

Grimsrud PTO Meeting

September 16, 2020

Meeting streamed from the school gym

Attendees: Laura Sandberg, KerryAnn Thompson, Hannah Zimmerman, Krystal Atkinson, Tyler Atkinson, Rochelle Skarperud Klein, April Ingold, Larissa Schwab, Brittany Kuester, Haley Haugen, Brittany Cullen

Meeting started at 6:03

Principal Report - Haley: All students will be coming back fulltime starting September 29th! ALL policies and procedures will be incorporated from the yellow model to the green to ensure safety precautions are in place for re-entry. Additional recess breaks for individual classes will help give kids some Non-mask time throughout the day. Teachers are working to be creative to provide as much social distancing in the classroom as possible. Visitors to school and volunteer hours will remain limited. Conferences will be held over 3 a week period to limit numbers in the building, details will come from the school as conferences get closer. Grimsrud is looking to spruce up the staff room for teachers in this tough time. Haley is applying for a grant to make much needed changes in the room to benefit the overall mental health and wellness of staff. PTO is happy to partner in this project in whatever way possible to support our teachers.

School Pictures: Picture day will be held October 8th. Lifetouch photography will be taking school pictures this year. Packages will be offered at a lower cost with an option to photo rights. Parents will have an option to order additional prints through Shutterfly with a 5% kickback going to PTO. Haley is looking into possible options for Lifetouch to do this year's yearbook as well. The school is hoping to have last year's yearbook completed by the end of October.

Treasurer Report - KerryAnn: We had \$308.79 in income since May. Total expenses were \$1,796.20 for 5th grade track shirts/send off and the art grant. After expenses balance is \$19,693.69. \$12,214.40 is reserved for the playground. Remaining funds should be around \$7500.

Eat out nights - Krystal and Hannah: Five Guys September 24th, Texas Roadhouse Oct. 13th, Space Aliens November 2nd, Texas Roadhouse December 7th. Flyers will go out at school and events will be posted to PTO Facebook page. Texas Roadhouse has said they would be willing to set up a table at the front of the restaurant for possible donations. Krystal will check into having a volunteer to man the table with a donation box for our playground if TR will allow this.

Fundraising Update - Rochelle: Envelopes will be going home with students and sent out to distance learners for fall fundraisers. There will be many options for fundraising this year: donate via money envelope with a specific dollar amount or any amount of choice, Online gift catalog-products will ship directly to home with a 40% kickback to school, students will have an opportunity to win prizes for sales, Mighty Missouri Coffee- \$5 kickback for every bag sold and

free shipping for orders over \$20, donations can also be made through the BPS Foundation website. Kickoff for fundraisers will be held September 23rd and 24th in classrooms with video from Tim, information will be sent home to parents as well.

Possible incentives for reaching fundraising goals: All school pizza party for reaching \$10,000, all school sweet treat for \$5000 target, prizes from the catalog fundraiser to be given to students at the end of fundraiser.

Playground Update - Larissa: Phase 1 completed this summer including: 3 bay arch swing set, Gaga Pit, new basketball hoops, resurfacing of Phase 1 area with a total cost of \$19,755. PTO contributed \$12,214, BPS and Bismarck Parks and Rec each contributed \$5000. Phase 2 to be completed summer of 2021 including: purchase and installation of large structure and resurfacing of Phase 2 area total cost of \$128,182. Phase 3 to be completed summer 2022 Purchase and installation of accessible and inclusive equipment, cement resurfacing for accessibility area, communication boards for individuals with communication needs cost of \$32,849. Projected total cost based on estimates is \$180,786. With an existing funding total of \$84,055 we have \$96,731 in funds needed to complete project.

Grants: Capitol electric will grant \$1500. We have not heard back about the Optimus grant yet. Larissa has been working hard on application for the Tom and Francis Leech Foundation Grant. This grant, along with the Play20 grant, will cover Phase 2 to pay for the large structure on playground. We are waiting to hear feedback from Pioneer on how they like their new main structure before making a final selection for ours due to size of the equipment. A Christopher Reeve Grant will be applied for after we finalize things on Phases 2. This will help to cover Phase 3 including accessible equipment such as a swing, merry-go-round, benches, surfacing, and communication boards.

Parent Involvement: We are looking for creative ways to connect families to the school in this difficult time. Possible ideas could include holding various outside events such as spring walk, bike to school, walk a thon, or outdoor movie to keep families connected. PTO will continue to discuss ideas on this how this could look.

Next meeting: PTO will plan to alternate meeting virtually and in person every other month. The next meeting at the school will be held on Tuesday, November 10th @ 6pm with a live stream option as well. The October meeting will be all virtual with a link sent out for those who would like to join.