

Grange Hall Elementary School

Parent Teacher Association

General Body Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 18:00

- I. Call to order: 18:06
- II. Report of Officers
 - A. President Report
 1. March meeting minutes approved
 2. Thank you to Pam for running the dances! Were able to accommodate all the students in the gym; thank you to all the volunteers that helped to make it run smoothly
 3. Thank you to BJ for organizing math night with Mathnasium!
 4. Thank you to Jean for organizing the coffee truck in the midst of planning Staff Appreciation Week (May 6-10)!
 5. Thank you to Brigitte for organizing the spirit wear sale! Spring orders were submitted about 2 weeks ago; will receive in 2 weeks and pass out
 6. Thank you to Stephanie for finishing the yearbook! Ordering is open through April 30 with a cost of \$36; orders will then close and a limited number will be on sale for \$42 (when they're gone they're gone!); order using the link
 7. CCCPTA Awards Night - GHES PTA was recognized for good standing within state PTA, perfect attendance for county level meetings, Reflections participation, most participation of all PTAs in the county, service projects (3,500 pounds of food for food drive and over 200 coats for coat drive; 2nd place in Denim Drive with 420 items)
 - B. Treasurer Report
 1. Current Balance: \$127,182.82
 - a) March 31 balance: \$128,465.55
 2. Recent Highlights
 - a) *Since March 19, 2024:*
 - (1) Total income: \$752.19
 - (a) Includes interest (\$1.27), membership dues (\$12), Fun Run (\$100), Benevity (\$272.95), Kroger (\$339.35), and Clothing to Cash (\$26.62)
 - (2) Total expenses: \$41,859.88
 - (a) Includes teacher appreciation (\$1,257.06), credit card fee (\$0.65), website/Jotform (\$39), beautification (\$156.44), board materials and supplies (\$144.40), hospitality (\$89.37), 5th grade novel (\$419.40), 4th grade novel (\$202.32), 3rd grade book cart (\$119.85), 2nd grade book cart (\$351.91), Fun Run costs (\$37,316.93), House System Expenses (\$62.52), resources for reading (\$291.96), special projects (\$35.47), math night (\$285.15), Kindergarten registration bags (\$525), national and state dues (\$28.25), and dance (\$534.20)
 - (3) Net loss \$41,107.69
 3. The March reconciliation is being reviewed by BJ Rauschkolb
 4. Let Lisa know if anything should be included in the summer budget
 5. Vote to move \$2,359.97 from dance to special projects
 - a) Aye: 13 (6 in person, 7 Zoom); Nay: 0; Abstain: 4
 - b) Motion passes

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C. VP Fundraising Report

1. Fun Run

- a) Will not be renewing with Boosterthon
- b) Looking into Raise Craze, which focuses on acts of kindness to get donations; Raise Craze only keeps 10%, so hoping that more will come back to the school
- c) Hoping to do a big family service night
- d) Will have more information as we plan!

2. Yearbook

- a) Has been completed and submitted; should be in May 11 and will get them sorted and to the students
- b) Can purchase until April 30, but prices will go up May 1 and there will be a limited number available for purchase at that time

D. VP Membership Report

1. Four new members in March; can still join via the PTA website; must have paid dues to vote on business

E. VP Programs Report

1. Dance - Thank you to Pam for planning the dances! Got great feedback from parents and students; considering something a bit more structured for the younger group next year, but everyone had a great time. Thank you to the volunteers that made it possible!
2. Math Night
 - a) Partnered with Mathnasium for math night
 - b) About 60 students in attendance; went around to different tables and got stamps on a passport when an activity was completed; received prizes at the end
 - c) Thank you to the teachers for running the tables and to Mrs. McCracken for all her help! Will consider doing this again in the future

F. Principal Report

1. Shout out to the current PTA board; many will be moving on and many will remain, but it was great to at the awards dinner where the PTA was recognized for all their accomplishments and countless hours of hard work
2. Will be sending out reminders about yearbooks to families
3. Will be a meeting April 22 at Moseley Elementary for Grange Hall families to learn about the West Area elementary school (will not discuss redistricting yet -likely 2025 - only physical building plans and school colors, etc.)
4. Kindergarten registration on Thursday - please help spread the word to rising Kindergarten families! No appointments, will just have it from 9-6; Kindergarten readiness parent night later
5. Students voted for Dr. Jones to be duct taped and pied! Will likely do this the last week of school
6. Students of the Year - Maizy Hart (K-2) and Wyatt Burnett (3-5) will be recognized Thursday at the county dinner; will host a breakfast for all the classroom students of the year; asking the PTA to use special projects money to sponsor breakfast
7. Budget line item for teachers to go to Ron Clark Academy conference; will use funds from this year for four teachers and from the summer/fall budget for four additional teachers

III. Report of Committees

A. Teacher Appreciation

1. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10
 - a) Thank you so much to our sponsors!

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- (1) Colonial River Eye Care (Kurt and Lindsay Jung)
- (2) Good Foods Grocery (Hart Family)
- (3) Azalea D. Realty (Holly Phillips)
- (4) Open Door Lending (Kristin O'Neil)

B. Outreach

1. SPCA drive will be in bulletin soon; there will be a donation box out front

IV. New Business

A. Marimba Legacy Project

1. Ms. Swanson presented a marimba legacy project for the 5th grade class of 2025 to work with Brent Hall, a retired music teacher, to build a marimba (percussion instrument, similar to a xylophone)
2. Students will learn about pitch, frequency, etc. during the day long project
3. \$899.47 for the total project (including his labor prior to the project, travel, etc.)
4. GHES will keep the marimba afterwards
5. Vote to approve marimba project
 - a) Aye: 14 (6 in person, 8 Zoom); Nay: 0; Abstain: 0
 - b) Motion approved

B. GHES Kindergarten t-shirts posted to PTA and Facebook pages; pre-order only at Kindergarten registration

C. Congratulations to the 2024-2025 officers!

1. President: Jean Finney
2. VP Membership: Kristin O'Neil
3. VP Programs: Julie Carr
4. VP Fundraising: Stephanie Montgomery
5. Treasurer: Lisa Hall
6. Secretary: Jenny Griffith

V. Adjournment: 18:51

- A. *Next general body meeting will be Tuesday, May 21 at 18:00*