

### **Grundy PTO Meeting – Monday, April 29, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by Jessica Belsly at 7:02pm. Those in attendance were Jessica Belsly, Erica Kennedy, Michael Saunders, Sara Dally, Toni Martiens, Gina Strubhar, Anna Bennett, Janine Weyland, Holly Manthey, and Dan Beckler.

The Minutes from the March 25, 2019 PTO meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Accelerated Reading – Sara Dally, present, & Elise Pate, not present. Tuesday, May 14 will be the last day for students to take tests to earn points for the store. The last Prize Patrol is very likely to be held on the morning of May 17.

After School Clubs – No chair. Soccer will be finishing up next week.

Book Fair – Jessica Belsly, present & Andrea White, not present. Coordination underway for next year and we will continue to use Scholastic. The first event for 2019-2020 will be during Meet the Teacher night.

Box Tops for Education – Erica Kennedy, present. No updates.

Carnival – Holly Manthey, present & Mike Manthey, not present. They are still looking for someone to take over Raffle Baskets for next year. They are also looking for someone to shadow them next year with the intent on taking over the Chair during the 2020-2021 school year.

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

Fast Food Nights – Dan Beckler, present. The Dairy Queen event resulted in \$180. Kona Ice will be at the Grundy Picnic on May 16, and Grundy Night with the Peoria Chiefs is May 17. Tickets for the Peoria Chiefs can be purchased online via the link that has been previously sent out. 52 tickets have been purchased so far.

Grundy Gear – Mr. Saunders, present. Orders are to be delivered to the school on Tuesday, April 30.

Laugh Olympics – Jayne Eisenman, not present. Date set for Thursday, May 23, the last full day for students. She will reach out for parent volunteers if necessary.

Mystery Science – Jessica Belsly, present. A reminder will be sent out to teachers asking for them to submit their list of needs for Mystery Science. Mrs. Kaisershot has provided her list.

Picture Person – No chair. The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade project went very well. We are not sure if the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade project will be conducted before the end of the school year.

PTO Publicity – Andrea White, not present. Andrea has updated the PTO bulletin board for May – please contact her if you have any content for the PTO bulletin board or the PTO Facebook page.

Room Parent Coordinators – Tiffany Parrott, not present. Parties are wrapped up for the school year.

School Supply Kits – Ashley Smith, not present. The order forms have been distributed and the online store is open. Paper orders need to be turned in by May 17 and online orders are due May 24.

Teacher Appreciation – Sarah Chadbourn, not present. Looking for a Chairperson for next year. Krista Donnelly will be taking over Teacher Appreciation Week for next year.

Yearbook – Amanda Wright, not present. Yearbooks have arrived and will need to be organized before distribution to the families can begin.

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

No additional updates.

### **Budget Report:**

Sara Dally present, Julie LeMasters, not present. Money received from Kroger, DQ, and Culvers. Outgoing expenses include carnival and teacher fund reimbursements, Grundy Gear, lockers, and the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip.

### **Old Business**

- Explore options for families to contribute to Grundy PTO via card payment – Sara continues to research Square. Square comes with one free card swipe device and additional devices can be purchased for a one-time cost of \$50 each. Setup would involve linking to a PTO email address and creation of a dashboard. Additional suggestions involved Paypal and Venmo as alternatives or supplements to Square. There were additional questions about whether or not Square or the other options can track the individual making the purchase – this feature would be helpful in tracking Fannie May orders and payments.
- Update on playground slide – Erica has quotes on two models that come in two sizes each:
  - Viper Straight 4ft
  - Viper S 4ft (a curvy slide)
  - Viper Straight 6ft
  - Viper S 6ft (a curvy slide)

The 4ft versions of the Viper slides would be \$6,289 including installation and delivery. The 6ft versions of the Viper slides would be \$8,461 including installation and delivery. All the slides are rated for ages 0-12 and neither Grundy nor the nearby Idlewood Park equipment has anything similar to the curvy version of the slide. There was discussion involving which length/height would have the most appeal to the most students. It was decided to email pictures of both 6ft models to the teachers, who can have the students

help decide on which to purchase. Voting likely to be conducted during the May PTO meeting.

### **New Business**

- Nominations for PTO officers for 2019-2020 – Anna Bennett is nominated for Vice President, Dan Beckler is nominated for another 2 year term as Secretary. Voting will be conducted during the May PTO meeting.
- Discuss increasing homeroom teacher budgets from \$250 to \$300 for 2019-2020 for 14 teachers – total increase of \$550 – over the past couple years, the District has filled additional positions. The need to cover the new salaries has resulted in a decrease in the building budgets. The PTO is being asked to increase the homeroom budget from \$250 to \$300 to help cover the decrease in the building budget. It was previously stated this would be a \$700 for 2019-2020, but Mr. Saunders updated this to say the total would be \$550 instead. Concerns were raised that providing the initial budget at the beginning of the school year and before the arrival of the Fannie May funds may strain the budget balance. Suggestions were to have some explanation of when money typically arrives and is paid out over the school year, and also delay some of the teacher budget payout until after Fannie May funds arrive in November / December. This will be voted on during the May PTO meeting.

### **Teacher Input**

Janine Weyland, present. During the meeting, Mrs. Weyland had two thoughts to put before the PTO for future consideration:

- Consider donating a copy of the yearbook to each of the teachers so they won't have to purchase their individual copies.
- Consider more playground equipment that is more easily usable by the younger students, such as lower basketball hoops or lower slides.

### **Principal's Report**

April 30	1st grade to Miller Park Zoo from 9:00-1:45
May 1	Happy May Day! ☺; Dismissal at 1:10
May 2	National Day of Prayer
May 3	4 <sup>th</sup> grade to New Salem from 8:30-2:30; Civil War Days from 8:30-2:00 at Southwood Park
May 6	Teacher Appreciation Week (M-F); PTO staff breakfast at 7:45
May 7	PTO staff luncheon; Spring Celebration in Peoria (band/orch/choir); Board meeting at 6:30
May 8	District staff luncheon
May 9	PTO staff luncheon; Orchestra concert at 6:00
May 10	6 <sup>th</sup> grade step-up day from 10:00-11:30; Staff vs 6 <sup>th</sup> grade kickball game at 1:15; PTO staff ice cream social at 2:45
May 12	Happy Mother's Day! ☺
May 13	Morton Public Library Summer Reading Program assemblies at 1:30 (K-5) and 2:00 (6); Band concert at 7:00
May 16	Grundy Picnic from 11:00-1:00; Choir concert at 6:30

May 17 Kindergarten Round-Up from 9:30-10:30 and 1:30-2:30; Grundy Night at Peoria Chiefs at 6:35  
 May 19 MHS Graduation at 2:00  
 May 20 5<sup>th</sup> grade iPad turn-in; Kindergarten to Peoria Zoo from 9:30-2:20; PTO meeting at 6:30  
 May 21 6<sup>th</sup> grade iPad turn-in; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to Wildlife Prairie Park from 8:30-1:45; Board meeting at 6:30  
 May 22 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Springfield from 8:30-4:45  
 May 23 Announcing Students of Character for Trustworthiness; Laugh Olympics; Kindergarten Graduation at 6:30  
 May 24 Last Day of School! 😊; Awards Ceremony from 9:30-10:30; 6<sup>th</sup> grade Reception from 10:30-11:00; Parent Appreciation Tea from 11:00-11:45; 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report Cards; Dismissal at 11:55  
 May 27 Memorial Day – No school  
 May 28 Teacher Institute from 7:50-3:40  
 May 29 Teacher Institute from 7:50-12:00  
 June 3 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade Challenge Summer Program (M-F)  
 June 4 Board meeting at 6:30  
 June 10 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Challenge Summer Program (M-F)  
 June 12 Office closes for the summer  
 June 14 Happy Flag Day! 😊  
 June 16 Happy Father's Day! 😊  
 June 21 Summer begins

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Dan Beckler.