

Grace Abbott PTO Meeting Minutes - Tuesday November 4, 2014

**Call to order at 6:37pm by Jason Johnson**

13 parents; 3 teachers: Sweetman, Perrone, Broesch; Dr. Chaussee  
Board Members: Jon Krier, Co-President; Jason Johnson, Co-President; Kristy Gotschall, Treasurer and Shelly Anzalone, Secretary  
Approval of minutes from last month's meeting.  
Review of Income Statement

**Committee updates**

**Walk-A-Thon:** Julie Shaner:

**Entry Way:** Julie Shaner: Need to get more orders for bricks; only got one order this year.

**Classroom parties:** Carri Dyer: Parties went well.

**Teacher Grants:** Carri Dyer: Being submitted and paid out.

**Movie Night:** Erin Barry: Next movie night November 14<sup>th</sup> – How The Grinch Stole Christmas. DVD player has been provided.

**School Carnival:** Carolyn Strohl: Needs folder; confirmed that Fun Services is booked.

**Buzz Book:** Laura Hensley: No update.

**Social/Welcome Committee:** Jessi Mann: Pancake Breakfast Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Cash Rewards/Incentive Programs:** Candice Casper: Email last month that Labels for Education can redeem points now for gift cards in \$25 increments; another option for cash. Next Box Tops contest will be November through end of holiday break. We are collecting Hy-Vee receipts; there is a collection box in the store at 156<sup>th</sup> & Maple.

**Fun Nights:** Cara Robbins. No update.

**Original Art Works:** Shannon Bennett. No update.

**Yearbook:** Suzie Hartman: Still taking yearbook orders; reminders went out at conferences and for 5<sup>th</sup> grade farewell tributes.

**Youth Frontiers:** Julie Shaner: No update; talk about scheduling for Fall 2015.

**Watch Dogs:** Addie Hollingsworth: No update.

**Girls on the Run:** Addie Hollingsworth: No update.

**Principal's Report:** Enrollment 418 students this year. This year we are writing our site plan; still welcome people to work on either site team or action committee. Last night Mrs. Hardage was employee of the month; her 10 letters were from students, parents and other teachers.

PTO approved a mural a year ago. Diane Sweetman and Dr. C gave a brief update on the science room mural (still working with artist on details).

**Announcements:**

- Still looking for a PTO President/Co-President for the 2015/2016 school year
- Next PTO Meeting is Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Upcoming school events:
  - o Movie Night Friday November 14<sup>th</sup> – How The Grinch Stole Christmas
  - o CAN FOOD DRIVE: Chili Feed Competition – Cookie, Cupcake, Bars competition for the kids on November 20<sup>th</sup>
- PTO is going to run something in the Gator Tales through the month of December letting parents know that we will be discussing how to spend the funds at the January PTO Meeting.
  - o We are waiting to hear from Dr. C about how we can spend the money. MPS may allow us to purchase technology for the school (unsure exactly what that entails).
  - o Other ideas and suggestions were discussed (electronic marquee for front of school, sod on the field)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM CT by Jason Johnson – PTO President and seconded by Suzie Hartman