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Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2018



Board Members in Attendance: Laura Loshek, Marissa Genereux, JoAnna Collins, Katy Erling, Sharon Deziel, Jenna Downs, Karri Norris

Additional Members/Attendees: 8

Standing Items:

1. President's Call to Order - Katy Erling at 4:34 p.m.
2. Five Minutes of Fun - Laura Loshek
Viewed a humorous video clip from PBS Almanac Essay on "Back to School" (by a Grey Cloud parent) at <https://www.tpt.org/almanac/video/weekly-essay-back-to-school-31174/>
3. Approval of May Meeting Minutes - Sharon Deziel
Motion to approve by Karri Norris, seconded by Kacy Reiney, motion passed
4. Principal's Report - Laura Loshek
 - Current 717 students K-5; reduction from last year of about 839 w/ Pre-K; Pre-K has 53 students vs. in the 60's last year partly due to not offering transportation this year
 - Staff is consistent with last year
 - Students are learning/practicing SOAR behavior
 - Kindergartners are really growing; **thank you to volunteers** for supporting lunches, etc.
 - MAP testing to begin for grades 2-5
5. Communicator's Report - Marissa Genereux
 - The District is trying to improve website design and enhance accessibility features (audio/non-mouse navigation, etc.)
 - Currently using SeeSaw (K-3) and Schoology to communicate with students/parents - this will continue
 - Parents are encouraged to set up/update accounts through Parent Portal
 - Working on a Virtual Media Center with links to websites for learning
 - Meeting discussion: point made there are multiple log-ins/accounts needed to manage student needs; suggestion for reducing this
 - Please contact Marissa if you have questions
6. Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Marissa Genereux/Karri Norris
 - More lunch help is needed; available through Sign-up Genius
 - Harvest Hop Oct. 26 next big event; watch for sign-ups early Oct.; shifts are split so you can volunteer and also have fun with your student
7. Treasurer's Report/Budget Approval - Erin Wheeler
 - Budget is being worked on with transition of treasurer role; it will be presented at next meeting for approval; discussion over where PTA's budget is spent; it will be posted on the PTA Page of the Grey Cloud website
 - Suggestion to check into employer giving options (matching/scheduled) - PTA is a 501(c)3

New Business/Updates:

1. Kindergarten Play Date - Karri Norris/Sharon Deziel
 - 54 students with their families attended; beautiful weather - enjoyed the class-colored leis, ice cream treats, and socializing; nice way to make connections; recommend this event continue for next year
2. Spritwear - Christina Oye
 - We have 21 orders already (48 items) so free shipping; orders due September 28; will be distributed to teachers to go home with student (unless special instructions for gifts)
3. Harvest Hop
 - Oct. 26, 6-8 pm, exploring food trucks again
4. Conference Dinners
 - ** New schedule this year: Nov. 5 and 8; school is closed Nov. 6 for elections; there will be a Papa Murphy's PTA fundraiser Nov. 8 - they donate 20% of sales all day - must tell them it is for Grey Cloud PTA
 - PTA is providing teachers with dinners through Nutrition Services (instead of potluck); worked well last year; delivered directly to their rooms; allows them to select & eat when convenient for them

5. National Walk to School Day

- ** TUESDAY, Oct 2 (change from the traditional Wed.)

Open Forum:

- Question if teacher representatives are assigned to PTA; clarified they are not assigned/required to attend - teachers volunteer their time to attend PTA meetings; some may attend to present requests for PTA funding
- Reminders that PTA participates in Amazon Smiles and GM Box Tops for Education (contest in Nov.)
- Signature fundraiser is ThunderDASH in the spring; will again be seeking corporate/community sponsors
- Next meeting Mrs. Loshek will discuss new Bridges Math Curriculum and Standards-Based Grading
- Discussion over gifting directly to the school; if you do this you can decide where the gift goes, as specific as what items/classroom/etc.; some teachers have wish lists available

**** NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 9, 2018 ****

Handouts: May Meeting Minutes, September Meeting Agenda
Draft: 9/26/18 SD

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5. Communicators Report- Marissa
6. Volunteer Coordinator's Report- Karri and Marissa
7. Treasurer's Report/ Budget Approval- Erin

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Questions:

What do you want to learn more about?