

Grant PTA ~ Agenda

Monday, October 11, 2021

Welcome -- Abbie

- *We are again in a holding pattern regarding fundraising, volunteering and activities/events.*
- Introductions?
- [Attending: Ron & Kirsten J., Ambyr S. Abbie D, Monica](#)

Treasurer's Report -- Aug 18 - Oct 11

- Current balance: \$ 9358.71
- [Report to follow from Lindsay](#)

Secretary's Report --

- Previous notes can be accessed online (current year) or by request (previous years items), [relevant forms and items will be hyperlinked](#).
- Meetings will be conducted online in Google Meet until further notice, notes emailed out within 48 hours. The following were agreed upon last month:
 - **Vote: Meeting time: 2nd Monday, 5:30pm**
 - **Dates (7 meetings): Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13, Jan (email?), Feb 14, March (spring break -- email?), Apr 11, May 9 (vote), June (email)**
 - [For now we are tied to Google Meet until the guidance changes. When we can be back in person, we will meet in the Library and we will also have the Google Meet still available for anyone that still prefers that. We want to be back in the building too. Thank you for being patient with us and in the meantime please email or call us with anything you would like us to consider if you cannot make the online meeting for any reason.](#)

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 thread](#) Can be sent to the school office via classroom teacher, in a sealed envelope please.
 - [We will do a membership blitz in October - November -- may combine with a pledge-style fundraiser \(discussion below\) -- sent to Theresa for printing, Abbie will get envelopes too.](#)
 - [Membership contest due Nov 19, Reward thanksgiving week](#)
 - [Pledges due by Nov 30, prizes Dec 4](#)
- Current membership: 15
 - Note: we need 25 members to stay current with the PTA organization. Tell your friends!

Yearly Calendar

- **Overdue:** leadership for this year. Abbie, Lindsay and Mindy are the current officers as of last year but we are due for a rotation of leadership (per our bylaws). Particularly with the president and treasurer roles as bylaws do specify that it is a 2 year term, beyond that only in extenuating circumstances. Abbie has already served this role for 3 years. Who can take on official leadership? (Abbie will still be here to help, of course, as needed, and is willing to do another role) **nominate and vote in October**
 - *sent out leadership duties/year at a glance*

- Any questions? Time commitment and team environment discussed. The leadership “roles” are for official reporting but we all help, we are pretty casual here and will continue to help each other out to keep Grant PTA going for our school.
- Nominations/**VOTE -- Approved**, Transition this month and final confirmation November
 - **President:** Abbie DeWitt
 - **Treasurer:** Ambyr Severson
 - **Secretary:** Kirsten Jaeger
- **Bylaws** update due by Dec 2021 (Every two years, submitted annually) -- attached for review, **vote October Approved: __yes__**
 - *Note: yellow highlights are proposed changes, orange highlights are matters of compliance we must address this fall, I'll change that color as we address them.*
- October conferences -- Starting this week? will be online, so we can provide snacks/drinks rather than a meal -- **yes snacks or grab-and-go gift bags by end of October**
- October -- Federal tax declaration (N990 e-postcard) (Abbie) **done**
- January -- Gambling reports and IA sales tax declaration (exempt) due
- Spring Conferences --
- April/May -- Leadership nominations
- May -- Year end celebrations, 5th grade graduation
- May/June -- Field day
- June -- leadership vote
- Fiscal Year End -- 6/30/2022

Budgeted Items *Submit requests via email or through Theresa/Office, or in PTA mailbox.*

- Budget/current status: **attached to email** Please remember these are estimates and may be subject to change as situations and needs change.
 - **Classroom Support:** \$100 per classroom/per school year, request by? **submit by Spring Break (unless otherwise notified). VOTE: approved**
 - **SPARC:** *not at this time*
 - **Library:** \$500 funds for buying new books. **To be submitted by 5/31. VOTE: approved**
- **anything over the amounts above, must be proposed in person at a meeting and/or to the PTA board.**
- **Request form** and **Google calendar** will be shared with staff. Contact Abbie with questions or if you need it again.

Grant PTA Family Fun Night

- These are currently on hold for health and safety concerns per district recommendations.
- **Anyone interested in helping to plan these when we are able to do them again?**
- **Take home or Family Ideas?**
 - **Take home family craft for Winter Break? Ambyr might have ideas on this.**
 - **Sledding at Jones hill (must have parent/guardian present) Jan/Feb when weather allows.**

Fall Fundraiser

- Red Wheel fall fundraiser on hold. We were originally scheduled to start selling 9/9, wrap 9/27 and have delivery 11/1. IF we get this rescheduled should the guidance change we will apprise everyone of dates.
- Do we want to do an alternative fundraiser? Ideas?
 - Pledge style with membership blitz for Oct/Nov? **Yes - to go home with the membership blitz**
 - Restaurant kick-back fundraisers -- suggestions? Nov, Dec, Jan?
 - A-thon fundraisers?

Winter/Spring Fundraiser *Dec agenda item, unless we determine to do something earlier*

- HyVee Coupon books? Sell Feb, March, April?
- 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 -- let's get the ball rolling on this
 - Kelly Bayuk (art) working on a design
 - Cotton Gallery again, contact Kurt

Approved purchases

- Possible need for supplies for the promethean boards? New ones next summer possibly.
- Sleds, rakes, shovels -- 12 each -- Abbie to watch for these (this month) -- *picked up 6 rakes and 6 sleds so far, \$103 (not turned in yet). Will keep watch for shovels.*
- Speaker system may need replaced in next year (we purchased this about 5 years ago but it is becoming outdated/incompatible with current tech.

Other Business

- We will be sponsoring a trunk for Grant at the District Trunk or Treat Oct 23rd at Kingston (1-4p)
 - We'll decorate and hand out goodies (Abbie), Staff to bring candy donations (1 bag each) by Oct 21. Thanks!
- Other opportunities to support Grant:
 - HyVee Cash4Schools (HV Receipts) -- Very close to top 10 this year. Over \$1200 raised for Grant. Keep those receipts coming!
 - Box Tops (scan your receipts in the app!)

Principal's Updates -- Monica

- Our district superintendent Noreen Bush was awarded Iowa Superintendent of the Year! In addition to being a great administrator and cheerleader for our district, she's also been dealing with Stage 4 cancer and still leading our district well. Congratulations!
- 1st grade earned a movie day in the cafeteria -- what a great success and very fun!
- Conferences over the next two weeks, teachers to contact families -- Google Meet is preferred, other arrangements as necessary.
- FAST testing is done.
- Oct 4 Professional Learning included shared reading programs, agreement on an urgency to keep moving forward and get to our learning goals by June.
- Positive office referral excitement! Kids have almost reached a full lap all the way around the building with their backpack positives -- reward to come when they hit the goal!
- America Reads day is Oct 22 -- can't do volunteer readers in the building but some video readers are already lined up and many fun reading activities planned!
- Portable is almost ready to be in full use! Everything is hooked up and waiting for final inspections. It is so nice. The old portable building was destroyed in the derecho and this will be a welcome addition to Grant. It will house music class (Mr Roundtree's room) and 5 Seasons Daycare/Learning.

Upcoming Dates

M Nov 8, 5:30p -- PTA Meeting -- Google Meet (*unless guidance changes*)

Nov 25-27 -- Thanksgiving Break, progress reporting

M Dec 13, 5:30p -- PTA Meeting -- Google Meet? (*unless guidance changes*)

Dec 23- Jan2 -- Winter break, progress reporting: No School