

Grundy PTO Meeting – Monday, Sept 9, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Erica Kennedy at 6:31pm. Those in attendance were Erica Kennedy, Anna Bennett, Angel Fisher, Elise Pate, Toni Martiens, Jill Veskauf, and Dan Beckler.

Old Business

- Discuss and vote to approve allocation of \$3,200 for purchase of books supporting the Fall 2019 One School One Book (OSOB) program.

The One School One Book committee has chosen a title for the program this year, however, the selection this year is only available as a hardback, therefore the cost is higher than the book from last year, which was a paperback. The cost this year is estimated to be about \$3,200 instead of \$1,700 originally estimated. The other schools, the library, and elements of the Village of Morton are already moving forward with their participation and alternative titles or change in timing of the program to potentially reduce the cost of the book are apparently not going to be considered by the One School One Book committee. Given that they intend to launch the program in the coming weeks, Mrs. Fisher stated that the copies of the book for Grundy families needed to be purchased on Tuesday, Sept 10, 2019.

There was discussion around a desire for better cost estimates and better lead time so that the PTO could plan more effectively if/when the program continues for 2020-2021. The PTO also discussed finding an avenue to provide feedback to the OSOB committee regarding experiences and suggestions by Grundy families.

There was further discussion around whether or not the PTO could support the increased costs for this year. It is believed that there is enough in savings to immediately cover the costs. It is also thought that some of the Grundy PTO financial commitments do not need to be met until later in the school year, after proceeds from the Fannie May candy sale arrive later this fall. Additionally, it is believed that Mrs. Fisher can apply for a grant to significantly offset the cost for future years of OSOB participation. Mr. Saunders and Mrs. Fisher will be contributing portions of their budget line items to assist with the cost this year.

Additional feedback from officers, attending parents, and Grundy staff were in support of Grundy's continued participation in OSOB for Fall 2019 at the revised cost.

Based on this discussion, it was decided to revise the motion to reflect the increased expense.

Motion: Approve to allocate approximately \$3,200 to fund One School One Book program this fall. Ayes in favor of allocating the money; nays against allocating the money. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Dan Beckler.