

Grace Abbott Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 3rd, 2015 6:30 PM

Call to order at 6:37pm by Jon Krier

Welcome/Introduction of Board Members and meeting Attendees

Board Members: Jon Krier, Co-President; Kristy Gotschall – Treasurer
7 parents; 1 teacher: Mrs. Dolezal & Dr. Chaussee in attendance

Review Meeting Minutes from January 6th Meeting; Motion to approve by Jessi Mann, Jon Krier second, no objections.

Review of Income Statement: Kristy reviewed the Income Statement.

Committees and Update

- Classroom Party Volunteer Coordinator (Carri Dyer): Planning for Valentine's Day parties going well. Parties will be held Wednesday, February 11th at 02:15.
- School Carnival (Mike Bruening / Carolyn Strohl): Carolyn plans on putting up posters at Parent Teacher Conferences for families to sign up to volunteer. The committee is planning on having jammin' jars: the idea is that each family can create their own jars. These will be raffled off at the Carnival. Students will be able to enter their raffle tickets during the week leading up to the Carnival as well as the night of the event. In addition, one large basket will be made for a silent auction. Carolyn wants to advertise the event via flyers, posters, and Facebook.
- Hospitality (Cathy DelSenno / Becky Eichmann)
- Educational Grant Program/Scholarships (Carri Dyer): The deadline was February 1st. According to Dr. Chaussee, 12-15 applications were received.
- Movie Nights (Erin Barry):
- Buzz Book (Laura Hensley)
- Social/Welcome Committee (Jessi Mann/Stephanie Wurdeman): The Pizza Pie Guy is lined up to handle the Snowflake Breakfast next year. This event is scheduled for the last week of January. Concern with the time crunch around the holidays moved back this event.
- Cash Rewards/Incentive Programs (Candice Casper): The programs have been very successful.
- Fun Nights (Cara Robbins / Jill Schumacher): Fun Nights are done for the year.
- Fifth Grade Farewell (Cara Robbins): Fifth Grade Farewell will now be held at Kiewit Middle School on May 13th.
- Original Art Works Fundraiser (Shannon Bennett): The projects have been started; they will be turned in next month.
- Yearbook (Suzie Hartman)
- Youth Frontiers (Julie Shaner): Youth Frontiers is not scheduling dates quite yet. We are shooting for a Thursday in October.
- Walk-A-Thon (Julie Shaner):

Principal Report

The murals are done; there are actually two of them. They are in the Science rooms. Dr. Chaussee mentioned possibly looking into a mural for the hall in the future.

There was an Administration meeting today. A district-wide fundraiser for technology improvements, lasting two months, will begin in April. The goal is to raise \$200,000. The Foundation will match up to that amount. Thus far, \$22,000 has been raised before the fundraiser has even begun. In the plan already approved by the Foundation, there are five iPads for every class room, one iPad per teacher, with no carts for each school. The goal of the fundraiser is to have additionally two carts of 30 iPads each. The district plans on putting together a presentation for this fundraiser with a picture of one student with an iPad from each school. We will have until May 15th to raise money. This is a one-time deal, not planned as an annual event.

The PTO needs to put on its agenda for the March Meeting how we want to get involved with the fundraiser. Do we want to get involved as an organization or as individuals?

Grace Abbott will be getting portable whiteboards.

Announcements

Thursday, February 5th – 4th Grade Program, 06:30 PM

Monday, February 9th, 04:10 PM – 08:10 PM, Tuesday February 10th, 04:10 PMP – 08:10 PM, Thursday February 12th, 08:10 AM – 12:10 PM – Parent Teacher Conferences/Book Fair

Wednesday, February 11th – Valentine's Day Parties, 02:15 PM – 03:00 PM

Thursday, February 12th, Friday February 13th, Monday February 16th – No School

Thursday February 19th, 05:00 PM – 07:00 PM – Runza Night

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM CT by Jon Krier.