

## **Grace Abbott Elementary PTO Meeting Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

**Board Members:** Cheri Shoup, President; Josh Kitchen, Treasurer; Jennifer Thorndyke, Secretary

*22 present*

**Welcome Introductions:** Board members and meeting attendees.

*Need names and emails for volunteers helping on committees.*

### **Review Minutes**

*Minutes Approved*

### **Principal's Report**

- *No Left turns on 156th.*
- *Major problem - completion date is November 2020*
- *Police Presence has increased after continued asking of Police, SRO from N. Millard.*
- *Barriers on 156th at the crosswalk.*
- *Changing the crosswalk in 2-3 weeks for paving new section of road. Proposed to have crosswalk in the middle of the road with a four way stop.*
- *Construction company providing workers?*
- *Ceiling mounted projectors! Teachers LOVE them!*
- *School paid for K rooms and PTO paid for 2-5th grade rooms (13 rooms) \$1500/room.*
- *Parent engagement survey - 2nd year in a row. Parents will get a survey, students grade 3-5 will get a survey. Gauge problems, way to say thank you.*
- *NIRA - if students fall below a certain threshold they are given this test. Plan made around this.*

### **Treasurer's Report**

- *Approve the new year's budget. Not much change. Last year: \$22,000 surplus last year spent for projectors.*
- *Classroom grants: \$4000 until Walk A Thon is completed.*
- *\$500 missing from hospitality - this year we have more staff. Will go back in!*
- *Taking signage money into the Social Committee*
- *Cash rewards - "significantly" drop. \$500 drop expected. Possible raffle to put the app on their phone.*
- *Buzz books; not a money maker but we do think it is essential to have. Printing should be about the same with new format.*

- *Carnival - numbers same.*
- *Fifth grade farewell - numbers same.*
- *Fun Nights*
- *Movie Nights - district still cover? Dr. C will look into this.*
- *Scholarships from Grace Abbott alumni - 2 \$1000 (only school that does 2)*
- *Walk A Thon - upped income and net*
- *Yearbooks - same*
- *Youth Frontiers - \$1000 scholarship - ensure we are still getting this.*
- *Bricks - \$50 each Gator Tales*
- *MPS Foundation donate 10% net*
- *Dancing Classrooms - director is resigning. Looking for a replacement. Split the cost.*
- *Babysitting \$35/night*
- *Crossing guard - \$22/day for Peggy \$1000/semester for Carl - proposed \$100 increase per semester or \$500 increase per semester **\$500 per semester passes***
- *Hardship fund - Funds for kids that may need help with various items.*
- *\$150 for Volunteer Gifts.*
- **Budget Approved**

#### **Committee Updates:**

- **Movie Nights (Maureen Kitchen)**

*October 4th (same day as walk a thon) advertise at walk a thon*

- **Youth Frontiers (Mandy Freestone, Ashley Liston)**

Date will be October 22, 2019 at St. Andrews. - lots of volunteers

- **Walk-A-Thon (Erika Rooney)**

Enough sponsors to cover t-shirts/ ordered/ in a couple weeks will be in / dinner flier goes home soon/ Heather Grey/ September 20th dinner / Blanket and Alligator pillow for top giving.

- **Fifth Grade Farewell (Kristi Gotschall)**

Thursday May 14th

- **Yearbook (Jackie Ryba)**

Volunteer to lead yearbook

- **Cash Rewards/Incentive Programs (Robin Mattes)**

Hyvee program just started Sept 1- December ; turn receipts into the front office

Email for receipts? Just for Hyvee - All Omaha and Papillion Hyvees.

TAGG - ongoing; just hit \$1000 / 61 people using

Over 1800 box tops received

\$40 online from online program - need to know that is how to use boxtops - Can double dip. Need to communicate the new change in Box Tops.

School FB page - giving opportunities.

Facebook group for the PTO?

- **Social/Welcome Committee (Molly Warren, Marcy Saniuk)** Flapjack guys are reserved for

the Snowflake Breakfast on January 18, 2020

- **Bricks (front entry)Erin Barry**

Info in Packet

- **Buzz Book(Laura Hensley)**

Needing people to help. Brand new system. Wanting to send out something this week. Could replace current website and use their site for PTO.

- **Fun nights (Marcy Saniuk)**

Sept 26 2 and 3 grade fun night

- **Original artwork (Debbie Smith)**

- **Classroom Party Volunteer Coordinator (Carri Dyer)**

- **Hospitality (Erin Barry and Stephanie Ludwig)**

- **Volunteer Recruitment and Recognition Committee(Jocelyn Nickerson)**

- **School Carnival**

April 24th

- **Educational Grant Program\Scholarships:(Elena Nato, Carri Dyer)**

Grant applications due in October

- **PTO Website (Josh Kitchen)**

Send Josh info as you would like to add.

## **Announcements**

## **New Business**

**Meeting adjourned @ 7:50pm**