

Grundy PTO Meeting – Monday January 23rd, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Besa Basha at 6:30PM

Those in attendance were Tara Meester, Morgan Massey, Besarta Basha, Jessica Kober, Michael Saunders, Denise Martin, Brittney Jones, Claire Sharp, Janine Weyland, Yesi Rassi, Angel Fisher, Anna Bennett, Andrea Watson, Nicole Rutledge, Elise Pate, Brooke Behm, Misty Formhols and Toni Martiens

The Minutes from the November 28th2022 PTO meeting were reviewed and approved.

Committee Reports:

After School Clubs :

Michael Saunders- Present

Mrs. Williams has been hosting volleyball club

Mr. Webb has been hosting Chess club which will run through to the end of March.

Other clubs that will be starting are:

Sewing Club

Mrs. Shook will be hosting an American Doll Club

A Dance Club

Book Club

The cooking club is still going to be held but has been pushed back to April to accommodate chess club.

Book Fair:

Jessica Collie – not present.

No update

The Book Fair is on schedule for Spring.

Grundy Giving:

Denise Martin- Present

Amazon has decided to discontinue the Amazon Smile program.

Emails have gone out regularly to parents regarding different ways to contribute.

Carnival:

Brittney Jones – Present

Carnival Date: February 17th - Presidents Day weekend

Yessi Rassi– Food, wrist bands – The final menu is being worked out. Casey has kindly donated 20 pizzas.

Toni Martiens and Ashlie Reinert – Prize Baskets. We have found corporate sponsors and baskets are almost done.

Jessica Kober – Cake walk. Sign up to go out.

Kendra Craig- Décor. The theme is Safari.

Andrea Watson and Bree Rassi – **Prize Room:**They will need more prizes – Kristine Kniep of Remax is sponsoring the prize room this year.

Balloon animals: Toni Martiens has spoken to Rebecca Saunders, who does balloon animals and she has offered to do the balloon animals for no charge. Brittney is leaning towards hiring Unique Twist as they will have 2 people.

Face Painting: We are still looking for volunteers for face painting. We will keep it simple this year with stencils and temporary tattoos.

Sign up will go out to parents for volunteers for the night soon.

We are hoping to have Laser Ops Mobile Pro games at the carnival to provide something fun and different.

Fannie May:

Nicole Lee – Not Present

No Update

Fast Food Nights:

Misty Formhols – Present

Potters Alley was very successful with a check of \$811.50

The Village Skate initiative brought in \$531.80

The next Fast Food night is at Pizza Ranch on the 6th of February from 5-8pm. We will need volunteers and a sign up has gone out.

Grundy Gear:

Michael Saunders – Present
Next sale will be in the Spring.

Laugh Olympics:

Jayne Eisenman - Not present.
No update.

Mystery Science:

Anna Bennett – Present
No update

Artistic Adventures:

Lacey Scholl – Not present
Classes are enjoying the lessons although we are still struggling to find volunteers to teach the classes, particularly for Mrs. Manthey and Owdom's classes for April.
We will email and post on Facebook to let parents know we need more help.

PTO Publicity:

Erika Reeb- Not present
Info will be uploaded to the Facebook page, and she has been updating the schoolboard.

Room Parent Coordinators:

Anna Bennett- Present
Valentine's day parties sign up will go out

School Supply Kits:

Claire Sharp – Present
No update

Teacher Appreciation:

Toni Martiens: Present
Lunch has been supplied by the 4th Graders, and 3rd graders. Next lunch is to be Sponsored by the 2nd graders. The teachers were treated to Polar Pops by the PTO.

Maintenance of List of Donations from Businesses:

None at this time.

Budget Report:

Elise Pate- Present:

Numbers to Note:

- Checking Balance: \$30691.19
- Savings Balance \$9512.94
- Expenses totaled:
\$1043.78
Among those were:
Totes for prizes, purchases for Artistic Adventures, Fun on the Run, Prizes for carnival, Polar Pops for Teacher Appreciation.
- Income Included: \$1877.85 from La Gondola, Box Tops, Potter's Alley, and Village Skate

Old Business

Shoe Fundraiser:
Besa is working with Michael Saunders to get forms completed so that this can commence.

ECE iPad Covers:
Brooke Behm withdrew her request for the standup covers at this time.

PTO Video:
Anna has met with Andrea White and made a video. Pictures are needed for supporting info.

New Business:

Teacher Grants:

Anna Bennett has put together a form so teachers can apply for “mini grants” with a closing date for applications. The goal is to have the grants vetted before presenting to the PTO at large, have them approved or denied and have items purchased and grants closed out before school closes.

Morton Academy:

Besa Basha has been approached to have our PTO join the other Elementary schools in Morton to support Morton Academy with things like Teacher Appreciation and small acts of kindness. This motion was wholeheartedly agreed on. It was decided that we will take food to the Academy on the days that Staff Appreciation Lunches are held and will try and include them in other ways. Toni Martiens to contact the principal, Amanda Rinkenberg to set this up.

NASA Postcards:

Toni Martiens has proposed the school taking part in NASA’s venture with Blue Origin whereby students can send a postcard into space. The postcards have the student’s address on it as a return address. The postcards are sent into space, and on their return, they are marked “Sent to space” and posted back to the student, so that they can have their very own item that has gone into space. It was decided that the PTO would cover the cost of sending the postcards to NASA in bulk, and a stamp for each postcard, so that each child would get the postcard back to their mailing address. Toni will make up an email for teachers to verse them on the program, which includes a curriculum for teachers, should they choose to use it, focusing on STEM.

Mrs. Shook’s Keyboard Request:

Mrs Shook had requested keyboards for the 1st and 2nd grade students in November which was tabled. The keyboards were requested due to the fact that the students need to log into the system each time they visit the computer lab, which is very time intensive for children their age (it was estimated that it took 20 of the 25 minutes allocated for their lab time just to log them all in) This of course eats up their typing agent time. If they have keyboards to use in class they could get practice using a keyboard without the need to log in. The keyboards would serve about 200 children at a cost of \$1468.50. There was a debate as to whether the request should wait for approval until we had received the other teacher grant requests. Some felt that would be fair, especially as it would be good to see what our budget looked like once we got those requests. Others felt that since the request came in November and that other grades had keyboards purchased for them by the PTO, that we should take a vote. A Vote was taken a majority voted to pass the request and purchase the keyboards.

Teacher Input:

Brooke Behm, Janine Weyland and Angel Fisher:

Teachers appreciated the Polar pops. They are very happy that we will be accepting mini grant requests.

Principal’s Report

Feb 1	Dismissal at 11:55; PTO staff luncheon at 12:00 sponsored by 2 nd grade parents
Feb 2	Happy Groundhog Day! ☺
Feb 6	Roller skating in PE (Feb 6-17); Grundy Night at Pizza Ranch from 5:00-8:00
Feb 7	Challenge begins; District Spelling Bee at 3:30; Board meeting at 5:30
Feb 8	Carnival Committee meeting at 3:00
Feb 9	Yearbook group photos at 8:30; Gameball Run at 4:00
Feb 10	Midterm; Gameball Game at 7:00
Feb 13	“Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown” at 1:30; Andrew McPeak presentation from 6:00-7:30
Feb 14	Valentine’s Day parties
Feb 17	Grundy Carnival from 5:00-8:00
Feb 20	Presidents’ Day – no school
Feb 27	PTO meeting at 6:30

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8.00 pm by Besa Basha

Minutes respectfully submitted by Toni Martiens