

Grimsrud PTO Meeting

Tuesday September 10, 2019

Meeting called to order by Krystal at 6:04 PM.

Attendees: Laura Sandberg, , Christine Mellert, Rochelle Skarperud Klein, Krystal Atkinson, Kerryann Thompson, Hannah Zimmerman, Brittany Cullen, Erica Skoglund, Denise Leapoldt-Johnson, Larissa Schwab, Jenn Johnson, Renee Cleary, Tara Huss-Redding

Introductions

Treasurer Report: KerryAnn presented an up to date financial statement. Please see attached for detail.

Principal Report: Hailey couldn't attend the meeting but had her slides included in the presentation:

- Thank you for staff t-shirts.
- October 14 and 15 will be Fall Teacher Conferences
- Teachers will be providing PTO with 3-5 names of parents in their classrooms who may be a good fit for a classroom rep to assist with increasing volunteer numbers.
- Playground update: A portion of funds raised with the fall fundraisers will be set aside for new playground equipment. Hailey is pursuing grants and city matches. New playground equipment is expensive and will be done in phases.
- PTO bulletin board is ready. Rochelle plans on getting the mail box finished up and she'll set it out next to the bulletin board for Dan's receipts, etc.
- Miss Morrow LMS will be doing the yearbook this year with the help of the fourth graders.
- We are staying with D'Joyce Photography for school pictures.
- Parent Involvement Committee Update:
 - o Be a part of every PTO meeting and help with planning events.
 - o Efforts will concentrate on involving parents with activities during the school day.
 - o Create and maintain student activities during the day including: Grandparents Day, Reading with Bismarck Bobcats, Reading Month, Homecoming Week, Student Council Events, Summer Reading Program, Watch DOGS, Field Day, Larks Reading Program, Winter Break Activities, etc.

STEAM Night:

U Mary is willing to assist with our STEAM night. They have activities and materials that they will set up. Laura has been designated the STEAM night coordinator for PTO and Renee Cleary is the coordinator for the PIC. We will work together to set details and share with group. Update: Date has been officially set for Tuesday, October 29.

Fundraising Updates:

Larissa will send Laura an email regarding Amazon smile to be sent out to the Grimsrud PTO email list. Update: This email was sent on 9-15-19.

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser: The kick off is set for 9-18-19 at 2:30. Per Tim's suggestion we stuck with the \$1 candy bars. A fact sheet with permission slip was disbursed to teachers, some kids have brought them home, some have not yet. A child or family can take one box and must return \$60 to receive another box to sell. We won't accept partial cases back so a family is committing to purchasing any remaining candy bars in their box that they don't sell. The fundraiser will run for two weeks and the kids will again have the chance to win coops and other prizes for their efforts.

Krystal asked for a Fundraiser Coordinator, Art Showcase Coordinator, Book Fair Coordinator, Movie Matinee Coordinator and Grant Coordinator. Larissa and Hannah have signed up to be co- Book Fair Coordinators. Larissa and Hannah will also co-chair TAW efforts and volunteer spot. Larissa is going to email all of the teachers and ask for their thoughts on conference week meals and drinks. Mrs. L J suggested offering a soft drink that is caffeine free.

The other positions remain open.

Eat out Nights: Krystal has the following eat out nights scheduled for this year:

Wings and Rings: 9/26/19 – 12/18/19 – 3/18/20

Texas Roadhouse: 10/22/19

Space Aliens will be scheduled.

Discussed moving Bingo for Books to Jan/Feb so that March and April aren't so busy this year. An event at Grand Theater will also be considered, KerryAnn has a contact there. For example, Grimsrud Day at the theater with a discount on tickets.

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for November 7th at 6:00 PM.

Rochelle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM, Kerry Ann seconded the motion.