**Grundy PTO Meeting – Monday, September 28, 2020**

Meeting was called to order by Anna Bennett at 6:32pm. Those in attendance were Denise Martin, Toni Martiens, Angel Fisher, Michael Saunders, Anna Bennett, Erica Kennedy, Tim Kennedy, Holly Howell, Brittney Jones, Tara Meester, Holly Toraason, Julie Fauber, and Dan Beckler.

The Minutes from the August 24, 2020 PTO meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Committee Reports:**

After School Clubs – Mr. Saunders, present. Clubs are currently delayed until further direction is determined due to Covid 19 – it is hoped clubs can start later this year. Challenge started last week although not technically a club.

Book Fair – Andrea White, not present, Gina Strubhar, not present.  The Scholastic Dollars deadline could not be extended, so Andrea and Gina used them to towards additional books for the teachers and the library.

Box Tops for Education – Brittney Jones, present. Intend to send an email out next week that details information on recording box tops.

Carnival – Erica Kennedy, present, Tim Kennedy, present. 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. Alternatives are being considered including basket raffles held online, carnival games held for the kids during their weekday PE time with a little extra time available for them to go to a carnival prize store. The current date is Jan 29, but potentially delay until warmer weather so some of the games could be outdoors. Kona Ice could be an option for warmer weather.

Fannie May – Gina Strubhar, not present.  Fannie May is set to kick off Friday, Oct 2. There will not be an assembly this year. Students will be shown a video in their classrooms and another video will be sent out to the families. Students are encouraged to sell via email and phone rather than door-to-door. Order forms are due Tuesday, Oct 13. Payment will be collected at time of delivery to reduce the amount of contact.

Fast Food Nights – Dan Beckler, present. The Sept 4 Kona Ice collected $200 with heavy participation from the students. The follow-up Sept 25 Kona Ice was heavily attended as well, although we don’t have the donation tally yet. The next event will be at Pizza Ranch on Oct 21 from 5pm-8pm, and Potter’s Alley is scheduled for Dec 11 and 12.

Grundy Gear – Mr. Saunders, present.  A very large order was placed about a week ago and it typically takes about 2 weeks to process and we expect delivery is likely the week of Oct 5-9. The Grundy Gear program is not considered a fundraiser for the PTO. Grundy Gear is purchased at cost and the PTO purchases additional Grundy Gear for new staff members.

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

Mystery Science – Anna Bennett, present. No update

Picture Person – Sara Dally, not present. Waiting for future decisions concerning Covid. Sara may be bringing on a co-chair.

PTO Publicity – Andrea White, not present. Andrea has been posting items to the Facebook page as they’ve come in. 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. At the moment, we are unable to have parent volunteers in the class parties. The principals are meeting this week and will discuss how to handle classroom parties in the coming months.

School Supply Kits – Ashley Smith, not present.  No update

Teacher Appreciation – Krista Donnelly, not present. The 6th Grade event was terrific! Next will be a lunch hosted by 5th Grade on Oct 7.

**Maintenance of List of Donations from Businesses**

* No new items

**Budget Report:**

Julie Fauber, present, Sara Dally, not present.

* Incoming funds from Kona Ice, yearbook refund, additional yearbook purchases
* Outgoing funds included delayed Gameball Run Kona Ice prizes from last school year, Butterfly Garden purchase, teacher expense reimbursements, Grundy Gear, library books, PE equipment, Treasurer supplies, back to school lunch reimbursement
* For the 2021-2022 school year, teachers will be given their PTO-based funds via a debit card, to eliminate the need for teachers to make out-of-pocket purchases then submit receipts and wait for reimbursement from the PTO. This also eliminates the coordination of expense tracking between the treasurers and Mrs. Shaw.

**Old Business**

* Discuss potential Big/Little Ideas remaining from 2019-2020

Donations of around $200-300 to the initiative last year remained unspent due to school closure from Covid. The proposed ideas had been previously approved, but a discussion was desired to ensure the ideas were still valid and the PTO still supported them after a 7-month delay.

* + Mrs. Reinert - $50 for magnetic letter kit
  + Mrs. Anderson - $100 for a variety of selected books
  + Mrs. Webb - $570 for various resources for Sensory Bin subscription, books, toys, puzzles, and other resources

After discussion, no concerns were raised and the funds will be allocated as previously agreed-upon.

* There was some discussion prior to the meeting of a common need among many teachers for magnetic letter kits to help with the literacy coach program as well as reams of anchor paper. Further discussion will continue within the school administration and potentially with PTO as well.

**New Business**

* Discuss potential Big/Little Ideas projects for 2020-2021

The PTO presently has a healthy savings account and District guidelines is for the PTO to retain roughly 20% of their funds after the school year. The PTO wants to consider embarking on smaller efforts to benefit the students and staff, as well as potentially large, multi-year efforts to provide lasting benefits to the school. The parents and staff are encouraged to brainstorm such ideas in the coming months with an eye towards selecting projects early in 2021. Some ideas discussed in this meeting included:

* + An electronic sign for the school – Dr. Hill has indicated that he would rather have all the schools have similar signage to each other, but will explore the possibility.
  + One-time increase in the teacher fund
  + Bring in an author in support of One School One Book
  + Special treat for the students and staff (ex. Cider and donuts one day provided by the PTO)
  + Additional purchases for the teacher and their classrooms
* Status of One School One Book (OSOB)

In prior years, this event would be running through Oct and Nov, but the vetting process for a common book is still underway. A decision has not yet been reached to participate in OSOB for 2020-2021. Due to the need for teachers to coordinate extra activities tied to the OSOB timeline, and the typical assemblies associated with it, it was thought that it was best to hold off making a decision for OSOB for the time being. There is money budgeted for the program during this school year if the decision is made to move forward during 2020-2021.

**Teacher Input**

Mrs. Toraason, present. Thanks to the PTO for support. Mrs. Toraason will update the teachers about next year’s debit card plan for teacher funds, as well as mention additional brainstorming around Big/Little Ideas.

**Principal’s Report**

A big thank you to all the families for helping to keep the students healthy.

Sept 29                 School picture retakes

Oct 2                      Fannie May Candy Sale Kick-Off!

Oct 5                      Virtual Fall Music Program (5th and 6th grade) at 6:30

Oct 6                      Board meeting at 6:30

Oct 7                      Dismissal at 11:55;  Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at 12:00 sponsored by 5th grade parents

Oct 9                      Dismissal at 11:55;  End of 1st quarter

Oct 12                   Columbus Day (no school)

Oct 13                   Dress Code change (no shorts/skirts/slides/flip-flops);  Fannie May orders due

Oct 14                   Report cards go home

Oct 15                   Parent/Teacher Conferences from 8:00am-7:00pm

Oct 16                   Parent/Teacher Conferences from 8:00am-noon

Oct 19                   Virtual Choir Concert at 6:30

Oct 21                   Grundy Night at Pizza Ranch from 5:00-8:00 (dine-in/carry-out/delivery)

Oct 26                   Red Ribbon Week;  PTO meeting at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Dan Beckler.