

Grundy PTO Meeting – Monday, January 25, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Anna Bennett at 6:30pm. Those in attendance were Denise Martin, Holly Manthey, Michael Saunders, Anna Bennett, Erica Kennedy, Tim Kennedy, Tara Meester, Julie Fauber, and Dan Beckler.

The Minutes from the November 23, 2020 PTO meeting were reviewed and approved.

Committee Reports:

After School Clubs – Mr. Saunders, present. Cheerleading Club for K-2 was held in December and was successful. Cheerleading for Grades 3 & 4 will be 4 sessions starting on Feb 18. Cheerleading for Grades 5 & 6 will be held in April. Chess Club, Running Club, and Sports Club are hoping to be held later in the spring.

Book Fair – Gina Strubhar, not present, Andrea White, not present. Mr. Saunders will be discussing arrangements for Book Fair with Andrea & Gina later this week. Book Fair is set for Feb 22.

Box Tops for Education – Brittney Jones, not present. Received a check for \$315.30 from Box Tops. A letter recently went out to the families notifying them of the upcoming collection dates - Brittney wants to collect paper Box Tops by Feb 19 & the next submission deadline is March 1.

Carnival – Erica Kennedy, present, Tim Kennedy, present. The Carnival will be held during school hours on March 12 and will only be available to the students due to Covid restrictions. During the day – between 8:35 and 2:15, students will have the opportunity to play the games and upon returning to their classrooms, will have a prize bag and a treat waiting for them. Carnival planning meetings started tonight and 2 additional meetings will be held prior to the Carnival. Subcommittee Chairs are still needed for Decorating, Food (treats), and Prize Bags. They will be looking for 5-6 parent volunteers to help out in shifts throughout the day.

Fannie May – Gina Strubhar, not present. See “New Business” below for the discussion of rescheduling the Morton Cinemas day. Otherwise, no update.

Fast Food Nights – Dan Beckler, present. The December Potter’s Alley event was delayed due to Covid closures. Dan will be reaching out to Potter’s Alley this week to arrange a make-up date.

Grundy Gear – Mr. Saunders, present. Grimm’s provided all of their available designs to Grundy for review and Mr. Saunders would like some interested people within the PTO to work with Grimm’s designer in the next week to come up with any new designs or present ideas. Mr. Saunders would like to have the next Grundy Gear order submitted by mid-Feb.

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.

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. An email will go out this week to gather volunteers for the upcoming Valentine's Day parties.

School Supply Kits – Ashley Smith, not present. Ashley will begin working with Mrs. Shaw in March to prepare for the 2021-2022 school year.

Teacher Appreciation – Krista Donnelly, not present. Next will be a lunch hosted by 2nd Grade on Feb 3. The Grundy staff was very thankful for the lunch provided by 3rd Grade on Jan 4.

Maintenance of List of Donations from Businesses

- No new items

Budget Report:

Tara Meester, present, Julie Fauber, present.

- Incoming funds Box Tops
- Outgoing funds included teacher expense reimbursements, outstanding Big/Little Ideas expenses, and an increased budget line for RTI.

Old Business

- Further discussion on 2019-2020 Big/Little Ideas – pended.

New Business

- Discuss rescheduling of Fannie May movie reward with reopening of Morton Cinemas
Morton Cinemas is open again with limited capacity – they can have 50 in their 3 main theaters and 30 in the pair of smaller theaters, which is enough capacity for the 140 students who qualified for the movie reward. Mr. Saunders thinks that a Friday or a shortened Wednesday would be the best options. There are several upcoming movies that may be good for the reward and the PTO officers will check out the trailers to help settle on a movie and the corresponding range of dates to have the movie event. Feb 5, Feb 12, and March 3 may be good candidate dates.
Upcoming titles for consideration:
 - Croods: The New Age (currently playing)
 - Tom & Jerry Movie (end of Feb)
 - Raya and the Last Dragon (early March)
- Discuss how to use the \$1,500 donated to the PTO by Dusty Snell and Country
Pended the discussion until next month after the donation arrives. Dusty wants the money to be used for staff appreciation.

Teacher Input

Mrs. Manthey, present. Teachers are very happy that the Carnival is taking place, especially for the 6th Graders. The teachers were also very thankful to the families and PTO for the gift cards, lunches, and cookies. Thanks to the PTO for all their support!

Principal's Report

Feb 1 Erin's Law lessons begin
Feb 2 Challenge begins; Board meeting at 5:30
Feb 3 Dismissal at 11:55; PTO staff luncheon at 12:00 sponsored by 2nd grade parents
Feb 5 5th grade maturation presentation at 1:15; 3rd quarter midterm
Feb 8 District Spelling Bee at 3:30 at Bertha Frank
Feb 11 "Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown"; Gameball Run at 4:00
Feb 12 Valentine's Day parties
Feb 15 Presidents' Day – no school
Feb 18 Cheerleading Club for 3rd/4th grade girls begins
Feb 19 ROE 53 Spelling Bee at 9:00
Feb 22 Book Fair opens; Carnival Committee meeting at 6:00; PTO meeting at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Dan Beckler.