

Granger Elementary PTO 03/15/23

Meeting Minutes

The Granger Elementary PTO held their sixth meeting of the 2022-2023 school year in person on Wednesday, March 15, at 9:15 am in an extra classroom.

ATTENDEES

President Sara Welch, Treasurer Vanessa Villers, Secretary Amy Block, Principal Dr. Leann Gausman, Beena Persaud, Danielle Mixon, Julia Roman, Maddison Amerio, Stefanie Bitto, Beth Papadelis, Denise Stalnaker, Lia Long. Vice president Shannon Just was present via Zoom.

President Sara Welch called the meeting to order @ 9:15 and the first order of business was to welcome those in attendance and to thank the volunteers and parents who make our school events possible. She also reminded everyone that there is no meeting in April.

Principal's Report

Principal Dr. Leann Gausman started her report by thanking the PTO, committees, and volunteers for the Granger Father Daughter Dance. There were 350 in attendance and everyone had a wonderful time. Everyone enjoyed the DJ and raffle baskets. Stephanie Manning did a fantastic job organizing and will continue to chair the event for 2024 which is scheduled for March 8 of next year.

The Talent Show was held on February 24th at the High School and Co Chairs Sandy Noall and Loretta Vojtko did an amazing job making sure we all enjoyed a well run program. The Chair is open for next year if anyone would like to volunteer and Dr. Gausman is currently working with the High School to schedule a date for next year. We are planning for February 2024.

Next on her list was an update for the Spirit Wear Sale being run by Sandy Noall and Danielle Mixon. They are hoping to get the merchandise delivered before Spring Break and a percentage of the sales will be given back to the school.

So many fun events are coming up for the Spring and parents are encouraged to attend the Granger Challenge on May 12 and The Fifth Grade Finale on May 24.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Vanessa Villers advised the PTO purchased a Granger Tent from Ackmera to use for outdoor events for \$550.00. We also issued payments to the following: Esther Prediy for \$268 for reimbursement for the teacher PTO meals, \$180 for two teams in Science Olympiad, and reimbursements to the Talent Show committee for decorations and meals for the High School stage crew totaling \$225. Vanessa went on to state that Talent Show payments are still coming through as the PTO spent \$300 on programs with an ad revenue of \$620 and \$975 was spent on DVDs but we will break even with sales. Book Bingo came in under \$75 spent, and Beach Day totaled \$619. A reimbursement check was issued for Santa Shop purchases for \$227. The Father Daughter dance is still being calculated as we had ticket sales and raffle basket purchases by the attendees. The PTO did spend \$300 for the DJ and \$200 for a photo booth. The PTO balance is currently \$32, 778.09.

Standing Committee Reports

Granger will hold 3 Mad Science Assemblies on March 31 and the event is being run by Vanessa Villers and Stefanie Bitto. All grades will get a chance to attend and the event will take place in the gym. Mad Science will provide all the manpower so volunteers are not needed. They plan to also have 10-15 students participate in hands-on activities per show. The school has paid for this event and will be reimbursed by the PTO.

The Art Show Open House will take place on April 20. Stefanie Bitto and Lia Long are co chairing the event and look to have the open house run from 5-7pm mainly in the cafeteria and Art Room. Volunteers are needed to help with set up and a sign up genius will be going out.

Staff Appreciation Week will take place May 1-May 5 and will be headed up by Beth Papadelis and Maddison Amerio. They are currently planning the event and a request has been made to host the luncheon event on any day but Friday, so all staff can attend.

Mother's Day Plant Sale will take place on May 11-May 12. Lia Long and Melissa Wood are in charge of the event and planning has started for this as well. PTO members were encouraged to save plastic containers and small boxes for easy plant transportation. Prices will stay @ 3 plants for \$1. Any child without money will still receive one plant. PTO members were reminded that when purchasing items for the school, always start at customer service for tax exempt purchases.

Next up was the Granger Challenge. Lacie Moore is chairing the event which will be held at the Middle School this year on May 12. Dare Role Models will be there to help and Jane Back will be bringing a sound system to use. The \$ turn in dates are 4/21, 4/28, and 5/5. There will be a prize given to the students on each date. Themes and ideas are still being discussed.

The Fifth Grade Finale is taking place this year on May 24 and Sandy Noall and Kate Phipps are co chairing. The event will run from 11:40-1:40 pm and will include the Kona Ice Truck along with an inflatable house provided by 3 of our 5th grade girls; Brecklyn McDaniel and Ella and Mya Thomas, who received the credit as a prize for winning a GellyBall tournament! A meeting is being held March 20 to start planning the fun day. The Fifth Grade Clap Out is at 2pm.

The last event for the year will be The Granger Carnival being held on May 26. Vanessa Villers and Beena Persaud Flood are co chairing and a sign up genius will be going out as lots more volunteers are needed. Face painting, dodgeball, and a photobooth are currently being discussed.

Open Business

President Sara Welch brought up the landscaping around the Granger Elementary sign. Ideas were welcomed by suggesting any persons or groups who would be willing to pull weed, mulch, or update landscaping around the base. She will look into Boy Scouts or any groups needing service hours.

Lastly, The Rubber Ducks Baseball Organization reached out to us asking if we would like to host a Granger Family Baseball night over the summer. Tickets would be \$12 a person and tickets would be ordered beforehand. There will be a designated section for Granger and the event will probably be held in July.

Adjourn Meeting

President Sara Welch called for the treasurer to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Vanessa Villers with a second by Beena Persaud. The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.

Next meeting 05/17/23 @ 9:15 am

President Sara Welch

Recorder Amy Block

