

PTO/FOG Agenda Committee Reports 10.19.16

PTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PTO President -

PTO/FOG Open Positions: Lost and Found Chair ■ Talent Show/Open Mic Night Coordinator ■ Apex Fun Run Co-Chair ■ Celebrate Groveland Co-Chair ■ Grant Writing Chair. To volunteer please contact: groveland.pto.pres@gmail.com

PTO/FOG is now using the top shelves of the metal cabinet in left storage closet of the cafeteria for storage. The items in this cabinet are for PTO/FOG efforts. If you need to use any of these items please request permission from PTO/FOG before hand. If, by chance, you borrowed a plastic water pitcher with an orange ring around the top from this cabinet please return it as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

PTO VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Classroom Village Coordinator (CVC) - Several classroom still need CVCs:

Ms. Fox 1st Grade ■ Ms. Johnston 1st Grade ■ Ms. Martin 3rd Grade ■ Mr. Lish 4th Grade ■ Mr. Gunsten 4th Grade ■ Mr. Gunsten 5th Grade ■ Mr. Nelson 5th Grade ■ Mr. Samsb 5th Grade. To volunteer email: groveland.pto.cv@gmail.com

4th Grade CVC Wade Tobias is interested in starting a Bike Club. If interested contact wadetob@icloud.com

Equity & Inclusion Group - Last year the Families of African Descent Group identified a few key priority areas: positive and accurate curriculum that promotes racial and cultural parity at Groveland, EDL for K-2, and a strong volunteer reading program. The group appreciates the support of the PTO/FOG in responding to some of these areas through sponsoring a great visiting author and a wonderful NAAPID(National African American Parent Involvement Day) celebration as well as other support.

The goal of the PTO Equity and Inclusion Committee is to build upon the work of the Families of African Descent Group to maintain a focus within the PTO/FOG to further identify and promote proven strategies for educational equity and excellence at Groveland.

The group will continue to engage membership of the Families of African Descent Group and welcomes new members as well. Please email us if you are interested in joining this conversation and effort. Chairs: Sarah Atunah-Jay satunahjay@gmail.com and/or Daniel Atunah-Jay atunahjay@gmail.com

Facebook - In order to create community, foster support and celebrate achievement- please take photos and videos of classroom field trips, projects (student work). Because we don't have media releases- it is better to have photos that are of students who are unidentifiable- from behind or far away. The exception to this is that if the photo is only of your student, and you give us permission to post. Student work is a great thing to share- posters, diagrams, and work that students collaborated on is fantastic. Forward to leah.bourg@gmail.com or Maureen McGinn.

Garden Committee Chair - Thank you to the students from Laura Jeffrey Academy for the donation of the Little Free Library they built as part of the Girl Scouts' Rosie's Girls Camp and to the folks from Groveland Park and Facilities for installing the library in front of our school. Students are already making use of the **entire** supply of books that had been collected! We hope the Groveland community will continue to read and return the books! If you have children's books to contribute, donations may be placed directly in the Little Free Library or in a collection box inside the school, which will be located just inside the entrance to the school library. Thank you!

No Cuts to Kids District Group - Parent Representative - NCTK is a cross-district parent/community group that had formed last spring to protest the proposed cuts in specialists and electives in our St. Paul schools. We are still active, with our main goals being: high-quality, effective curricula and programming for all our students, including our SpEd, ELL, and GT/accelerated populations, equal access to enriching electives, fiscal responsibility and transparency at the district level, and positive school climates, in which our children are valued and safe.

We are currently working on district budget information as well as researching for the November elections in the MN state legislature and the open School Board position. We also plan to do more outreach and connect with other SPPS schools, parents, and families.

PTO Family Directory - Our directory currently has about ½ of all Groveland Families entered. Many families still need to confirm their data. We will continue collecting data and confirming families until November 1st. If you aren't in the directory, see Jessica and you can sign up tonight! Or sign up at: join.myschoolanywhere.com and enter code: groveland

Talent Show/Open Mic Night Chair -

Please consider reviving the all-school Talent Show tradition. In search of a parent lead/committee to make this happen this year! Funds available from Friends of Groveland. Contact Christine Melchert if interested cmelchert@gmail.com.

FRIENDS OF GROVELAND (FOG) - FUNDRAISING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Friends of Groveland (FOG) Chair -

Thank you to those who have donated to our Fall Direct Drive. We have collected \$2500 so far towards our target of \$10,000. Please help us reach our goal! Our direct drive allows us to avoid having our children sell wrapping paper, frozen foods or coupon books. 100% of your donation directly supports all students and teachers at Groveland. Letters, forms and envelopes were sent home in students' backpacks. Remember to share with family members. Extra forms are available in the front office. You can also give online at <https://givemn.org/organization/Friends-Of-Groveland-Park-School>
Thanks you for your generosity!

FOG VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Apex Fun Run - *Date change*** The fun run dates have been changed to February 27 - March 10, 2017.**

Book Fair Chair - THANK YOU to all the families that shopped and the parent volunteers that helped make this fall's book fair run smoothly. Sales totaled \$100 more than last fall earning \$1300 for new books in the library. ****IMPORTANT!****We need a new chairperson (up to 2) to train this spring and lead the book fair efforts next year. Interested? Contact Emily at emily.ml.daniel@gmail.com or Sabrina at stpaulskigrl@gmail.com

Celebrate Groveland Chair - Celebrate Groveland is November 12th at Macalester College's Art Commons. Please add it to your calendar and plan to attend. Celebrate Groveland is an adult only night out, silent and live auction items available as well as first opportunities to sign up for the very fun Groveland Gatherings hosted throughout the year.

We are in need of parent volunteers. Please contact Justi Leroe if you're interested at justileroe@gmail.com

Think about planning a gathering on your own for adults or children. Who do you know? Please consider reaching out to them to donate items for the silent auction or live auction. Do you own a small business? Work for a large corporation? Please consider being a sponsor of Celebrate Groveland. **A huge thank you to those families and companies that have already committed to sponsorship (Brad and Jessica Pihlstrom-Edina Realty, Michael Arquin and family, Tricia & Ian Wiitanen-Refined Homes, Megan O'Leary & Josh Johnson, Josh Johnson Attorney at Law.**

Celebrate Groveland Co-Chair - This role needs to be filled!!

