

PTA Meeting

November 1, 2016

3:00 PM

Elementary Library

Sue Downey-Graudons, Vikki Hawkins, Aaron Clermont, Alexis Aloisi, Denise Herwick, Amy Latham, Danielle Badamo-Overbaugh, Megan West

- I. Welcome/Call to order
- II. Danielle motioned; Alexis seconded
- III. Review and Approval of October Meeting Minutes
- IV. Officer/Chairperson Reports
 - A. President - Past Events
 1. Trunk-or-Treat
 - a. Great attendance about 420-450.
 - b. We were short volunteers.
 - c. We went through a lot of candy and we had to run to the store and pick-up more. Suggestion: Your admission to the event is one bag of candy. With a bag of candy, you get your ticket to vote for your favorite pumpkin. We need to work on resolving the candy issue for next year.
 - d. Lots of food was donated. We had too much cider. Next year we could do maybe 15 gallons of cider.
 - e. Doughnuts were still needed to be cut in half. We could ask for more doughnuts instead of cider next year.
 - f. We don't need as many apples. We had too many last year also. Ask for less or donate them to the extra snacks for teachers.
 - g. Next year we need to make donation signs thanking those who donated.
 - h. Some thanks you's have been sent, but a few more need to be sent.
 - i. Send a thank you to the Greenville Rescue Squad for coming in and bringing candy.
 - j. Next year do not label pumpkins with teachers names. Instead, number the pumpkins and number the bags.
 - k. Anne will post the winners of facebook. Classes won cider and doughnuts.
 - l. We had requests for the kids to vote on the cars.
 - m. Should we take pictures of all cars and all pumpkins? How can we honor the hard work.
 - n. The event works beautifully as it is. Don't change it.

B. President - Current Events

1. Black Horse Farm's Pie Sale
 - a. A few complaints came about the pie costs.
 - b. Volunteers: pick-up, sorting, distribution
 - c. Megan and Anne will pick-up the pies.
 - d. Sue could cover the pie pick-up from 3-4. Could we get someone to cover the other times? Danielle will do 11:30-12:30. Jen will do 5:30-6:30.

2. Apparel Sale
 - a. As of now we have 22 orders.
 - b. Selections:
 - a. You need to match an adult size to a child size.
 - b. Our minimum order is now 6 per item instead of 12.
 - c. Polo shirts-Could someone buy those for the staff?
 - d. We will need to review what was ordered to see if what was popular and what can be removed.
 - e. Spring sale needs to include sport pants.
 - f. There was some confusion about when the start date was and the items for sale could not be modified. This will be resolved for next time.
 - c. Sale runs through November 4th.
 - d. Find a way to maximize our sales.

3. Scholastic Book Fair
 - a. The book fair is not in November. The office had the wrong dates. It is December 5th-9th. Family Night will be on 12/6
 - b. Location-Tentatively held in the sensory room. However, the faculty has concerns about using this room. Suggestions were the elevator lobby, the stage. Please don't take the sensory room. There is also a swing in there!
 - d. Volunteers are needed.

4. School Banking
 - a. How to increase enrollment? How do we get it into parent's hands?
 - b. 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month
 - c. You can sign up for an account with them during that time.
 - d. Advertise at Open House, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Wow Day
 - e. Megan-Check Really Good Stuff to get \$\$\$ incentives.

5. Coffee Tables for Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - a. Set-up and take down
 - b. Danielle and Anne will set up.
 - c. If Peter can't take down, we will ask Karen.

6. Hoffmann Car Wash Fundraiser
 - a. Very simple holiday fundraiser.
 - b. Jenn is in charge of this.
 - c. November 29-December 14.

7. Great Escape Reading Program
 - a. We signed up in October.

- b. Students can earn a free pass to the Great Escape.
 - c. Get a bus for kids to go as a group? Other groups travel to the Great Escape. Could this work? Explore interest.
 - d. Tickets are given in May. Useable dates will be printed on the tickets.
 - e. The school has to register. Under the school each teacher registers. Teachers could then log kids. How can we support teachers with the data input?
 - f. Each teacher who registers receives a ticket.
8. Hannaford Helps Program
- a. They cost a \$1 and we get the \$1.
 - b. How will they know we are from GCS?
 - c. Is it a specific bag?
 - d. The ad needs to be put on Facebook.
 - e. Caring Kids uses recycling tote bags to deliver food.
 - f. We were randomly chosen by Hannaford. They contacted us.
9. School Lunch-Applesauce
- a. Mr. Mahan is not here to see if he purchased a new supply.
10. Extra Snack Cabinet
- a. The snack cabinet has been replenished
 - b. There are extra apples in the refrigerator that can also be used as snacks.

C. Treasurer's Report

- A. Current Balance: \$13,906.52
- B. Outstanding Debits: 437.26
- C. Outstanding Credit: \$16

D. Principal's Report-NA

V. Committee Reports

A. BLT: NA

B. QEC

- a. CASDA speaker came and talked about parent engagement.
- b. Share the video that Tammy showed to the district about adult impact on students.

C. GATE: NA

D. Advocacy: NA

E. Membership Report

- a. How to maximize memberships?
- b. Can we send out a blanket option donation?
- c. Include with fundraisers the option to donate money vs. buy the items?

F. Nominating Committee: NA

VI. Grant Requests/Updates

1. Requests

- a. Mr. Clermont-Music Department-\$300
 - i. Extra Shirts-Approved
- b. Ms. Herwick-Third Grade Team
 - i. Discover the Iroquois-\$820
 - ii. Checks are to be given to Denise Mulholland.

VII. New Business/Questions

- A. Halloween Parade
- B. School Spirit Week
- C. Collaborative Faculty Meeting with the PTA (Monday's 3-4)
- D. Are the hot dogs still in the freezer?
- E. Next Early PTA meeting:
 - a. Those present appreciated the earlier meeting.
 - b. Recommended that we advertise better next time.
 - c. Mrs. Rosenberg needs to post the meeting date and time.
 - d. Pre-post the date and time on the announcements.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Next Meeting – Dec. 6th @ 6:30 pm
- B. Mrs. Herwick motioned, Danielle seconded.

Thanked us for having a teacher meeting.

Need to advertise better next time.

Mrs. Rosenberg needs to post.

PrePost the date on the student announcements.