

Grant PTA ~ Updates

Monday, October 26, 2020

Welcome -- Abbie

Monday Oct 12 would have been our normal PTA meeting. I had intended to email you that notice then, but in the flurry of trying to send it out between my kids' at-home learning needs, I mistakenly sent it to the Treasurer only. My sincere apologies.

- **We are essentially in a holding pattern regarding fundraising, volunteering and activities/events.** We have also been riding a steep learning curve the past month. Things are leveling out, but I'm mindful of the load currently.
- In light of that I did not hold a Google Meet that night. (I think everyone is doing loads of them now so if I have nothing needing discussion, I'll hold off. When we do one, you will receive an invite in advance).
- I would like to have at least a few virtual meetings just to make sure we have a forum should anyone have ideas or questions. They can always be sent to me or staff reps (Theresa in the office can get any requests, reimbursements or concerns to me/the PTA officers or they can be emailed to me directly). I can relay things to the group, as well. It is also occurring to me in the current climate it is valuable for staff/PTA members to tune into the school board meetings (which is also Monday nights) if you so choose. So this will leave you available for that as well when we don't meet virtually.

Treasurer's Report --

- Current balance: \$ 16118.88
- Taxes have been submitted as of 10/26/2020 (due 11/15/2020) for 2019 (FYE 6/30/2020)
- Attached you will find a final **2019-2020 finance balance sheet** for where we ended the year. Many last fundraisers and events (both expenses and incomes) did not occur so this left us with a significant balance and missing income items. Our board has already determined to put those things towards whatever strategies will help Grant navigate the new procedures for health and safety.

Secretary's Report --

- Annual PTA information form submission has been sent to the Iowa PTA council

Membership Report

- Please turn in your membership forms, \$5 dues (change from \$5.25 as CR council no longer charges dues). **attached to this email** Can be sent to school office via classroom teacher, in sealed envelope please.
- Current membership: 0 due to late start
 - Note: we need 25 members to stay current with the PTA organization. Tell your friends!

Yearly Calendar

- Bylaws update due 2021 (Every two years)
- Fall conferences?

Budgeted Items *Submit requests via email or through Theresa.*

- Budget/current status: **attached to email** Please remember these are estimates and may be subject to change as situations and needs change.
 - Budgeted special purchases/changing school needs
 - No fall fundraiser/Spring Fling at this time.
 - **Classroom Support:** \$100 per classroom/per school year, request by? **submit by Spring Break** (unless otherwise notified).

- **SPARC:** *no allocation this year as classes are not mingling*
- **Library:** \$500 funds for buying new books. to be submitted by 5/31.
 - Let us know if we have a balance for the award order last spring, as things were closed and we have an invoice but it says 0 balance due.
- **anything over the amounts above, must be proposed in person at a meeting/to the PTA board.**
- Request form and Google calendar has been shared with staff. Contact Abbie with questions or if you need it again.

Grant PTA Family Fun Night - Mindy

- These are currently on hold for health and safety concerns per district recommendations.

Fall Fundraiser

- No fall fundraiser out of respect for current situations families may be facing and to protect health and safety of students and staff.
- **Next year delay two weeks, still delivery by mid November.**

Winter/Spring Fundraiser *Dec agenda item*

- Ideas welcome (LY we thought about Read-a-thon)
- Meal fundraisers (local restaurants)?
- HyVee Coupon books? Sell Feb or March?
- Explore: let us know when/if you plan a fundraiser and we will coordinate to not overlap

T-Shirts/School Spirit items

- *Inventory is in PTA closet, by size*
 - Black only, Limited to sizes on hand, \$5
- Discussion in future about providing shirts for all students

Approved purchases

- Walkie talkies working great!
- Playground supplies for each classroom

Other Business

- Other opportunities to support Grant:
 - HyVee Cash4Schools (HV Receipts)
 - Box Tops (scan your receipts in the app!)
- The school staff is keeping us posted on needs we can assist with and we will continue to provide what help we can. We could not do that without your support.

Upcoming Dates

M Nov 11, 5:30p -- PTA Meeting

Nov 25-27 -- Thanksgiving Break