

Grundy PTO Meeting – Monday, October 28, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Erica Kennedy at 6:30pm. Those in attendance were Gina Strubhar, Erin Clayton, Jill Veskauf, Michael Saunders, Holly Manthey, Mike Manthey, Elise Pate, Rachel Stokoe, Ashley Smith, Toni Martiens, Sara Dally, Anna Bennett, Erica Kennedy, Tim Kennedy, Denise Martin, and Dan Beckler.

Introductions were skipped this meeting. Instead, thanks were related to the PTO from Julie Fauber for their support and letters to the attendees of her father's recent Honor Flight.

The Minutes from the September 23, 2019 PTO meeting were reviewed and approved.

Committee Reports:

Accelerated Reading – Sara Dally, present, and Elise Pate, present. AR Prize Patrol is planning on having 3 stores this year for 2nd through 6th Grades – Jan 17, March 20, and May 16. They have emailed the volunteers to touch base for December.

After School Clubs – Mr. Saunders, present. Running Club and Lego Club have both completed. Chess Club is underway. The District is running a Robotics Club which met with enough interest that it had to be scaled back to 5th & 6th Graders for the competition sessions this fall. They are planning an exploratory club in the spring for interested 4th Graders. Cheerleading intends to meet for K-2 starting in Nov, Grades 3-4 over the winter, and Grades 5 & 6 in spring.

Book Fair – Andrea White, not present, Gina Strubhar, present. The Spring Book Fair will be in conjunction with the Open House again on March 9.

Box Tops for Education – Erica Kennedy, present. The October collection brought in 4,157 total box tops with another \$147.50 via the app. The monetary collection total for October is \$553.20 which is over halfway towards our 2019-2020 goal of \$1,000.

Carnival – Holly Manthey, present, Mike Manthey, present. The carnival date is currently scheduled for Friday, Feb 28, 2020. Information will soon go out to schedule a carnival planning session in Nov. We share our carnival date with Jefferson's so some coordination will take place concerning who will be using which games.

Fannie May – Gina Strubhar, present. The order forms have been submitted to Fannie May and the preliminary results are close to last year's record-breaking total! Candy is due to arrive the morning of Tuesday, Nov 5 and families can pick up their orders that afternoon and evening as well as Wednesday, Nov 6 morning until around lunch. Money will need to be turned in Nov 18. The reward movie is scheduled for Friday, Dec 6.

Fast Food Nights – Dan Beckler, present. Great Harvest was very pleased with their event and is hoping to do another with Grundy this Feb. Great Harvest brought in \$115. Pizza Ranch last week brought in \$414.35. The next events are:

- La Gondola – Monday, Nov 25 – 20% donation with flyer
- Potter's Alley – Friday, Dec 6 and Saturday, Dec 7 – 50% donation of all bowling sales
- Monicals – Monday, Jan 20 – 20% donation with flyer
- Pizza Ranch – Monday, Feb 26 – All tips and 10% of sales

Grundy Gear – Mr. Saunders, present. The fall sale was very strong and we will have another sale in spring.

Laugh Olympics – Jayne Eisenman, not present. No update.

Mystery Science – Anna Bennett, present. No update.

Picture Person – Sara Dally, present. October lessons are almost done. She noticed that Lettie Brown calls their similar program “Art Adventure” and Sara suggested exploring whether we should change the name away from “Picture Person”. Several members discussed that they thought “Picture Person” was a little confusing and their first impression it had to do with people helping on Picture Day, rather than leading art lessons. Sara also discussed the need to move the lessons off of CD as newer computers don’t have CD drives. Mr. Saunders will start a conversation with Sara and Beth Shook to discuss options.

PTO Publicity – Andrea White, not present. Andrea is asking for any items for the November bulletin board and/or Facebook to be sent directly to her.

Room Parent Coordinators – Tiffany Parrott, not present. Halloween parties are this Thursday.

School Supply Kits – Ashley Smith, present. We renewed with the same vendor, earning the 10% discount.

Teacher Appreciation – Krista Donnelly, not present. 4th Grade is providing lunch on Wednesday, Nov 6. Communications and Sign-Up Genius should go out shortly.

Maintenance of List of Donations from Businesses

- No update this month

Budget Report:

Sara Dally present, Julie Fauber, not present. Received money from Great Harvest and Pizza Ranch events. Outgoing money for birthdays, teacher reimbursements, the One School One Book program, Picture Person supplies, and teacher appreciation.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- One School One Book (OSOB) update
Funding - There has been a very positive response from the students and parents with OSOB. Mrs. Fisher is applying for 2 different grants for next year to help fund the cost of the program. Additionally, Erica Kennedy has been in contact with Dusty Snell with Country Financial, and Country Financial is willing to cover the purchase cost of the books next year, but would need at least 30 days of lead time and an invoice for the purchase. Country Financial would place a “donated by”-type sticker in each book and part of the lead time would be used to create the stickers. Also, Mr. Saunders will inquire with the District if there is funding available from that source.

Planning & Improvement - In order to avoid the confusion we experienced this fall, the PTO wants more structure and advance notice for next year. It will be required that a cost estimate be provided to the PTO by April, so that a vote can be taken in May and an appropriate budget allotment occur during the early August budget planning session. This past year, the dozen or so members of the selection group, made up of various teachers, librarians, and administrators, read the books over the summer and made their selection after the August budget reviews. For the next year, the selection committee may have to choose their book earlier, have a cost cap in place that may limit the selection, or some other consideration to avoid an unexpected cost overrun that we experienced this year.

There was also discussion that members of the PTO be included in the selection committee for next year.

- Brainstorming for long-term project goal for the PTO
Anna Bennett is proposing that the PTO establish a larger goal to focus some of our fundraising efforts – the goal might take a couple years to accomplish but result in an accomplishment with a long-term impact for the school and students. Alternatively or additionally, we could always name a series of smaller efforts, similar to Big Ideas from 2 years ago, where teachers submitted funding requests to the PTO. It was suggested that another effort like Big Ideas could be considered, as well as playground equipment for the younger students. The direction at this time will be to send out a survey in Nov to the families and teachers, as well as post on Facebook, asking for ideas for fundraising objectives. The survey would be closed out in mid-Dec so that the proposals could be reviewed over the winter in time for 2020-2021 budget planning.

Teacher Input

Jill Veskauf, present. The teachers appreciate all the families do to support them. Thanks for the meals, Mystery Science, parties, Picture Person, and the kids love receiving their own copies of Wishtree.

Principal's Report

Oct 31	Trick-or-Treating (K-2) at Reflections Memory Care from 9:15-10:15; Halloween parade and parties at 1:15
Nov 3	Daylight Saving Time ends (fall back one hour)
Nov 5	Fannie May Candy pick-up from 2:30-6:30; Board meeting at 6:30 at the DO
Nov 6	Fannie May Candy pick-up from 7:30-1:00; Dismissal at 11:55; Staff luncheon at 12:00 sponsored by 4 th grade parents
Nov 8	Veterans Day Ceremony at 2:00 in the gym
Nov 11	Veterans Day-no school
Nov 12	Madrigals performance at 9:15 in the gym
Nov 15	2 nd Quarter Midterm
Nov 18	Fannie May money due; Thanksgiving Food Drive begins
Nov 21	Family Reading Night from 6:00-7:00 in the gym
Nov 25	Grundy Day at LaGondola; Thanksgiving Food Drive ends; PTO at 6:30
Nov 27	Thanksgiving break - Dec 1
Dec 2	School resumes

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Dan Beckler.