

### **Grundy PTO Meeting – Monday, March 4, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by Jessica Belsly at 6:33pm. Those in attendance were Jessica Belsly, Kendra Craig, Erica Kennedy, Amanda Wright, Michael Saunders, Julie LeMasters, Sara Dally, Ashley Smith, Tiffany Parrott, Toni Martiens, Gina Strubhar, Anna Bennett, Janine Weyland, Becky Bazzetta, Holly Manthey, Mike Manthey, and Dan Beckler.

The Minutes from the Jan 28, 2019 PTO meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Accelerated Reading – Sara Dally, present, and Elise Pate, not present. The next event is scheduled for Friday, March 22. Several Gator-themed items have been purchased as prizes.

After School Clubs – No chair. The High School Color Guard coach has offered to hold a three-session color guard camp for Grades 4-6 over 3 consecutive Fridays – March 22, 29, and April 5 from 6pm-7:30pm. There will be flags available for the kids to use for free, but if desired, the kids could purchase their own flag for \$25.

Book Fair – Jessica Belsly, present & Andrea White, not present. Book Fair was very successful and Lunch with a Loved One proved very popular. Next years' event may require additional logistical considerations. Discussion involving scheduling Book Fair the same week as roller skating so that there is less impact on gym classes due to Book Fair using half the gym that week. Although other schools are using a different vendor, we intend to stay with Scholastic next year. Results from the Book Fair:

- 532 books purchased for Grundy Teachers
- Over \$800 worth of books for the Grundy Library
- 358 birthday books – each student will receive a book on his/her birthday
- 139 items to be used as prizes for Grundy Teachers
- \$200 in prizes for the Grundy Accelerated Reading Prize Store
- 5 baskets of books for the Grundy Carnival Basket Raffle

Box Tops for Education – Erica Kennedy, present. We earned \$1,268.40 for the March collection of over 12,000 box tops. Mrs. Reinert and Mrs. Kober's classes won the collection.

Carnival – Holly & Mike Manthey, present. The date for the carnival is set for March 15, 2019 and will have the "Our School is Out of This World!" theme. Letters for volunteers and for wrist band purchase have gone out to the families. There has been good turnout from businesses for the baskets. PTO is providing a drone for their big raffle prize.

Fannie May – Gina Strubhar, present & Jackie Elsesser, not present. No update.

Fast Food Nights – Dan Beckler, present. Monical's in January brought in \$274.02. Pizza Ranch in February brought in \$462.43. Culvers is the next event and is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19 from 4pm-8pm.

Grundy Gear – Mr. Saunders, present. No updates.

Laugh Olympics – Jayne Eisenman, not present. Date set for Thursday, May 23 – last full day for students.

Mystery Science – Jessica Belsly, present. No update.

Picture Person – No chair. Still seeking a chair to coordinate the sessions – lessons are already created and supplies stocked. If a parent is willing to do a picture person lesson and coordinate directly with the teachers, they are encouraged to do so.

PTO Publicity – Andrea White, not present. Andrea has updated the PTO bulletin board for March – please contact her if you have content for the bulletin board or information to share on the Grundy PTO Facebook page.

Room Parent Coordinators – Tiffany Parrott, present. The last event for the school year are the Easter parties scheduled for April 12.

School Supply Kits – Ashley Smith, present. She has been working with Mrs. Shaw to get the updated lists. Updated lists coming soon.

Teacher Appreciation – Sarah Chadbourn, not present. An Italian lunch is scheduled for March 8, provided by 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. Seeking a new Chair for 2019-2020 school year.

Yearbook – Amanda Wright, present. Paper orders for yearbooks are no longer available, although online purchase still available. Some cash orders came in without names and working through who those families are. She could still use more pictures including clubs – if sending in pics, please use full size as the yearbook software has a minimum picture size and resolution – photos via text are often reduced below minimum allowable size. Final updates to the yearbook must be completed by April 1. Since here are more classes this year with Early Childhood and full-day Kindergarten, there were fewer ad-hoc pages available. However, with signature pages now a purchased add-on option, it was discussed that the standard blank pages typically used for autographs could be repurposed to hold ad-hoc content instead.

#### **Maintenance of List of Donations from Businesses**

Baked Blessings added from a Book Fair donation. Expect several more in relation to the Carnival next month.

#### **Budget Report:**

Sara Dally present, Julie LeMasters, present. Money received from Kroger and Amazon, as well as Monical's, Papa Murphy, and Pizza Ranch food nights and a couple additional Fannie May purchases. Outgoing expenses include carnival items, teacher fund, and books.

#### **Old Business**

- Discussion and vote regarding Second Step Early Learning Classroom Kit for Early Childhood / Special Education

- Motion to purchase the Second Step Early Learning Classroom Kits for \$459 – motion approved.

### **New Business**

- Oriental Trading Company account available – to use this service, orders must be phoned in, not online. The school will be invoiced rather than the individual. When placing an order, you will need to use the Grundy Customer Number which can be obtained from the school or from the Oriental Trading Company catalog that is usually in the Grundy PTO mailbox in the office. If making an Oriental Trading purchase for the first time, please touch base with Sara Dally.
- Discuss partnership with District for potential purchase of lockers for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades – along with the Departmentalization effort for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, the District wants to provide students with a “middle school” experience and one such way would be to transition 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders into using hallway lockers to store belongings and supplies and accessing them between classes. The lockers under consideration are half-height, and would be placed in the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade hallway with one row above the other - they would not have locks. Jefferson installed lockers several years ago; Lincoln installed lockers 2 years ago purchased 100% by Lincoln’s PTO. With the success of those efforts, lockers for Grundy and Lettie Brown are under consideration. The District wants Grundy’s PTO to consider co-funding the locker purchase up to 50% of the total cost of \$12,481.95 (includes purchase, shipping, and installation) for the 110 lockers provided by Illini Supply. Several benefits were discussed - lockers would free up room in the classrooms and student desks, would provide a degree of privacy especially in regards to personal hygiene items, and expose the students to locker usage that they would experience in Junior High. In order to be installed over the summer, a locker purchase would need to be made before the end of March 2019. As a result, the PTO will need to vote on whether to proceed with a contribution towards the purchase and what percentage that would entail during the March 25, 2019 PTO meeting.
- Explore options for families to contribute to Grundy PTO via card payment – Square was mentioned as an option, but it was also noted Square takes a percentage off the top of each transaction. It was discussed that it would be beneficial to use such a service in other venues... Carnival wrist band and food purchase, Fannie May orders, etc. The Treasurers were asked to further research options to be reported at a later PTO meeting.
- Discuss potential Grundy Night at Peoria Chiefs – still working with Peoria Chiefs to schedule a Grundy Night but the Chiefs had some concerns with scheduling on the same night as the chorus on May 17. We think the concerns are resolved from a Morton schools perspective, and Dan will reach back out to the Chiefs to make sure their concerns are resolved. If plans proceed, we will offer Peoria Chiefs tickets to Grundy families at \$11 per ticket, with \$2 of that \$11 contributed to the Grundy PTO.

### **Teacher Input**

Janine Weyland, present. Thank you for the meals, gifts, and continued PTO support! Mrs. Weyland mentioned that due to online content nature of so much classroom material, the staff uses a lot of colored printer ink and are looking for ideas to help teachers with the costs of ink and other supplies needed throughout the year. There was a reminder that teachers can turn

in receipts to utilize available PTO-provided teacher funds. An idea was that teachers could utilize Amazon wish lists to allow parents to know and coordinate what they could shop for to help out with classroom supplies. Amanda Wright will put together a “how-to” guide for teachers explaining how to set up an Amazon wish list.

### **Principal's Report**

Mar 5	K-3 skating party from 6:00-8:00 at the Morton Roller Rink
Mar 6	Dismissal at 1:10
Mar 7	4-6 skating party from 6:00-8:00 at the Morton Roller Rink
Mar 8	Dismissal at 11:55; Staff appreciation luncheon at 12:00 sponsored by 1 <sup>st</sup> grade parents
Mar 10	Daylight Saving Time begins (spring forward 1 hour)
Mar 11	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter begins; Dress Code change
Mar 12	IAR testing begins
Mar 13	Spring Pictures from 8:30-1:30
Mar 14	Happy Pi Day! ☺; Kona Ice party for 1 <sup>st</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grade (Coin War reward)
Mar 15	Aide Appreciation Day; 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards; Grundy Carnival from 5:00-8:00
Mar 17	Happy St. Patrick's Day! ☺
Mar 19	Grundy Night at Culver's from 4:00-8:00; Board meeting at 7:15
Mar 20	Spring begins
Mar 21	Kindergarten Pre-Registration and Screening from 8AM-7PM; Spring Music Program (5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> ) at 6:30
Mar 22	Kindergarten Pre-Registration and Screening from 8AM-Noon
Mar 25	PTO meeting at 6:30
Mar 29	Announcing Students of Character for Fairness
Mar 30	Heidi White Memorial Concert at 6:00

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Dan Beckler.