

Granger Elementary PTO Meeting Wednesday, January 19th, 2022

The Granger Elementary PTO held their second meeting of the 2021-2022 school year on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 at 9:30am.

Those present were: Co-President Lisa Boucher, Co-President Sara Welch, Vice President Vanessa Villers, Secretary Sandy Noall, Principal Dr. LeAnn Gausman, PTO Teacher Liaison Jeremie Pesek

Others in attendance: Chad Aussie, Monica Corradi, Shannon Just, Mixon, Erin Gross

Co-President Sara Welch called the meeting to order at 9:30am. The first item of business per agenda was welcoming those in attendance and brief introductions.

Principal's Report:

Principal Dr. LeAnn Gausman began with her Principal's Report. She thanked PTO for the support they have provided so far this year and shared that all have settled into the new school building nicely. She shared that the teachers really like the new cricut machine that was purchased by the PTO. Jeremie Pesek has provided training to staff on use and the PTO will restock supplies when needed.

Dr. Gausman thanked all involved in the planning of Holiday Shop and Santa Breakfast and shared that both were well attended.

Regarding the upcoming Valentine's Day holiday, she reiterated that parent volunteers are not allowed in the school building during school hours due to COVID safety policy, but that Valentine related activities will take place in classrooms to make it a fun day for students. Valentine's Day will be celebrated at school on Friday, February 11th. Students may bring in small trinkets to pass out to classmates with Valentine cards, but edible treats are NOT permitted. She is hopeful for more normalcy regarding COVID restrictions by the end of the school year.

Old Business:

The Stoller Butter Braid Fundraiser exceeded expectations and earned \$3,213.80. Thanks to Sandy Noall for organizing and handling the pick-up as well. Sandy shared that Nancy Bauman with Stoller has already reached about a repeat sale next fall. The current 2022 sale dates are tentatively planned for October 12th-October 25th with delivery November 16th at 4PM.

The Scholastic Book Fair Event was virtual again this year due to Covid. Thank you to Nicole Wagner for years of running this event! Granger received \$1000 as scholastic credit (teachers use to buy books and a small portion will be used for Book Bingo). A new chairperson is needed for this event next year

Santa Shop returned for 2021. Thank you to Maggie Miller for all her years of shopping and planning to make this event special for the students. The event was run during school hours this year by substitute teachers since parent volunteers could not assist. PTO is hopeful that volunteers can be brought back to help shoppers and wrap gifts next year. Thank you to Sandy Noall and Sara Welch for last minute speed shopping to restock the shop for the final day of fifth grade shoppers. Lindsay Limperos is willing to co-chair the event for next year. PTO is looking for someone else to serve as co-chair with Lindsay. The break event event ended up earning about \$900 after shopping expenses were reimbursed for the PTO.

Santa Breakfast was a huge success! The new building accommodated the event well and families enjoyed participating. One teacher reported "I finally feel like it's the old Granger again!" Thank you to Amy Grimm, Shannon Just, Erin Gross and Monica Corradi. Marie Baker will book Santa for the 2022 event and Amy and Shannon are willing to chair the event for 2022.

Lisa Boucher and Erica Fink are making plans to create a 2021-2022 Granger Directory.

The need was discussed to add a crime bond to PTO insurance as Sharon Elementary and HMS PTOs both have, to cover loss of money or other assets. Lisa Boucher reached out to the agent who insures Sharon/HMS and he reported annual premiums around \$326-\$344/yr. Dr. Gausman confirmed that liability coverage for the PTO is not needed as we are covered under the school district insurance policy. This item will be added to the 2022-2023 budget.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Vanessa Villers provided all Board members a copy of the income and expense report showing the organization's current financial situation. Since the meeting was virtual, Vanessa, openly discussed each item for those who could not be provided a paper copy. The financial report is attached to the meeting minutes.

Teacher's Report:

PTO Teacher Liaison Jeremy Pesek, thanked the PTO on behalf of the staff for the Keurig machines purchased for each pod/staff room, for the cricut machine and for the conference dinners. Co-President Sara Welch stated that PTO has budgeted and will reimburse the school for further cricut supplies as needed. Regarding the Keurig machines PTO will continue to purchase coffee pods throughout the current school year and hopes to find a way for classes to donate kcups for teachers starting next year.

New Business:

Shannon Just is willing to serve as Vice President of the Granger PTO for the 2022-2023 school year. Current Vice President Melissa Wood moved to approve Shannon Just to fill the role of Vice President for the Granger PTO for the 2022-2023 school year. Co-President Lisa Boucher seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed. Thank you to Melissa for her time as a Granger PTO Board Member over the past few years.

Sara Welch has contacted COSI for information about the virtual options they are expected to release early this year and is awaiting more information. Vanessa Villers has agreed to chair this event. Virtual programs would need to be able to be streamed into each classroom due to covid restrictions.

Standing Committee Report:

Beach Day for 2022 is cancelled since it requires a lot of volunteers in the building. This event will need someone to chair it for the 2022-2023 school year.

Lisa Boucher reported that Book Bingo (chaired by Sarah Jackson) will take place February 25, 2022 from 6:30-8pm. A flyer will go out to students soon regarding the event with a request for book donations.

The Granger PTO will partner with Hornets Nest again this year for an online Highland Spirit Wear sale (chaired by Sandy Noall) February 14th-March 4th. Families will receive an order link via a Granger eblast. All orders will be in before Spring Break. Dr. Gausman approved sending

orders home with students or holding in the office for parent pick up instead of having an after school pick up like we did in 2021. Last year's sale earned the PTO around \$400. Hornets Nest gives a small percent of sales (under 10%) back.

The Father-Daughter Dance (Chair-Stephanie Manning) will be held on March 18th in the evening. Flyers will be sent home with students soon.

Mishalene Wasmer has agreed to chair the Art Show for 2022, but PTO is not sure what it will look like this year due to Covid and a new art teacher. Ms. Jirous is aware that the PTO is here to help. Dr. Gausman encouraged everyone to connect to the new Artsonia website Ms. Jirous is using to showcase student art.

A plan for Mother-Son Night is in the works. Chair Kim DeSimone and Lisa Boucher are looking into attending a Rubber Ducks game in the spring.

PTO plans to provide meals again for Spring Conferences on March 10th for teachers and staff. (Chair-Monica Rizzo)

The following events are still in need of a chairperson:

- Talent Show to be held later in the school year and on the stage at Granger (Lisa Boucher and Sandy Noall have stepped in to Co-Chair this event)
- End of the Year Carnival (takes place on the last day of school) if it is permitted to take place since it requires a lot of volunteers

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22am.

****Next PTO zoom meeting March 16th, 2022 at 9:30am****

Co-President Lisa Boucher

Co-President Sara Welch

Recorder Sandy Noall

Granger Elementary PTO Income & Expenses

September 2021- January 2022

Income:

- First Day School Supplies \$580
- River Valley Paper Company \$11.92
- Amazon Smiles \$40.23
- Stoller/Butterbraids Fundraiser \$3,213.80
- Santa Shop \$11,414
- Santa Breakfast \$2,540
- Box Tops \$64
- Total Income: \$17,863.95

Expenses:

- Teacher Keurigs and Kcups \$568.24
- Highland Foundation Dinner donation \$200
- Check Supply Purchase \$31.12
- Ohio Attorney General Annual Fee \$50
- Quick Books Online \$75
- Teacher Conference Dinners \$479.24
- 20 DVD players, 2 Blu Ray players, cords \$957.56
- Veterans Day Flag Poles \$730.35
- Veterans Day Banner \$717.25
- Reading Prizes \$244.91
- Tissues & Bags \$1,063.41
- Santa Shop \$10,514.02
- Santa Breakfast \$2,829.10
- Cricut & Annual Membership \$539.87
- Total Expenses: \$19,000.07

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Earnings/Loss:

We came pretty close to breakeven for the semester, but ended up paying out \$1,136.12.

We also stayed close to our budget.

**Granger Elementary PTO Bank Account Balance for First Semester
September 2021- beginning January 2022**

Beginning Bank Account Balance: \$30,231.14

Ending/Current Account Balance: \$29,734.89

(still outstanding \$100 Feeding Medina County check and Cricut check \$539.87 would make it \$29,095.02)

(will probably need to take another \$30 off Santa Breakfast income at the end of January for 2-\$15 chargeback fees)