

# Granger Elementary PTO 09/20/23

## Meeting Minutes

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The Granger Elementary PTO held their first meeting of the 2023-2024 school year in person on Wednesday, September 20, 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, Jeremie Peseck, Elaina Kenyon, Erin Gross, Monica Corradi, Katherine Becker, Meredith Aossey, and Jessica Yehnert. President Sara Welch 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 welcoming everyone back, announcing we have an enrollment of 504 students this school year, and giving a staff update listing our new employees:

Yvonne Hess Office Aide, Hannah Jablonowski Special Education Aide, Bridget Mancini School Nurse, Rachel Ritz Preschool substitute for Jenny Miller who is on Maternity leave, Brenda Prezenkowski Playground Aide, and Tristan Endo Custodial.

Dr. Gausman gave a big thank you to the PTO for providing the staff with K cups for their coffee machines and snacks for the students who might come to school hungry which will be kept in the office if needed. The PTO also provided open house balloons that brightened up the school entrance welcoming everyone back for the new year. Gourmet Candy apples were given to our bus drivers on the first day of school, courtesy of the PTO.

A big thank you to Paul and Katherine Becker for providing Chick- Fil- A for the staff lunch at their year opening meeting.

Dr. Gausman closed her report by reminding everyone our first school wide party will be for Halloween. Parents are welcome to attend our costume parade at 10am on October 27th. The students will walk to the outside parameter of the building and guests may line up to watch as they walk by. Sign ups for party volunteers will go out at a later date.

## **Old Business**

President Welch began her report by thanking Sandy Noall and Kate Phipps for a great job on the 5th Grade Finale and to Vanessa Villers and Beena Persaud for their work on the Granger Carnival. Master Pizza night was held on Wednesday September 13th, and appreciation was given to Monica Corradi for the \$268 that was raised.

Vice President Shannon Just addressed the school wide t-shirts for the 2023-2024 school year. The shirt will be free to students and there are currently 7 corporate sponsors signed up to donate. We are still a few short and are looking for more volunteers. A link for parents and preschool students who would like to purchase the shirt will be sent next week. T-shirts will be available sometime in November.

Thank you to President Sara Welch for another successful School Supply Kit fundraiser. 120 kits were sold and the PTO will receive a check for \$600.

Next, Granger Night at Canal Park was discussed and it was decided to proceed with this event summer of 2024.

The Landscaping at Granger was addressed and the clover has been treated. Mr. Mike and Mr. Ken kindly did mulch and weeding over the summer and the school exterior looks terrific.

Old Business was wrapped up with the announcement of PTO purchasing donuts and coffee twice a year for the bus driver's monthly meetings. They were purchased for the September meeting and will be again for the last meeting of the year. As always, a big thank you was given to our drivers who get our students safely to and from school.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Vanessa Villers advised we have made a few purchases already this school year for the teacher KCups, snacks, open house balloons, gourmet apples, and the Bus Driver's monthly meeting refreshments. A big thank you to the balloon company, Make a Scene for their awesome craftsmanship and customer service. The current account balance is \$35, 218.30.

## **New Business**

President Sara Welch began new business by asking everyone to like and follow the PTO Facebook page. All info for school events will be posted there throughout the year. There is still a need for a chairperson to run the Mother and Son event and any interested parties should reach out to Sara.

November 10th, Granger will hold their annual Veteran's Day assembly in the morning. All school related veterans will be invited to hear the students perform songs and coffee and donuts will be provided. Also, our veterans will all take home a goody bag as a thank you for their service.

On January 5th our second annual Cavs game with Sharon and Hinckley will take place in downtown Cleveland. All info will be posted on Facebook and parents are asked to include the student's name and school when buying tickets. Names will be picked at random to come onto the court sometime during the night!

Lastly, there is a need for someone to organize Granger Movie Night at Hickory Ridge Cinema. The company has advised they will reserve 2 theaters and the

choice of movie will be up to Granger. All ticket sales will go through the PTO and a check will be given to Hickory Creek.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

Vice president Shannon Just is currently working on compiling the Granger Family directory for the 20223-2024 school year. Participation is voluntary and an e-blast went out on September 12th with a link to a google form. A paper reminder will be going out as well in the near future. A release date of October is hopeful at this time.

Running Club is thriving at recess! Sara Welch advised she has lots of participants and the club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays on the playground. The last day is October 12th and everyone who participates will get a certificate showing how many miles they completed.

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Granger October 3rd-6th. Co-chairs Amy Block and Danielle Mixon are working hard to ensure the week goes smoothly. The fair will be open during school hours for the students and in the evening for parents to shop during conferences. Danielle and Amy will also be co-chairing the Staff Appreciation week next Spring.

During Parent Teacher conferences this fall and spring, Esther Prediy will be cooking all meals for the staff. She is working with Katherine Becker for all 4 conference dates.

The Stoller Butter Braid fundraiser will take place again this year from October 11th-October 25th. Erin Prick will chair this event and all sales will be online. The pickup date is November 15th from 4:30-6:30 pm and Erin will need a few volunteers to sort and help distribute. All items are perishable and will need to be picked up that evening.

## 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 Stefanie Bitto. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

**Next meeting 10/18/23 @ 9:15 am**

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President Sara Welch

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Recorder Amy Block