

Grimsrud PTO Meeting

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Meeting called to order by Krystal at 6:02 PM.

Attendees: Laura Sandberg, Darielle Harrington, Christine Mellert, Lori Myerdria, Lacey Mettler, Rio Mills, Christina Myerchine, Ava Dunlop, Brittany Kuester, Rochelle Skarperud Klein, Krystal Atkinson, Haley Haugen

Fundraising Recap and Treasurer Report

Brief recap of the fundraiser and treasurer's report provided by Krystal. PTO still needs to write check to Great American for fundraiser proceeds. Kerryann will finalize. We raised approximately \$9,409.85 and goods should be delivered on November 28th. Principal Haugen said that she will handle disbursement plans. An all school email will go out letting parents know that items are in.

The book fair raised \$902.28. Comparable results to last year except we were open less hours and the book fair was relocated to the library. The library is a better location, more visible to parents and students.

The five guys eat out night raised \$170. The Texas Roadhouse eat out night raised \$160. Rochelle will send out an email with the dates of upcoming eat out nights.

Grimsrud PTO board will meet separately to determine teacher allotments for the year. We need to set aside \$2500 for the art grant.

Family Involvement Committee

Family Involvement Committee presented. The STEAM night was a huge success. Lots of positive feedback. No actual count was tracked but likely about 50% of the school participated. Next time, additional non teacher volunteers are needed.

Discussion of how to get more parent volunteers. We may need to make cold calls to parents asking them to volunteer time to specific events. The Family Involvement Committee is hoping to plan a January event that may include snow sledding and hot chocolate.

Student Council

The Student Council presented on who they are and their plans for the year. They had three requests:

1. November 30th movie night at the school. Concessions will be available for sale. They would like a \$150 loan from PTO to purchase concessions inventory.
2. Request to partner in purchasing a movie license. PTO would share in a third of the costs with student council and the school.
3. Sponsor t shirts for the student council.

The student council has also been sending thank-you notes to the restaurants doing eat out nights on behalf of the school.

Rochelle motioned to approve the \$150 loan to student council. Danielle second. Motion approved. A check will be made out to the student council for \$150.

Student council will get an estimate on the costs of t-shirts and get back to us.

Rochelle motioned to approve PTO paying for 1/3 of movie license. Laura seconded. Motion approved.

Library Team

The library team requested funds to purchase new items for library centers. For example, magnetiles, floor puzzles, jenga, legos, rubix cubes. These items would stay only with Grimsrud. Approximately \$600 request.

Rochelle suggested asking parents for specific donations of tubs to store the times. A Christmas giving tree for the library was suggested. Haley will check to see if that is okay. Possibly have it ready by the movie night on November 30. Haley has a tree that could be used.

Principal Report

Haley thanked the PTO and Parent Involvement Committee for all of their hard work. Haley requested that we pursue the fence art for the playground fence out front of Grimsrud.

General discussion was held on progress reports being sent only electronically. Currently a hard copy is still mailed, but in the future the district is moving towards electronic only. General consensus was that parents need education on how Powerschool works.

Amazon Smile

Larissa Schwab has set Grimsrud up on Amazon Smile to receive a percentage of sales made using Grimsrud's account on Amazon smile. A small hand out will be sent home with kids prior to cyber Monday sales. A more detailed instruction will be placed on Facebook for parents to see. Information will also be included in the next school newsletter.

The school's amazon account needs to be set up on smile so that all orders for the school are earning money for the school. Funds raised are auto deposited every quarter. The school gets 0.5% of all eligible sales.

Teacher Allotments

PTO Board members will be meeting separately to determine allotment amounts. This year, PTO will make a check to each teacher and they can spend funds on what is needed for their classrooms. There

are no specific requirements for what the money is used for, other than to benefit their classroom. Purchases will not need to be tracked with the school office like last year. Instead, a summary of how the money impacted a specific classroom will be included with each school newsletter so parents can hear about how their fundraising efforts positively impact the children at Grimsrud.

PTO hopes to have allotments distributed by early December.

Miscellaneous

Bathroom stall art: Haley is going to check on how often bathroom stalls are painted and if the school gets a heads up prior to. We could also place art work on the beams in the classrooms and ask the kids what words they find inspiring. We can also consider just putting artwork on the mirrors or bathroom tiles as those items are never painted. Final plan TBD.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 in the music room.

Yearbook: We still have no volunteer for yearbook coordinator. Haley will gather information on vendors that do yearbook work and pass on to the PTO. Christine volunteered to look into an email address for parents to upload photos to and will consider helping to coordinate yearbook. TBD.

Rochelle motion to adjourn, Laura S. second. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.