

Grundy PTO Meeting – Monday, August 24, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Anna Bennett at 6:31pm. Those in attendance were Denise Martin, Toni Martiens, Angel Fisher, Sara Dally, Michael Saunders, Ashley Smith, Anna Bennett, Elise Pate, Erica Kennedy, Tim Kennedy, Holly Manthey, Kris Goergen, Rachel Goergen, Rachel Stokoe, Lindsey Hawkins, Holly Howell, Nicole Rutledge, Brittney Jones, Tara Meester, and Dan Beckler.

The Minutes from the May 18, 2020 PTO meeting were reviewed and approved.

Committee Reports:

After School Clubs – Mr. Saunders, present. Typically, Chess Club, Running Club, and Sports Club are offered in the Fall, but these are currently delayed until further direction is determined due to Covid 19. Challenge will be offered this Fall although not technically a club.

Book Fair – Andrea White, not present, Gina Strubhar, not present. A single Book Fair will be held in the Spring that will tie in with Open House. There are still some outstanding Scholastic Dollars that are set to expire this Fall, but Andrea & Gina will see if that can be extended and used in the Spring.

Box Tops for Education – no chair. Collections of physical box tops are twice a school year but are likely to phase out in 2021. They are shifting to an app which will scan a grocery receipt and record the appropriate box top points online. There are also options to record points from grocery delivery where receipts aren't handed out. The chair tracks the amounts and coordinates the collection of physical box tops and also coordinates the rewards at the end of the school year. At present, the new collection cycle started in July and we have \$154.30 collected so far.

Carnival – Erica Kennedy, present, Tim Kennedy, present. Carnival is typically a school-wide event on a Friday evening in the Spring, and includes games, raffles, and food. At present, the decision to hold a traditional Carnival is still pending due to the need for the community to be in Phase 5 of Covid 19 recovery. If the traditional Carnival is not feasible, alternate ideas will be considered.

Fannie May – Gina Strubhar, not present. Fannie May is set to kick off Friday, Oct 2. There will not be an assembly this year. Another change is likely to involve collecting payment at the time the order is placed rather than collecting during delivery in order to reduce contacts between the students and the buyers. This sale is the big fund-raiser for Grundy each year. Children are typically not encouraged to sell door-to-door, but rather to families, and close neighbors and friends.

Fast Food Nights – Dan Beckler, present. Kona Ice will be at Grundy on Friday, Sept 4 – in a change, they will be at the school from 11am-1:30pm for the students' lunch rather than after school. This will limit the gathering size as recess is restricted to one grade at a time, and the smaller number of students on the playground at each period will allow for better line management.

Pizza Ranch is set for Wednesday, Oct 21, but will be different than in the past – the Grundy PTO will have a table to represent the organization, but will not have parents & student volunteers bussing tables and acting as servers as we have done before. The Grundy PTO will still have the usual donation practice from previous events.

Discussion about a potential fundraiser by selling Tanners Orchard donuts and Pizza Ranch frozen pizzas will continue to be explored and considered.

Grundy Gear – Mr. Saunders, present. Students are encouraged to wear any Grundy t-shirts and sweatshirts on Fridays to school. An order form for Grundy apparel will be going out to families in early September. Orders usually take 2 weeks to process once the orders are finalized. Typically, about 10 designs are offered and will also include face masks this year.

Laugh Olympics – Jayne Eisenman, not present. No update. Laugh Olympics is held in May and is a “field day” of sorts for the kids with various outdoor games.

Mystery Science – Anna Bennett, present. Mystery Science provides all the needed supplies to allow Grades 1-5 between 10-13 hands-on science projects each year. The District selected the Mystery Science program and the PTO provides the supplies each year as needed, as some supplies are consumed during the course of the projects. All the supplies have been purchased and available for the 2020-2021 school year.

Picture Person – Sara Dally, present. This is a set of pre-arranged art lessons that are led by parent volunteers with the in-room assistance of the teachers. The PTO provides art supplies for the lessons. Currently, as volunteer parents are restricted from the school, the start of the Picture Person program is delayed until further notice.

PTO Publicity – Andrea White, not present. Andrea has been posting items to the Facebook page as they’ve come in and will update the bulletin board for September. Andrea is asking for any items for the bulletin board and/or Facebook to be sent directly to her. During Covid 19 restrictions, Andrea will not be updating the in-school bulletin board as often.

Room Parent Coordinators – Tiffany Parrott, not present. No update. Traditionally, parent volunteers will assist with classroom parties for Halloween, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, Easter, and the teacher’s birthday. In the coming weeks, determinations will be made about how parties will be handled during Covid 19 restrictions.

School Supply Kits – Ashley Smith, present. 97 orders were placed for the start of this school year and all went well. Due to online learning, 3 families donated their kits to whoever was in need. Grundy has completed the renewal to use this vendor next year as well.

Teacher Appreciation – Krista Donnelly, not present. Each month, the PTO provides a lunch to the Grundy staff, as well as the December cookie box event and Teacher Appreciation Week in May. 6th Grade will be hosting the Sept. 18 lunch and contact to the 6th grade families to provide food items will go out soon.

Maintenance of List of Donations from Businesses

- No new items

Budget Report:

Sara Dally present, Julie Fauber, not present. Money received from Amazon Smile, and Kroger. Expenses included purchase of the new swings and donations through Helping Hands fund.

Old Business

- Ratify incoming PTO officers which was delayed from Spring 2020
 - Vice President – under the current wording of the PTO Bylaws, the Vice President would serve two years – the first year as Vice-President and then the second year as President.
Motion to approve Denise Martin as Vice President for the 2020-2021 school year - approved
 - Co-Treasurer – it has been the practice to have 2 Co-Treasurers serve a 2-year term in such a way that there is always a “veteran” Co-Treasurer with 1 year of experience already to partner with the newly-elected Co-Treasurer who would be starting their term.
Motion to approve Tara Meester as Co-Treasurer for the 2020-2021 school year - approved

New Business

- Discuss potential Big/Little Ideas projects – item pended until September meeting. The effort involves soliciting teachers and staff for any additional classroom needs the PTO could potentially fund. Furniture, alternative seating, additional educational resources, etc. would be reviewed and voted on by the PTO for approval of the purchase.

Teacher Input

Mrs. Manthey, present, Mrs. Fisher, present. The kids and staff are excited to be back! Thanks to the PTO from the teachers. The teachers are very appreciative of all that the PTO does for the school and the class libraries.

Principal's Report

A big thank you to all the families. It's been a great start to the school year and he appreciates the support of the families in helping the kids bring masks and water bottles each day.

Aug 25	Band/Orchestra demonstration (6 th grade) from 10:00-11:00 on the playground
Aug 26	Grundy Moms in Prayer begins on Wednesdays at 8:30 at Morton Christian Church
Aug 27	Band/Orchestra parent meeting from 5:30-6:30 at BF
Aug 28	Choir demonstration (5 th and 6 th grade) from 8:45-9:05 on the playground
Aug 31	Emergency procedure drills at 2:00
Sept 1	Board meeting at 6:30
Sept 2	Band/Orchestra/Choir registration from 2:30-5:30 at Bertha Frank
Sept 4	Kona Ice Truck on the playground from 11:00-1:30

Sept 7 Labor Day (no school)
Sept 8 Band/Orchestra begins (Tuesdays from 7:35-9:05) at MJHS; Grundy Gear order form goes home
Sept 11 Patriot Day Ceremony at 2:00; Mid-term
Sept 16 Pumpkin Festival begins
Sept 18 Dismissal at 11:55; PTO staff luncheon at 12:00; Grundy Gear orders due
Sept 23 "See You at the Pole" from 7:40-8:00
Sept 28 PTO meeting at 6:30
Sept 29 School picture retakes

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Dan Beckler.