal to fund One School One Book (OSOB) – Lettie Brown’s program last year cost roughly \$1,500 which could be an indicator of Grundy’s cost to fund.

It is hoped that all 4 elementary schools would have all families read the same book together starting Oct 31 and continue up to before Thanksgiving. It is expected that daily activities featuring that book would be arranged in the classrooms. Intent would be to purchase a copy of the selected book for each family (not each student), which would be 275-280 copies for Grundy. At this time, we are planning for this to be a one-time event, although considerations could be made for future years if desired.

Motion to allocate \$1,500 for One School One Book for Fall 2018.

Motion unanimously approved.

New Business

- Fall Book Fair – Start / Stop / Continue
 - Continue – use of a single cash-only register – provided quick options for customers, having a single cash drawer saved about 45 minutes of tallying at the end of each night.
 - Continue – use of name tags for Book Fair volunteers.
 - Continue – Scheduling Fall Book Fair during the first, partial week of school – easier for teachers to accommodate the preview before their daily schedule takes effect during the first full week of school.
 - Continue – using the cafeteria space during Meet the Teacher Night, so that Book Fair is more visible to families that may only be going down the North/South hall.
- Discussion of new PTO Sign-Up process.

In prior years, the PTO has had a volunteer staff a table at Registration with sign-up sheets for parents to volunteer and sign up for the various committees. This year PTO instead included a sign-up sheet within the packet of registration documents. Last year 70 volunteers signed up; this year there were 90 volunteers signed up – it was felt that the results were strong enough to encourage the new practice for next year. There were suggestions from the attendees to further tie committee descriptions in with the sign-up sheets, and include information such as level of time commitment and activity level throughout the year. Also a suggestion to include an electronic sign-up process as well for those not willing or able to sign up at Registration.

Teacher Input

Jeanie Dennis, present. Thanks and appreciation for the Big Ideas effort, the lunches and breakfasts provided by PTO, and all the money and resources spent on the teachers and students. There has been a desire among the teachers to revisit the discussion to disconnect Teacher Appreciation Week from Spirit Week.

Principal's Report

Mr. Saunders, present.

Aug 21	Running Club begins from 2:45-3:45; Board meeting at 6:30
Aug 23	School Pictures by Lifetouch; Kona Ice Truck from 2:30-4:30; Teacher Appreciation Committee meeting at 6:30
Aug 27	Fall MAP begins

Aug 30	Band/Orchestra instrument demo from 8:30-9:30; Band/Orchestra parent meeting at 5:30
Aug 31	Choir Tour at 8:35
Sept 3	Labor Day (no school)
Sept 4	Board meeting at 6:30
Sept 5	Dismissal at 1:10; Band/Orchestra instrument rental from 2:30-5:30
Sept 11	Band/Orchestra lessons begin; Patriot Day Ceremony at 2:00
Sept 12	Percussion practice begins; Pumpkin Festival begins!
Sept 13	PTO Breakfast at 7:30 (6th grade parents)
Sept 14	1 st Quarter Mid-Term; Pumpkin Festival Fun Run packet pick-up
Sept 15	Pumpkin Festival Fun Run at 7:30 (arrive by 7:10)
Sept 18	Challenge begins from 2:45-3:45
Sept 20	Running Club awards at 2:45
Sept 21	Fall Map ends
Sept 24	PTO meeting at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Dan Beckler.