

**Meeting Minutes – Grimsrud Elementary School PTO**  
**Thursday, November 7, 2019**  
**Music Room**

Meeting was called to order at 6:16 PM by Christine Mellert.

**Attendees:** Laura Sandberg, Elsie Sheldon, Amanda Sieger, Kodi Auch, Renee Cleary, Brittany Kuester, Krystall Atkinson, KerryAnn Thompson, Rochelle Skarperud Klein, Christine Mellert, Haley Haugen, Lori Lush, Reagan Niuewsma, Evie Haider, Norah Klein, Emily Schroeder, Jacelyn Simons, Ava Dunlop, Marissa Lush, Ella Ukestad

**Introductions**

**Student Council Presentation:** Student Council presented on their plans for the school year with their first event being a movie night on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, showing Aladdin in the gym for all grades starting at 6:30 PM. Student Council asked PTO to partner with them and school on purchasing the movie license for \$496. PTO contribution would be around \$175. Student council also requested that PTO sponsor t-shirts for student council this year for approximately \$200. Rochelle Klein moved to approve \$400 for Student Council from PTO, KerryAnn seconded.

**Treasurer's Report: See attached.** Ms. Kuester also brought the money from the second graders slime sale to raise money for the playground. Second grade raised \$214.40. Final amount raised by fundraiser is still being calculated but current estimate is in excess of \$13,000.

Ms. Kuester provided feedback on the chocolate fundraiser, saying that the children loved it and the teachers did too. It was a simple idea with a good price point, very successful. PTO commented that we will make changes to next year's process to make things go smoother now that we know what to expect.

The book fair raised \$1,384. Similar funds raised to previous years, but the book fair was open for less hours.

**Playground:** Larissa reported that her and Haley have a meeting coming up with Nicole with BPA Buildings and Grounds department regarding the upgrade to our playground. We are hoping to get something done this year so that students that worked hard to raise money for the playground will get to see and enjoy the new equipment, especially 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are moving on to a different school.

**STEAM Night:** Laura will follow up on rewarding the classes who had the most parent volunteers that night. The event was a success. UMary is interested in partnering with us on more events in the future. Ms. Kuester mentioned that PIC had not yet met to follow up on STEAM but she would let us know if they had any additional feedback regarding the event.

Laura Sandberg will take over Laura Filler's duties with the PTO Facebook page. Laura Sandberg will be added as a new admin on the page.

Rochelle motion to approve board and committee positions as stated. Christine seconded that motion. All were in favor.

**Box Tops:** Kodi Auch reported that the last push for paper box tops brought in around \$200. Box tops are now all digital. Mrs. Schroeder's class won a popcorn party for bringing in the most box tops. Kodi will order the popcorn from Ground Round for the party.

**Eat Out Nights:** Krystal reported on scheduled eat out nights coming up. Space Aliens is the next up on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be another Wings and Rings in December, however they have been increasingly difficult to work with and the return is not as great. We may not schedule more in the future if it continues this way.

**Principal Report:** Mrs. Haugen thanked the PTO for their efforts with the chocolate fundraiser. She suggested that next year we designate a Fundraiser Coordinator who is consistently at the school during the duration of the fundraiser.

Dakota Community Bank donated \$500 for Thanksgiving baskets.

The school is considering a Giving Tree this year for school supplies, families in need, etc. PTO suggested having the tree up in time for the movie night so that more parents see it. Krystal suggested a check out system so that follow up is easier. Larissa offered to help create the tree "ornaments" that will hang on the tree with descriptions of items needed.

Food Drive is happening. PTO will put something on the Facebook page. We need to get additional information on what to post.

Grimsrud has a Leadership Team that is working on an organizational structure project at the school that promotes student success. The team will reach out to PTO in the future to help spread the word about the program and promote completing the surveys that will be sending out as part of the program.

Conference meals were very appreciated. There are still crock pots in the lounge. Larissa and Laura will work together to reach out to those who brought crock pots and find owners.

**Miscellaneous:** Laura will update the Facebook banner to an Amazon smile banner that promotes holiday shopping on Amazon that benefits the school.

Christine has the log in information for the year book Gmail account for sharing pictures from parents. She will get that information to the LMS teacher currently working on the yearbook.

Discussion around providing more photos to Renae for posting on the BPS Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM by Krystal.