## Grace Abbott Elementary PTO Meeting

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Board Members: Ashley Liston, President; Kristy Gotschall, Treasurer

**Teachers:** Mrs. Behrns, Mrs. Mahoney, Mrs. Classen

Welcome/Introduction of Board Members and meeting Attendees. Call to order at 6:34pm.

**Secretary Report**: Review November meeting minutes: Motion to appove from Jon Krier and seconded by Ashley Liston.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed 2015/16 Income Statement.

## **Committee Updates:**

- Buzz Book: Laura Hensley: It's done.
- Educational Grants Programs/Scholarships/MPSF Donation: Carri Dyer:
  - o Educational grants have been awarded for the year.
  - Scholarship application is due February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - MPSF fundraising is open.
- Cash Rewards/Incentive Program: Candice Casper: Box Tops contest goes through January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Yearbook: Suzie Hartman: Orders are still being taken. Lists of students who have ordered yearbooks will be given to teachers. 5<sup>th</sup> grade dedications are due this month. Still looking for photo submissions (instructions in the Gator Tales), especially of groups such as Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.
- Walk-A-Thon: Julie Shaner: Done.
- Social/Welcome Committee: Jessi Mann/Stephanie Wurdeman: Snowflake Breakfast is January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00-10:30. People are needed to help decorate on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-8:30. Volunteers are still needed and can sign up at mysign.up.com/snowflake2016. It is preferred that tickets be pre-ordered, as to better predict how many people will be served.
- Movie Night: Maureen Kitchen: Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45, <u>Inside Out</u> will be shown. Trying to decide on a date for a third movie night sometime this spring.
- Fun Nights: Cara Robbins: The 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade fun night is January 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Fifth Grade Farewell: Stephanie Pantano: Currently looking at May 19<sup>th</sup> as a date.
- Original Art Works Fundraiser: Shannon Bennett: No report.
- Classroom Party Volunteer Coordinator: Carri Dyer: Valentine's Day parties are February 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.
- School Carnival: Jason Johnson/Jon Krier: Meeting to follow.
- Hospitality: Cathy DelSenno/Becky Eichmann: No report.
- Front Entry Bricks: Erin Barry: No report.

**<u>Principal Report</u>**: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents will be receiving Terra Nova results soon. They did well.

**2015-2016 School Improvement Vote**: Attendees were asked to rank the following six ideas in order of importance. This ranking will be used as a guide to moving forward. We will do as much as our finances will allow. We will begin moving forward with the top picks, which will be announced at the February meeting. The options are as follows:

- Outdoor Circuit Training Equipment: Approximately \$3800 for equipment. No exact cost on installation but should be less than \$1000. Mr. Spooner was awarded a grant, part of which can be used for this project. The location of the equipment would need to be approved by the district.
- Tether Ball: Approximately \$850 for two sets. No exact cost on installation but should be less than \$500. Location would need to be approved by the district.
- Gaga Ball Pit: Approximately \$5000, including installation. This is like a hybrid of volleyball and dodgeball.
- Soccer Net and Clips: Approximately \$500. The clips are to prevent theft.
- Tree Planting: Cost depends on how many trees. These are in addition to those that were approved previously.
- Die Cut Machine: Approximately \$500 to replace roller and tray and update dies.

## **Announcements**:

- Carri Dyer and Addie Hollingsworth attended the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Meeting. They shared information about laptop rollout in the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades and AP testing in the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. There is a new MPS Foundation website. At this website, teachers, administrators, and volunteers can be nominated for scholarships.
- PTO needs a president, president-elect, treasurer, and secretary for the 2016-17 school year. No experience with PTO is necessary, as the organizing of events is handled by committee chairs.

Adjournment: 8:00ish.