

Grange Hall Elementary School

Parent Teacher Association

General Body Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 18:00

- I. Call to order: 18:01
- II. Report of Officers
 - A. President Report
 1. Thank you to the school counselors for their presentation on the Promote Respect Program
 - a) **See PowerPoint sent with minutes**
 2. Thank you to Jean Finney for the breakfast, to Marie Schmidt for fixing the PTA website (looks great on a phone now!), and to Brigitte for organizing Spiritwear
 - a) Spiritwear orders should be delivered by the end of October
 3. Thank you to BJ and Mrs. McCracken for organizing International Night - we received a lot of positive feedback; the families who volunteered did an amazing job representing different cultures and traditions
 4. Attended the CCCPTA meeting in September for officer training; ready for this school year!
 5. Yearbook
 - a) Cover contest for 5th graders due 10/16; flyers went home in folders and are also available in the front office
 - a) The yearbook is currently for sale for \$30 until March (then goes up to \$36, then \$40 if not pre-ordered)
 6. Carnival
 - a) Sarah Battle and the volunteers have been working on the carnival since June! Food trucks will be at the school and Papa Johns is available through pre-order (limited supply)
 - b) Wristbands available through the school with cash or check through Friday 10/13 or may be purchased through the online link through 10/15; can also buy them at the door for \$25; make sure you're also filling out waivers for bounce houses
 7. Outreach
 - a) Denim drive ends Friday 10/13; donation will be made to the PTA if we win like we did last year! Money will go back to the staff and students
 8. Thank you to the Kindergarten team for coming in person to the PTA meeting!
 - B. Treasurer Report
 1. Current Balance: \$92,458.50 (*as of 10/9/23*)
 - a) September 30 balance: \$90,814.31
 2. Recent Highlights
 - a) *Since last PTA meeting on August 29:*
 - (1) Total income: \$3,601.06
 - (a) Includes interest (\$1.57), donations (\$86), membership dues (\$488), carnival presale (\$2,560), yearbook sales (\$40), and business partnerships (\$377.19)

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- (2) Total expenses: \$5,073.30
 - (a) Includes teacher appreciation (\$375.46), credit card fees (\$45.74), accounting expenses (\$350), board materials (\$156.99), Jotform (\$78), insurance (\$377.78), Reflections (\$120.20), national and state dues (\$960.25), education programs (\$1,645.64), carnival supplies (\$165.95), education programs (\$1,645.64), carnival supplies (\$165.95), haunted cemetery (\$58.57), house system expenses (\$42.29), Barc 4 VARC (\$73.80), Bulldog Pride staff shirts (\$200), and international night (\$422.63)
- (3) Net loss \$1,472.24
3. BJ has signed off on August reconciliation
4. Lisa has completed September reconciliation and will send it to BJ for review
5. Insurance has been renewed and is good through 10/24/24
- C. VP Fundraising Report
 1. Box Tops - raised \$9.20 in September
 - a) Instructions to donate to Grange Hall via the Box Tops app are available on the PTA website (ghpta.com)
 2. Make sure you buy yearbooks ahead of time and submit photos! Links are in the Bulldog Bulletin every week, as well as the PTA website
- D. VP Membership Report
 1. Currently have 299 paid members
 - a) Working to grow this number; would like to have one adult member for every student in the building; cost is \$8 for a single membership or \$12 for a family (2 adults); we also have members throughout the community
 - b) Sign up via the PTA website to stay up to date with what is happening at the school and behind the scenes for events!
- E. VP Programs Report
 1. Thank you to Mrs. McCracken for all her help on International Night and to all the families that volunteered to set up displays! We're completely blown away by the hard work that everyone put in. Also, thank you to all the teachers that volunteered with crafts, etc. If you took pictures, please send them into the yearbook!
 2. Grandparents' Breakfast
 - a) Will be in November before Thanksgiving; will send out an RSVP in the next few weeks; planning is currently underway; will send out a sign up genius for volunteering soon
- F. Principal Report
 1. Thank you for the continued support, especially to the staff and PTA team. International Night was a great success - thank you to Mrs. McCracken and BJ for organizing it; we received several emails from families asking if we can plan to keep it as one big event for next year
 2. Grandparents' Breakfast - will be connecting with BJ and Sarah to get questions answered
 3. Carnival - Thank you to Sarah Battle and her team for organizing
 4. Teachers have been working hard behind the scenes with the new literacy curriculum, Open Court; putting so much time and energy into this to ensure it is implemented to the best of their abilities - thank you!
 5. Watch D.O.G.S - Thank you to Mrs. Drahms and all the dads that are joining us daily!

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6. Cafeteria visitors - (information also available in Bulldog Bulletin) max of 2 adults per visit due to space limitations; please do not invite additional students to come and eat; want to ensure we have room for everyone to eat
7. Need volunteers to help clean up courtyard (bushes to be cleared so we can get outdoor seating and better utilize space)

III. Report of Committees

A. Reflections

1. Entries are due to the library by 10/20/23
2. Had a winner go to the county and state levels in Reflections last year!

B. Carnival

1. Need more inflatable volunteers! Need two adults over 18 *at each inflatable* (we must comply with this Parks and Rec rule for the safety of the children); currently have 7 inflatables but only enough volunteers to blow up 3; also have other positions available if anyone would like to volunteer; 13/20 slots filled for Trunk or Treat (get to park at the school if you do Trunk or Treat or volunteer for the inflatables!)

C. Outreach

1. The Puritan Coat Drive is November 1-9; Puritan will come out on November 9 at 9:30 AM to pick up the coats and will meet with the SCA
2. Food drive with the Chesterfield County Food Bank will be November 12-16, coinciding with the Grandparents' Breakfast dates; can donate them at this time so students don't need to bring items on the bus

IV. Adjournment: 18:40

- A. Next general body meeting will be Thursday, November 9 at 18:00