

Grundy PTO Meeting – Monday August 28th, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Anna Bennet at 6:31PM

Those in attendance were Anna Bennett, Erin Harron, Lacey Scholl, Claire Sharp, Jennifer Wilson, Michael Saunders, Tara Meester, Jessica Collie, Brooke Behm, Lindsay Hawkins, Morgan Massey, Elise Pate, Yesi Rassi , Wendy Cluskey, Nicole Lee, Misty Formhals, Ijeoma Ngwaba, Denise Martin, John Kilkenny

The Minutes from the May 15th PTO meeting were reviewed and approved.

Introductions were made.

Committee reports

After School Clubs :

Michael Saunders - Present

Running club is the only club going at the moment.

We have 75 runners participating and most of them will take part in the Pumpkin Fest Fun Run.

We love having clubs and are always open to new ones so if anyone connected to a Grundy student would like to host one, they should contact Mr. Saunders.

Book Fair:

Jessica Collie-Present

The Book Fair is set for Spring. We currently have about \$6000.00 on scholastic bucks that we hope to use for Christmas Gifts for teacher's rooms and birthday books.

As always, we will need a lot of help to execute the book fair, especially on Open House day.

Grundy Giving:

Denise Martin- Present

Caseys and Kroger continue to be the biggest way for parents to contribute to the school without much effort. Denise explained to all in attendance how the programs work. She will continue to look for other programs and avenues for passive income and encourages others to suggest any they know of.

Flyers about the programs will be sent out periodically throughout the school year.

Carnival:

Besa Basha – Not Present

We are looking at moving the date of the carnival to the 19th of January. We had agreed to move it to January the 26th to perhaps facilitate a little more time between it and the Book Fair, thus hopefully encouraging more volunteers for the book fair. The 26th, however, clashes with a kickball tournament the middle school is holding, so Mr. Saunders will check if moving the carnival to the 19th will work for Besa.

We still need carnival chairs for the Cake Walk and Décor.

It was agreed that we will have some 6th grade students to help , and a suggestion was made to send out a form to all 6th grade families, stating that all students are expected to volunteer at least one hour of their time in exchange for the transport costs for the field trip being covered.

Fannie May:

Nicole Lee – Present

We are still set for a Friday September 29th 2.00PM kick off assembly for the sale.

Morgann Massey is currently sorting the class lists into spreadsheet and going through the process of matching up siblings.

We will want order forms back by Oct. 10th, and we have a tentative delivery date set for Parent/Teacher Conferences in November.

Fast Food Nights:

Misty Formhals – Present

We have the following Fast-Food nights set:

Kona Ice- 9/1 11-1

Monicals- 9/19 All day

Pizza Ranch- Monday October 16th from 5-8 PM

La Gondola- November 20th and 21st All day

Potter's Alley- December 8th and 9th All day open to close.

Grundy Gear:

Michael Saunders – Present

We have just had the Design Competition and had a great number of entries.

Grimm's is giving us an online store this year, so we will have to do very little, as families can order directly through the link.

Laugh Olympics:

Jayne Eisenmann - Not present.

No update.

Mystery Science:

Anna Bennett – Present

The supply tubs have been refilled and sorted and the kids are enjoying the lessons.

Artistic Adventures:

Lacey Scholl – Present

We have had a great response from volunteers to do teach the classes. There are however some classes that have a lot of availability that need filling.

Lacey has tried to take into account the feedback she received from the forms she sent out after each lesson last year to make teaching the lessons this year easier and more streamlined.

ECE lessons still need to be organized.

PTO Publicity:

Jessica Collie- Present

Jessica has been updating the Facebook page frequently as well as the bulletin board which needed a bit of a facelift.

Room Parent Coordinators:

Anna Bennett- Present

Room Parents were chosen differently this year. Teachers offered a list of parents they knew and felt they would work well with, and a sign up went out to them.

All rooms now have parents allocated.

School Supply Kits

Clair Sharp – Present

Everything went well with delivery of the kits barring a small hiccup. We need to sign the next contract with the supplier by Thursday to get the 10% discount they offer. Everyone was in agreement to go ahead.

Teacher Appreciation:

Toni Martiens: Present

Wendy Cluskey has volunteered to co-chair.

The first meal of the year has already been served on the first day of school, and was supplied by the PTO.

The PTO did a “First Day Treat” for the teachers with some Back-to-school cookie treats and desserts. The next meal will be in October and will be supplied by the 6th grade families.

Maintenance of List of Donations from Businesses:

Budget:

Tara Meester – Present

See Budget report.

Highlights: We have set \$5016.00 carried over from last year aside in the savings account. This amount will be the start of a savings fund for a future playground equipment purchase.

We will have to curtail any big expenses until the Fannie May fundraiser is done, as our funds are traditionally low before then.

Old Business

At this time, we will no longer be moving forward with the shoe fundraiser until discrepancies in the contract language can be ironed out.

Toni Martiens has been following up on how to register the PTO with the Caterpillar Foundation. We must first register with FrontDoor, an NGO vetting site. She will get this done and hopefully once this is completed, we can get registered with the CAT Foundation.

New Business:

Teacher Input:

Jennifer Wilson: Present

The teachers are thankful for their checks and thank the PTO for all they do.

Principal's Report

Aug 30 Grundy Moms in Prayer begins (Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30 at Morton Christian Church)

Aug 31 Band/Orchestra Demo from 8:30-9:30 (6th grade); Band parent info meeting at 5:30 at BF

Sept 1 Choir Demo from 8:35-9:05 (5th and 6th grade); Kona Ice from 11:00-1:00

Sept 4 Labor Day – no school

Sept 5 Grundy Gear online store opens; Board meeting at 5:30

Sept 6 Band/Orch/Choir Registration from 2:30-5:30 at BF

Sept 11 Patriot Day Ceremony at 2:00

Sept 12 School Pictures

Sept 13 Pumpkin Festival begins! ☺

Sept 15 Midterm; Dismissal at 11:55; Grundy Gear online store closes

Sept 16 Pumpkin Festival Fun Run at 7:15; Pumpkin Festival Parade at 10:30

Sept 17 Constitution Day

Sept 18 Band/Orchestra practice begins from 7:35-8:05; Running Club Awards at 2:45

Sept 19 Grundy Day at Monical's from 11am-10pm; Challenge begins from 2:45-4:00

Sept 23 Autumn begins

Sept 25 PTO meeting at 6:30

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7.31 by Anna Bennett.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Toni Martiens