

***Granger Elementary PTO  
Meeting Minutes  
August 31, 2016***

President, Marie Baker, called the meeting to order at 9:15.

**Principal's Report – LeAnn Gausman**

Principal Gausman reported that the school year has opened with a great start. Total enrollment is 442 students in pre-school through 5th grade and Granger Elementary has welcomed 29 new families and 17 new preschool families.

She reported that Granger has the following new staff members:

Nicole Beavers, Intervention Specialist  
Kayla Coffman, Intervention Specialist  
Rosanna Darby, Long term Intervention Specialist  
Julianne Finley, Kindergarten Teacher  
Linda Ginesi, Speech and Language Pathologist  
Peggy Hackett, Special Education Aide  
Debbie Mazur, School Psychologist  
Lana McHolland, Special Education Aide  
Kelly Milliron, Preschool Aide  
Nancy Richar, Special Education Aide  
Margaret Ward, Special Education Aide

Principal Gausman introduced a new program, which will be used at Granger this year, the Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) program. It involves the use of common language across all classrooms: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready to Lead. The focus of the program is to proactively teach, model, and reward positive student behavior in all school settings.

Principal Gausman informed the PTO that the I=Ready Assessments in Reading and Math Diagnostics will begin in September 2016. They will be given three times a year and parent reports will follow.

Principal Gausman encouraged the PTO to utilize all forms of communication to receive information, including eNewsletter, eblasts, and Twitter @GrangerHLS.

In addition, Principal Gausman reminded the PTO that the First Home Football Game is scheduled for 9/2/16 (Youth Night). She reminded parents that elementary school children must remain with parents for the duration of the games.

Principal Gausman encouraged the PTO members whom volunteer at Granger to familiarize themselves with the Volunteer Guidelines (available as a handout at the PTO meeting and online). She also reminded us of important upcoming events:

### Important Dates/Events

- \* 9/1: 5th Grade to HHS for Instrumental Demonstration
- \* 9/2: Home Football Game Youth Night
- \* 9/2: Summer Reading Celebration
- \* 9/8: 5th Grade Instrumental Try-Outs
- \* 9/8: Student Safety Lessons (K, 3, 4)
- \* 9/9: Home Football Game: Pig Roast
- \* 9/12: 5th Grade Instrumental Parent Mtg. @ 7:00 at HHS
- \* 9/16: Interims
- \* 9/23: Home Football Game
- \* 9/28: PTO Meeting 9:00 Social 9:15 Meeting

President: Marie Baker  
VP Events Coordinator: Jennifer Soska  
VP In- School Coordinator: Laura Sender  
Secretary: Kim Oney  
Treasurer: Tara Ringgenberg

Principal's Report: Mrs. Gausman  
Teacher Rep: Jeremy Pesek

### Standing Committee Reports:

#### **President – Marie Baker**

Ms. Baker thanked members for attending today's meeting. She asked attending PTO members to encourage other Granger parents to attend the monthly PTO meetings. She also informed the PTO that her position would be open for the 2017-2018 school year.

#### **Events Coordinator – Jennifer Soska**

Ms. Baker reported for Ms. Soska who was absent at today's meeting. She encouraged PTO members to complete the Volunteer Sheet that went home with Granger students. These forms will be forwarded to event chairs that will be in contact with their volunteers.

She asked PTO members to review the open positions for events throughout this academic year and consider volunteering.

Ms. Baker discussed the need for assistance with the Granger gardens. Tammie Whitaker will have her Girl Scout troop plant flowers on 9/10/16 and spread mulch on 9/13/16. If anyone can volunteer to help spread mulch, please arrive at Granger at 9:45am with any available tools to assist.

Ms. Baker informed the PTO that the Fall Book Fairs will begin with Scholastic on October 31, 2016. Books will be available for viewing at the student conferences on 11/1/16 and 11/3/16.

Lastly, Ms. Baker reported that Market Day Pies will be sold before Thanksgiving. Lori Wallace will head up the pie sales.

**In-School Coordinator – Laura Sender**

Ms. Sender thanked all volunteers.

**Secretary – Kim Oney**

Minutes will be posted on the website for review.

**Treasurer: Tara Ringgenberg**

Ms. Ringgenberg stated that the report is available and that the PTO balance as of July 31, 2016 was \$19,329.73.

**Rebates – Tina Davis, Chairperson:**

Ms. Davis asked that the PTO be informed that they can continue to send in labels throughout the year. Please keep Box Tops, Labels for Education, Acme receipts, etc. separated when you turn them in.

**Community Outreach – Amy Lyons**

Ms. Lyons reported that she and a group of volunteers remain ready to assist Granger families in the event of a family illness, death, emergency, etc. Sadly we have had 2 families already in need of support this year. If members know of a family in need of help, please inform the PTO board or Amy Lyons.

**Hospitality Coordinator – Ester Pridy**

This committee helps plan/organize events for Veterans Day and teacher conferences. This committee will need donations throughout the year.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

**Next meeting is Wednesday, September 28th 9:00 a.m. social,  
9:15 a.m. meeting**