

Granger Elementary PTO 05/17/23

Meeting Minutes

The Granger Elementary PTO held their seventh and final meeting of the 2022-2023 school year in person on Wednesday, May 17, at 9:15 am in the cafeteria.

ATTENDEES

President Sara Welch, Vice President Shannon Just, Treasurer Vanessa Villers, Secretary Amy Block, Principal Dr. Leann Gausman, Beena Persaud, Danielle Mixon, Julia Roman, Stefanie Bitto, Denise Stalnaker, Lia Long, Amy Grimm, Jeremie Peseck, and Elaina Kenyon. Vice President Shannon Just called the meeting to order @ 9:15 and the first order of business was to welcome those in attendance.

Principal's Report

Principal Dr. Leann Gausman started her report by congratulating the Science Olympiad Team on their trophy and medal. They were led these year by Mrs. Green. Dr. Gausman advised the Granger calendar for 2023-2024 school year is being populated right now and should be done soon. She thanked all the parents in attendance and the committee members, as well as the PTO for all of their hard word to make the school year so successful. The school carnival, 5th grade clapout, and field days are being held the last week of school and all parents are welcome to attend.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Vanessa Villers presented those in attendance with the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year. The revenue for next year looks to be

\$53,450.04 with expenditures being \$58, 125.12. Although that is a \$-4,675.08 deficit, we actually look to make roughly \$2000.00. The Santa Shop is still in the process of setting up the new payment (reimbursement) system, and all should be balanced out within the next year. Everyone in attendance voted on the new budget and all approved. We are still waiting for the paypal payments to come in for the Walkathon but we made roughly \$13,900 in donations. The Plant Sale made \$500 while \$700 was spent on flowers and pots. The PTO balance is currently \$38,000.

Old Business

Granger held 3 Mad Science Assemblies on March 31 and the event was run by Vanessa Villers and Stefanie Bitto. The students and teachers enjoyed the event and everything ran smoothly. The PTO is still looking to host another company next year and will continue to monitor COSI making a return.

The Art Show Open House took place on April 20 to great success. Stefanie Bitto and Lia Long co chaired the event and look to have the same process for next year. Everyone enjoyed the gallery set up and a big thanks to Art teacher Cassandra Jirous for her creativity and hard work. It was a big undertaking and the PTO is looking for volunteers for next year to help Miss Jirous with Artsonia (scanning work and attaching.)

Staff Appreciation Week took place May 1-May 5 and was headed up by Beth Papadelis, Danielle Mixon, and Maddison Amerio. The teachers were wowed by a week of lunches, breakfasts, treats, and a decorated extra classroom making them feel as though they were movie stars walking the red carpet. They were so appreciative and it was a wonderful week.

Mother's Day Plant Sale took place on May 11 and May 13. Lia Long chaired the event and everything went smoothly! We had great weather and next year we are looking to get the 5th grade flower pot project started earlier so the pots have more time to dry.

The Granger Challenge was on May 11 and Lacie Moore chaired the event which was held back at the Middle School this year. The event was moved up a day due

to weather concerns and it turned out to be a beautiful day! Julie Spaite's 3rd grade class won the pizza party donated by Master's Pizza for the most donations. We plan to host the event at the Middle School again for next year.

Open Business

President Sara Welch broached the landscaping subject again and ideas were suggested. Dr. Gausman advised there is money in the school budget for supplies (mulch, flowers) but the labor is left to the maintenance crew. We plan to designate a day closer to the start of the new school year and send out a sign up genius for families to come and volunteer to work on the landscaping. We hope to get it done quickly and have a fun community day in the sun making our school beautiful.

Sara also brought up Bus Driver Appreciation Day. The 3 elementary schools each donated \$100 and purchased a breakfast buffet for the drivers that was set up in the bus garage for their convenience on May 1. They were overwhelmed with gratitude and we plan to make this an annual event.

Standing Committee Reports

The 5th Grade Finale is planned for May 24 and is co chaired by Sandy Noall and Kate Phipps. There will be Kona Ice (available for the entire school at different times throughout the day), snacks, a spray down from the Granger Fire Department, games, DJ, and an inflatable obstacle course (free thanks to Mya and Ella Thomas and Brecklynn McDaniel.) The event will run from 11:40 am -2pm, with the clap out following directly after.

The Granger Carnival is set to happen on May 26, the last day of school for all students. The event is co chaired by Vanessa Villers and Beena Persaud Flood. A sign up genius went out and there is still a need for volunteers. There will be games, popsicles, and face painting.

Lastly, School Supply Kits are for sale right now and the deadline to order is July 1. A reminder will be sent out over the summer.

New Business

Granger Elementary Night out at Canal Park will be held July 21 at 7:05 pm. There will be fireworks following the Akron Ducks game and there is a link to purchase tickets on our Facebook page as well as the Granger Family May Bulletin.

The PTO will be purchasing school wide t-shirts for the students in the 2023-2024 school year. We are purchasing the shirts from The Hornet's Nest and we need corporate funding to offset the purchase price. The form and incentives are still being set up by Shannon Just. We are looking to have 3 tier levels and to put the company name and or logo on the shirts based on donation amounts. We will send emails out in August to gather any interest in sponsorship and plan to have it wrapped up by September so the shirts can have time to be printed and disbursed by Thanksgiving.

Adjourn Meeting

President Sara Welch called for the Vice President to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Shannon Just with a second by Lia Long. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Next meeting 09/20/23 @ 9:15 am

President Sara Welch

Recorder Amy Block