

Granger Elementary PTO 05/15/24

Meeting Minutes

The Granger Elementary PTO held their last meeting of the 2023-2024 school year on Wednesday, May 15, at 9:15 am in the cafeteria.

ATTENDEES

President Sara Welch, Vice President Shannon Just, Treasurer Vanessa Villers, Secretary Amy Block, Principal Dr. LeAnn Gausman, Jeremie Pesek, Erin Gross, Elaina Kenyon, Katie Conley, Danielle Mixon, Kelly Szablewski, Lia Long, and Julia Roman. President Sara Welch called the meeting to order @ 9:15 and the first order of business was to welcome those in attendance.

Principal's Report

Principal Dr. LeAnn Gausman started her report by reminding everyone that Field Day will take place next week. Kindergarten, first, and fourth will participate on Monday and second, third, and fifth will be held Tuesday. This is Mr. Lushes' last Field Day so it will be a bittersweet event. As always, parents and grandparents are welcome to attend.

The Highland Foundation has again provided the district with our ODOB (one district one book) for our students and teachers to enjoy. This year they chose "Frindle." Everyone is enjoying the story and activities.

Old Business

President Sara Welch gave a big thank you to the following chairs:

Art Show: Stefanie Bitto and Shannon Just

Science Olympiad: Malini Desai, Carrie and Mike Green, and Liz Harter

Staff Appreciation: Amy Block and Danielle Mixon

Mother's Day Plant Sale: Lia Long

We had a wonderful turnout for the art show and Miss Jirous has decided to extend the hours next year so even more can attend.

Carrie and Mike Green and Liz Harter all completed their last year with Science Olympiad and we are thankful for their years of volunteering.

The PTO was able to provide lunch everyday for our staff during Staff Appreciation week. We also had raffle baskets, gift bags, and flower bouquets for everyone. Thank you to all the parents who donated.

Despite the rain, the plant sale was a hit again this year. The students really enjoyed picking out flowers and 5th grade especially liked giving them in their customized flower pots.

Bus Driver Appreciation was celebrated this year with a breakfast and goody bags. All 3 elementary PTOs go in together for this event and our drivers are so appreciative.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Vanessa Villers presented the 2024-2025 budget and it was reviewed by the attendees. Vice president Shannon Just called for a vote and the budget was approved. The current balance in our bank account is \$48,834.56.

Attendee Elaina Kenyon proposed we extend the Talent Show budget so we can gift everyone the digital link for the videographer instead of charging a fee. It was discussed and decided to continue to charge as the cost of a videographer only came down this year due to a committee member's friend's involvement.

Standing Committee Reports

The Spring Running Club headed by Sara Welch ends tomorrow. The kindergarten and first grades continue to dominate the miles and everyone really enjoys our first attempt at holding this in the Spring as well as the Fall.

Granger Challenge is chaired by Lacie Moore and due to the weather we have moved the date to tomorrow, May 16th. It will be held at the middle school track at 9:05 am. We raised a total of \$14, 045.60! A big thank you to the Rizzo Family, Moore Family, and Stahlmaker family for their donated prizes. Mrs. Hulin's fourth grade class will be awarded a pizza party for raising the most money. Thank you to Master Pizza for their donation.

Erin Gross is in charge of the 5th Grade Finale on May 29th and has received a large amount of parent donations. It was discussed that in the future we order 5th grade class shirts at the beginning of the year so they can be worn for special days throughout the months. Also, we talked of possibly having families donate a small portion towards the shirt to offset the costs.

The Granger Carnival is the last day of school for students and the co-chairs are Beena Persaud and Vanessa Villers. This event will take place on May 30th and a sign up genius has been sent out for volunteers. There are still many spots open so we will be posting on Facebook and sending out an e-blast as well. Thank you to the Finks for donating a tent.

A discussion happened at the end of the meeting that causes us to remind everyone of the following:

*Our PTO meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the cafeteria at 9:15 am. All are welcome to attend. We do not hold meetings in the months of December and April.

*The PTO sends out a calendar with all event dates, chair member information, and a volunteer sign up for interested parties at the beginning of the school year.

*Please check to ensure you are signed up for the electronic communications with Dr. Gausman as well as the entire district. Our Granger Family Bulletin is sent out monthly with all pertinent school information along with all volunteer sign ups. We also have a PTO Facebook page that has all event reminders.

*Parents and Grandparents are welcome to attend school events such as Granger Challenge, Field Day, Carnival, and Santa Breakfast.

*We receive lots of help from our wonderful Highland Middle School students at our Granger Challenge as well as behind the scenes set up for Book Fair and Santa Breakfast. Our Highland High School students are peer tutors and enjoy visiting our school during D.A.R.E classes as well.

We are a volunteer based program and we cannot be successful without the help of our wonderful parents, community, and families!

Adjourn Meeting

President Sara Welch adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

Next meeting 09/15/24 @ 9:15 am

President Sara Welch

Recorder Amy Block