

Meeting Minutes – Grimsrud Elementary School PTO
Thursday, January 10, 2020
Music Room

Meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by Krystal Atkinson

Attendees: Laura Sandberg, Elsie Sheldon, Kodi Auch, Renee Cleary, , Krystal Atkinson, KerryAnn Thompson, Rochelle Skarperud Klein, Christine Mellert, Haley Haugen, April Ingold, Hannah Zimmerman, Kristie Knopp.

Principal Report:

1. **Playground Update:** Grant writing has begun for new playground equipment. The decision was made to move forward with the full project now since a lot of the grant writing work can be shared amongst applications. A bid was received from Dakota Playground with a total cost of around \$77,000 for all new playground equipment and surfacing. However, the project will have to bid out to other providers as well. Grants are being submitted through the BPS Foundation since all grants have to be submitted through a 501c3. **Kerryann is going to check into a grant that First International Bank and Trust does.**
2. **HRS: High Reliability Schools.** Grimsrud is moving forward to become a level 1 HRS. HRS pertains to a school being safe, friendly, accepting, etc. Parents will be asked to complete surveys in the future about their experiences at Grimsrud. PTO will help encourage that the survey gets filled out. All 17 elementary schools are moving forward with this process.
3. **Conferences:** Conferences are scheduled for the last Tuesday and Thursday in February. Larissa and Hannah will get the Volunteer spot up for teacher meals two weeks before. Plan to do same meals as last time, but less lettuce is needed. Teachers have been very happy with the meals.

Treasurer's Report: See attached. Kerryann briefly went through the numbers. Allotments have been disbursed. Kerryann asked Haley to encourage teachers to cash their checks. There are 2-3 boxes of chocolate left to be sold. Boxes will be set out for sale at conferences.

Eat Out Nights: Krystal reported that she won't schedule another Wings and Rings because they've been difficult to work with and the kick back not as much. Five guys is next week, January 16th. Texas Roadhouse is February 16th. Krystal is also looking in to Grand Junction.

Parent Involvement Committee: Renae Cleary presented information from PIC. They are planning a pastries with parents event for some time in January and a reading buddy event for March. PIC and PTO discussed getting together to schedule all events for the coming school year in May. PTO would prefer that we work together more and rethink the events we do and how we do them. Goal is to simplify planning and getting volunteers by doing a set amount of and type of events each year.

Bingo for Books is scheduled for Thursday, February 20th from 5:30 – 7:00. **Kerryann will check into potential catering by Big Boy for this event: including sloppy joes, chips and a cookie.** This year we will not ask students to bring books because we have an over supply of used books from prior years. We will skip the tickets. We will encourage each student to take several books. The theme will be "For the Love of Books" or "Love to Read". Larissa and Hannah will get the volunteer spot posted two weeks

prior. We also discussed separating the gym into a “eating” area and a “bingo” area. Encourage families to eat first and then play bingo or vice versa. **Renaë or Haley** will look into using a document camera to display the bingo calls on a screen in case it’s too loud for someone to hear.

Box Tops: Kodi will send information out in February for a final push on box tops. We can also encourage kids to bring them for bingo for books. March 1st deadline.

Art Showcase is scheduled for Thursday, April 23rd. **Hailey is going to confirm the dates for Bingo for Books and Art Showcase** as there are currently events planned in the gym for these dates.

Mother’s Day Flower sales will be planned again this year.

Student Council: Elsie provided an updated on upcoming events that the student council would like to do. January, movie night for 3,4,5 grades. February, talent show. March, Family moving night for all grades. May, May Day event.

TAW: Larissa and Hannah will take on teacher appreciation week planning. PTO will follow up with a budget. Ideas were discussed, including student council operating a treat cart of some kind to take coffee orders, or other types of treats.

Yearbook: PTO will cover the cost of a yearbook for any 5th grader that is unable to purchase one, or any 4th grader that works on the yearbook but is unable to purchase one. LMS teacher is leading the yearbook project for this year.

Volunteers: For next year, we will have large sign up boards on open house night and request that parents sign up now for one of the events that we will have scheduled for the year (decided at an earlier meeting by PIC and PTO). An option will be considered to assign volunteers to events based on grade level.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 5th at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM by Krystal.