

Grange Hall Elementary School

Parent Teacher Association

General Body Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 18:00

- I. Call to order: 18:07
 - A. Meeting minutes approved
- II. Report of Officers
 - A. President Report
 1. Thank you to BJ and her team, the Bingo Night volunteers, Marco Pizza, and to the callers, we hope everyone had a lot of fun!
 2. Thank you, Jean Finney, for the soup luncheon and fabulous Fridays in February. Snack cart went last week and there's something fun planned for future Fridays as well. And to Stephanie Montgomery for helping deliver treats.
 3. Yearbooks on sale, currently \$30, March 1 they go up to \$36, buy now! On sale online thru April 30. Extras are \$40 until run out.
 4. Art Supplies for Mrs. P are coming in and the remainder are en route
 5. Shoutout to those behind the scenes. March is very busy and with Fun Run coming up PTA is very busy and we appreciate everyone making it happen for the students
 - B. Treasurer Report
 1. Current Balance: \$92,367.79
 - a) January 31 Balance: \$ 92,209.42
 2. Recent Highlights:
 - a) Since last PTA meeting on 1/23/24
 - (1) Total Income: \$2,570.33
 - (a) Includes: Interest (\$0.79), Kroger (\$360.94), Petty Cash (\$50 (change from BINGO redeposited), Fun Run (\$1,759.35), Benevity (\$90), Bingo Income (\$318), Clothing to Cash (\$41.25)
 - (2) Total Expenses: \$2,634.29
 - (a) Expenses: Teacher Appreciation (\$275.80 (Feb. Candy)), Credit Card Fee (\$1.46), Website/Jotform (\$39), Dance (\$600 (photobooth)), 100th Day of School (Bulldog Pride category) (\$502.58 (items for glow party: 100 Days Brighter Celebration)), Resources for Reading (\$113.85 (winter birthday book cupcakes)), Special Projects (\$925 ((\$20.50 for Teachers pay teachers lesson plans for 100th day, \$904.50 for doodle tablets for art---this transaction is still pending)
 - (3) Net Loss: \$63.96
 3. BJ has signed off on the December and January reconciliations
 4. BJ and Mrs. McCracken have been working on a Math Night and are requesting to purchase door prizes. There is \$827.37 left in the International Night budget that wasn't used. Interested in moving the money from that category to use for Math Night.
 1. Requested: \$300
 2. Recommend: move the remaining \$527.37 from the international night budget to the special projects line so that it can be used as needed this fiscal year
 5. Received letter of agreement today for Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates to file our taxes again this year. They will be charging \$360. Will sign and send back
 - C. VP Fundraising Report
 1. Big week coming up

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- a) Fun Run kicks off tomorrow, students will have a quick intro in the gym to meet the team and learn what's going to happen. Teachers will have a meeting in the afternoon. You can register your kids at mybooster.com, donations will run through 2/29. As of now scheduled to be outside. Goal is \$30k (same as last year). Surpassed our goal last year, hoping to do so again. Incentives for the kids for each day. Teachers helped come up with fun ideas. Kickball with booster team, tried for recess activities to help minimize disruptions to the classroom
 - (1) Dr Jones: 5th graders have narrowed it down to 4 choices if we meet the goal and the school will be voting on those options this upcoming week
 - b) Yearbook 90% done, waiting for pictures from the fun run and the dance and some music programs that will happen before due date. Please order ASAP to get the best price
- D. VP Programs Report
- 1. Planning a math night, Mrs. McCracken and BJ working with Mathnasium. Tues March 26 in the evening. All grade levels can come in and participate in math activities. Will need to supply volunteers but Mathnasium will provide the rest. Teachers will also be volunteering. Hoping to vote on money for the door prizes. Hopefully for each student that attends and an estimation jar for each grade level.
- E. VP Membership Report
- 1. No change since November
 - 2. Always open, do need to rejoin each year
 - 3. Goal: 100% membership (1 adult member per student in the building), businesses can join, community members, etc.
 - 4. \$8 for 1 membership or \$12 for family membership ghpta.com
- F. Principal Report
- 1. Thank You: Jean Finney and Stephanie for the snack cart. Jean always willing to help with ideas and has pulled together all fabulous Fridays for February and appreciates her creativity. Brainstorming for teacher appreciation week in May.
 - 2. Thank you: Lisa Hall for getting all of the supplies for Glow Day for the 100th day of school. Vickie Hugate organized and PTA Sponsored. Positive feedback from teachers and students for different kind of 100th celebration.
 - 3. Fun Run: Utilizing funds for long term project over the last couple of years to purchase active panels (smart boards) for the classrooms, waiting for exact quote to be able to map out plan of how many we could buy this year and years going forward. Will be able to share as soon as receive the quote, hopefully this week.
 - 4. March: annual PTA awards dinner Wed Mar 27, Sarah P. and Dr. Jones attending, list of awards PTA can be nominated for, working on typing up descriptions, please share experiences with the PTA to be able to add.
 - 5. School Events:
 - a) Fun Run, excited to have Boosterthon in the building, looking like good weather, fingers crossed!
 - b) March into Resource month: calendar filled for March, none is mandatory, opportunity to get excited for Spring break and recognizing the different resources GHES provides.
 - c) Bringing back Vocab parade: save the date March 22, huge hit last year, 2nd annual, each student will select a word that will become a costume, doesn't need to be elaborate. Don't need to add stress, another way to celebrate literacy.

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- d) PTA has 2 dances coming up and Math Night, will want to make sure that we're asking parent volunteers. Will also ask staff to volunteer as well.
 - 6. Trying to communicate to the community what PTA does for Grange Hall: current ideas are highlighting with social media the specific events but also looking at one or 2 days each week and highlighting the particular things that PTA has supported/funded in the past and showcasing those things. Open to any other suggestions/ideas of how to communicate the message. Teachers please keep sharing with families, encourage to join, connect, and support
 - 7. Kindergarten registration is coming up: County blocked week of April 15. Grange Hall will have a full event day on April 18, more details shared in Bulldog Bulletin in coming weeks. PTA please plan to have a table with information to welcome the newest Bulldogs.
- III. Report of Committees
- A. Reflections committee: congrats to Alexander Carr, won county level, very proud
 - B. Dance: sign ups went out on Friday, free but do need an RSVP and receive a ticket. We need to know who the adult is that will be accompanying a child and ensure that each child does have an adult. Not a drop off dance: for adults and kids to enjoy time together. K-2 on March 15, 6-7:30 PM; Grades 3-5 on March 22 6-7:30PM
 - C. Flying Squirrels: bookmarks have gone home. Read 8 books and return by March 22, will get free ticket to game on Wed May 29. Link has been sent out to buy additional tickets. Cost is \$10 and school PTA will get back \$4 for each ticket. Game will sell out, buy early!
- IV. New Business
- A. Budget
 - 1. Reallocate funds from International Night to Math Night
 - a) Motion: Sarah B, 2nd: BJ
 - b) 13 ayes, 0 nays: pass
 - 2. Moving remaining funds to special projects
 - a) Motion: BJ; 2nd: Stephanie
 - b) 13 ayes, 0 nays: pass
 - 3. Hatching chickens: looking for supplies to 12 teachers to hatch chickens, aligns with SOLs, eggs being donated, students will observe and write in their journals, practice social skills by discussing what's happening.
 - a) Motion: Lisa; 2nd: Sarah B
 - b) 14 ayes, 0 nays: pass
 - B. Nominating Committee: go through intent to serve forms and nominate people for each of our 6 executive board positions. Volunteers are BJ, Stephanie Montgomery, Sarah B
 - 1. Motion: Lisa; 2nd: Mrs. Turner
 - 2. 14 ayes, 0 nays: pass
 - 3. We don't have any intent to serve forms at this time. PTA By Laws state you cannot nominate people that haven't submitted an intent to serve form. Go to the website, click on join, the intent to serve form is there, email to president. Or can reach out and ask questions about positions. Events can't happen without the board. If the PTA doesn't find people to serve, the VA PTA comes in and gets any money left in the budget, not the school. Great way to get involved with the school, make sure kids get agendas and folders, so that people can vote so we can pay for chickens and art funds. Can speak to current officers to ask questions.
- V. Adjournment: 18:42
- A. *Next general body meeting will be Tuesday, March 19 at 18:00*