

Grange Hall Elementary School

Parent Teacher Association

General Body Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2026

- I. Call to Order/Welcome: 18:02
 - A. Attendance: See list below
- II. Report of Officers
 - A. President's Report - Casey Allen
 1. Welcome! Be prepared for the upcoming weather. Stay safe!
 2. Teacher Soup Luncheon
 - a) Please get the soups in early in the morning prior to 9AM
 - b) Make sure your crockpots etc are labeled - items will be ready for pick up by 2PM
 - B. Treasurer Report - Casey Allen on behalf Greg Gilliam
 1. Reconciliation is ongoing for the month of December
 - a) Budget remains in alignment with the last report
 - C. VP Membership Report - Kristin O'Neil
 1. Typically membership peaks by November and only a few additional members during the remainder of the school year.
 - D. VP Fundraising Report - Paul Podhorn
 1. Raise Craze Fundraiser
 - a) February 17 through March 6
 - b) Fundraiser utilizing the Raise Craze platform
 - c) Bingo cards and start up packets have been ordered
 - (1) Bingo themed check off of Acts of Kindness this year
 - (2) The more Acts of Kindness you get, the more tiers of awards you get
 - d) Paul will email the group regarding potential prizes that can be ordered
 - e) Should we have Kindness Night at the start of the window and be a stand alone night with the PTA meeting or should we have it at the end of the window and do it in conjunction with Bingo Night and tie into the Bingo theme.
 - (1) Decision to NOT combine Bingo Night with an Acts of Kindness Night. Consider having an Act of Kindness Night Feb 19
 - (2) We will look to have a kick off of Act of Kindness with the counselors Act of Kindness week Feb 9-13
 - (a) Maybe they could paint kindness rocks in art class that week
 - f) Casey will send out a screen shot of the Bingo card so we can see the various Acts of Kindness on the screen
 - g) Dan Gardner requested that Paul provide the school with updates to encourage participation. Keith Baldwin can assist with videos
 - h) Casey will get with Greg to set up the donation portion
 - i) Goal is to have prizes throughout and some competitions to try to get the kids motivated

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- j) First week of February - work session with the staff/parents that participated/PTA members - include with the kick off
- k) Review notes from last year in the Google Drive
- 2. Bingo Night
 - a) Friday, March 6
 - b) Supplies have been received - markers, bingo cards
 - c) Still need to secure the prizes
 - d) Jessica Cole is the chair for the event
- E. VP Programs Report - Julie Carr and Andrea Wilkerson
 - 1. Active Night (Friday, April 24) and 3-5 Dance (Friday, March 13)
 - a) Andrea and Julie are following up with the chairs for those
 - (1) Jessica Cole - 3-5 Dance Chair
 - (2) Kelly Mancusi - Active Night Chair
 - b) More communication will be forthcoming
- F. Principal's Report - Dr. Gardner
 - 1. Center Based Gifted Info Meeting last night
 - a) Will be gaining students from the Winterpock and Moseley communities
 - b) Families have until the end of January to decide where they will be attending next year
 - c) This will impact staffing numbers for the 2026-2027 school year
 - 2. Timeline for new school information/staffing - will probably have more information in February
 - 3. House Points
 - a) Purchased two tvs to broadcast pictures of students who recently gained house points
 - (1) TV in the cafeteria
 - (2) TV coming off the buses
 - b) Encouraging teachers to give out more points and boost excitement
- III. Report of Committees
 - A. Calendar Updates
 - B. No International Night this year
- IV. New Business
 - A. 2026-2027 school year
 - 1. We will be posting positions for Treasurer, Secretary, VP of Membership, VP of Programs
 - 2. Nominating committee will be formed
- V. Adjournment: 18:38
 - A. Next Meeting: February 19, 2026

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Attendance:

- Casey Allen - member
- Dan Gardner - member
- Andrea Wilkerson - member
- Julie Carr - member
- Kristen Bray - member
- Kayla Kardosh - member
- Jill Trachtenberg - member
- Katie Hay - member
- Julie Camire - member
- Laura Yauger - member
- Courtney Saunders - member
- Melissa Rapoza - member
- Lauren Smith - member
- Ruth Palczynski - member
- Debra Franklin - member
- Kristin O'Neil - member
- Jenny Griffith - member
- Shayla Gilliam - member
- Sarah Magno - member
- Gustavo Buenaventura - member
- Sheila Mayhew - member