

PTO Meeting Agenda: February 21, 2019

Groveland PTO Meeting Norms:

- ❖ Start and end on time.
- ❖ Foster an environment of respect and listening.
- ❖ Offer your opinion and welcome challenging viewpoints while assuming positive intent.
- ❖ Expect and accept non-closure.

1. Welcome and Ice breaker activity (6:00-6:05)

Thank you for coming! Please share your name and ages of children, as well as one topic you're interested in discussing.

2. Vote to Approve January Meeting Minutes and Today's Meeting Agenda (6:05-6:10)

November meeting minutes are available at:

<https://www.spps.org/Page/35621>

3. SPPS Chief Operations Officer Jackie Turner and Facilities Director Tom Parent (6:10-6:45)

Discussion of capital improvement needs at Groveland and SPPS Facilities process. Parent questions. Please see list of concerns generated prior to meeting on the reverse side of this agenda.

4. Groveland Multi-Age Classrooms - Ms. Johnston and Ms. Hyatt (6:45-7:00)

An opportunity for parents to provide feedback and ask questions with 1st/2nd grade teachers about experiences with multi-age classrooms this year.

5. Past and Upcoming PTO Events (7:05-7:10)

- A. PTO Ice Skating Party at Groveland rink- Friday, February 8th
- B. National African American Parent Involvement Day - Monday, February 11th
- C. APEX Fun Run
- D. Upcoming PTO Meeting topics: March 14, Discussion of pedestrian safety near the school
- E. Parent Social Event - Bowling at Memory Lanes in Mpls; Friday, March 15, 4:30
- F. Scholastic Book Fair in the Library: March 19, 20, 21

6. Fundraising Chairs Report - Heather Allison, Charlotte Hanley-Jacobson, Jen Schlueter (7:10-7:15)

- A. Direct Drive
- B. Carnival update
- C. Apex Fun Run fundraiser and leadership lessons February 25-March 8 - Mark your calendars for the run on Friday, March 8th!

7. Principal's Report - Ms. Pedersen (7:15-7:20)

8. Follow-up from January PTO Meeting

We would like to gather a small group of parents to meet with Community Ed Director Shaun Walsh to follow up about programming at Groveland. Please let Sarah know if you'd like to be involved.

9. Parent Comments - This is an open time to share ideas or questions. May follow up at the next meeting. (7:20-7:30)

10. Motion to Adjourn meeting, vote to adjourn meeting

Please join us for the next PTO Meeting on Thursday, March 14th, 6-7:30

List of Groveland Building concerns generated prior to meeting

1. Front steps to school are crumbling
2. Front lawn grading/drainage (area becomes very icy/muddy/deep puddles)
3. Air conditioning/fans (Chelsea Heights had something installed that we heard had helped? 3rd floor especially is very hot in warmer months)
4. Outdoor lighting (there are very small lights at the front of the building and it feels dark/not safe approaching for evening events)
5. Screen/speaker system for gym for assemblies
6. A/V tech in classrooms is inconsistent
7. Bathrooms (concerns- children can't operate paper towel dispensers, more stalls perhaps?, supervision difficult because girls and boys restrooms are at opposite ends of building, sink in hallway for better visibility/supervision?)
8. Water fountains with bottle fillers would be great. Fountains are very low-flow.

Please email [Groveland.pto.pres@gmail.com](mailto:groveland.pto.pres@gmail.com) for more information about volunteering!

Questions and suggestions are always welcome. Please contact PTO leadership--we'd love to hear from you!

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