

PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes September 30, 2021

1. Welcome
 - Parents introduced themselves and shared their kids' names and classrooms
 - President Charlotte Hanley-Jacobson reviewed the role of the PTO – and how it supports the school
2. Meeting Norms
 - PTO President Charlotte Hanley-Jacobson reviewed the agenda including meeting norms
 - She noted that the PTO follows Democratic Rules of Order
3. May Meeting Minutes and September Agenda
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the May PTO meeting minutes
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the September PTO agenda
4. How the PTO Supports Groveland
 - PTO President Charlotte Hanley-Jacobson reviewed the different ways that the PTO supports the school and that all parents are members of the PTO. Charlotte touched on social opportunities, how to get involved, advocating for our children and inclusiveness.
 - A suggestion was made to add the full PTO calendar and fundraising events to the website.
 - It was also shared that if you haven't already visited Groveland.Me – directory to get to know other families – visit Groveland.Me to share your info and find new friends. And to stay on top of PTO news.
5. Treasurer Report
 - PTO Treasurer Doug Czaplicki reviewed the 2021-2022 PTO Budget. Some of the highlights included:
 - Budget is mostly unchanged from year to year
 - Reviewed the big fundraisers for the year including Apex Fun Run, Book Fair, Direct Drive, Pandamonium and Davanni's Pizza Night
 - Commented on special one-time expenses
 - Shared that we haven't been carrying insurance the last couple of years and proposed that we add it to the budget
 - Field trips will hopefully happen if in the Twin Cities – and hoping for some residencies in classrooms as well
 - It was recommended that the budget be posted online
 - There was some discussion on the Apex Fun Run – and what the future could look like during Covid – some ideas included holding it later in this year so it's outside or trying the other options that Apex offers
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget including the addition of insurance.
6. Principal's Report

- Principal Lightner reported that the school is full of energy and fully staffed. She also shared a few other key updates:
 - Ms. Lake is teaching Social Studies
 - Support staff still needed for special education
 - Mrs. Lightner is getting to know students socially and academically
 - New this year are What I Need Now (WINN) teachers – Ms. Martin is helping with an extra boost of reading
 - Mr. Fox is still the reading and math interventionist with other parent volunteers
 - Our classrooms could still expand – could possibly get more students
 - First student COVID case confirmed this week
 - Teachers have really pulled back on iPad usage in classrooms this year – but now that students are quarantining iPads may return again
 - For quarantining, GPE is following MDH guidelines
 - If you are at home, sending home worksheets, books, packets as needed
 - Still call Groveland if your kids are out – call the office to clear your kids if needed
 - Extended Day Learning is returning – Lego League, Learning through Games, and possibly band
 - Open to feedback and questions - sarah.lightner@spps.org
- A parent asked if there has been any talk about Afghan refugees coming to Groveland? Mrs. Lightner said there is a strong desire to work with the community to get them more support and she will follow up.

7. Fundraising

- Fundraising Chair Sarah Craig encouraged parents who have fundraising talents, to reach out to Sarah or Robert Clarksen to get involved - groveland.pto.fundraising@gmail.com. Some of this year's fundraising activities include:
 - Direct Drive – direct give to Groveland
 - Gerten's Spring and Fall plant sale
 - Give to the Max Day
 - Davanni's pizza night in the Fall
 - Apex Fun Run
 - Box tops collection
 - Amazon Smile
 - Employer Match

8. Volunteering at Groveland

- Volunteers are needed for various activities throughout the year including:
 - Vice President – Co-VP to step in to role of President next year
 - Book Fair Co-Chair
 - Groveland Tour Guide Co-Chair
 - Apex Fun Run volunteers
 - Teacher Appreciation volunteers
 - Parent Involvement Day volunteers
 - Pandamonium Carnival volunteers
 - Davanni's Pizza Night Chair
 - Garden Committee volunteers
 - Open Mic Night Chair
 - School Board Meeting Rep

- Centennial Committee volunteers
- If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Charlotte - groveland.pto.pres@gmail.com

9. Navigating COVID Protocols

- Parent Erin Kelsey shared her recent experience as a parent that had to quarantine and shared some tips on how to navigate:
 - You're sent home if you have 1 primary symptom
 - Do SPPS reporting as quickly as possible – and also contact Groveland's office
 - If you're looking for a testing site, google MDH testing sites
 - Some OTC tests are not approved
 - Be sure to call the Groveland office as soon as possible when you have symptoms or if you need to be cleared to return to school

10. Other Discussion

- Centennial Committee: Groveland is turning 100 – Groveland100.com
 - We're celebrating the Centennial in 2021-2022
 - Planning a February fundraising event
 - Legacy gift for Groveland in the works
 - Join the Centennial Committee – help plan events to celebrate – email Erin Jude erinjude@gmail.com
- Upcoming Events
 - Friday 10/15 – Flu clinic (movie night is postponed for now)
 - 11/4 – PTO Meeting with special guest Tom Fabel and Eric Wood, authors of the play "Not in Our Neighborhood"
 - 12/7 – PTO Meeting and presentation by the Family Tree Clinic

The meeting adjourned at 7:45

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DATE: 9/20/21

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