

Grange Hall Elementary School

Parent Teacher Association

General Body Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 28 at 18:00

- I. Call to Order/Welcome: 18:02
 - A. Attendance: Refer to details below
- II. Report of Officers
 - A. President's Report - Casey Allen
 1. Welcome to the new school year! Happy to be here!
 2. Thank You:
 - a) Thank you to the board members on the PTA!
 - b) Thank you to the various leads supporting great events this year. Starting with Sarah Battle leading the Fall Carnival.
 3. Nomination of VP Fundraising - Paul Podhorn
 - a) Paul is the father of a 4th grade student and retired military vet
 - b) Vote to nominate:
 - (1) Motion - Casey Allen
 - (2) Second - Emily McCracken
 - (3) Aye - 18 votes, Nay - 0
 4. Open Committee Positions - please reach out if you or someone you know is interested in the below!
 - a) Grandparent Breakfast Lead
 - b) Beautification Lead
 - c) Flying Squirrels Reading Night Lead
 - B. Treasurer Report - Greg Gilliam
 1. Budget Review and Approval
 - a) Greg reviewed the powerpoint slide with overview of the budget line items
 - (1) Attached file "GHES 2025-2026 PTA Budget Overview Final"
 - b) Also attached is the budget details by line item
 - (1) Attached file "2025-2026 Budget Line Item Level - Final"
 - c) Vote to approve budget
 - (1) Motion - Casey Allen
 - (2) Second- Jenny Griffith
 - (3) Aye - 18 votes, Nay 0
 - C. VP Membership Report -Kristin O'Neil
 1. Membership Update - 109 members
 - a) We won several membership awards at the county meetings last year. We are looking to continue this into the 2025-2026 school year!
 2. September Membership Drive starts Sept 1
 - a) First class to 100% gets a pizza party
 - b) Please share any ideas for membership prizes. Looking for some ideas outside of food related prizes.
 - c) Look for prize ideas for the teachers as well!
 - D. VP Programs Report - Julie Carr and Andrea Wilkerson

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1. Three big events during the year
 - a) Grandparent's Breakfast - week before Thanksgiving (3 days alphabetically). Takes place before school in the morning.
 - (1) Looking for a chair to run the Grandparent's Breakfast. Please let us know if you are interested! Reach out to Andrea and/or Julie.
 - (2) We have a step by step guide from Lorin Kain who did the event last year including contacts, sign up genius, etc.
 - b) Active Night for K-2 students in the Spring
 - c) Dance for 3-5 students in the Spring

E. Principal's Report - Dr. Gardner

1. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the Grange Hall family over the past few months. It has been wonderful to be welcomed by so many!
2. Appreciate the help and support with events. Encourage those to continue to step up and help out and spread the word with the Grange Hall community.
3. Ron Clark Academy in October - teachers will be heading down to learn more strategies to bring back.
4. Thank you for the new View Sonic interactive boards in their classrooms
5. He will bring forward ideas from the teachers to the PTA board as they come up throughout the year.
6. Back to School Nights
 - a) Grades 3-5, Tuesday, September 9 from 5-6:30
 - b) Grades K-2, Tuesday, September 16 from 5-6:30
 - c) There will be 2 class sessions for each night. 5:10 and 5:50 pm
7. Watch DOGS will be launching in September! Looking forward to welcoming you back.
8. Smore Weekly Bulldog Bulletin
 - a) PTA can send anything they need posted to Dr. Gardner to include.

III. Report of Committees

A. Spirit Wear - Chrissy Newton

1. Working with a vendor who delivers to the school and very quickly!
2. The store will be open year round rather than bulk orders with deadlines
3. There have been 17 spirit wear orders so far this year! Spread the word!
 - a) If you have any certain items you would like to see please reach out to Chrissy.

B. Carnival - Sarah Battle

1. Submitted the permit to the county, planning has been well underway since June
2. Scheduled for Friday, October 17

C. Outreach - Sarah Battle

1. Denim Drive is underway through mid-October
 - a) Collection bin out in front of the school. Already have 117 denim items!
 - b) Second place in the county last year! Let's go for 1st place. The PTA gets a donation for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

D. Reflections - Pam Willard

1. Reflections is up and running
2. The theme is "I Belong" and entries are due by Nov 7th.

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IV. New Business

A. Grange Hall 2025-2026 calendar of events

1. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hi_wbZrB1M7eMhVu9Sq2m2wX5TWCTdz80juDkcgWsOs/edit?usp=sharing

V. Adjournment: 18:33

A. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 6pm (virtual)

Attendance:

Casey Allen - member
Andrea Wilkerson - member
Kristin O'Neil - member
Dan Gardner - member
Melissa Rapoza - member
Julie Camire - member
Greg Gilliam - member
Jenny Griffith - member
Chrissy Newton - member
Jessica Cole - member
Emily McCracken - member
Courtney Saunders - member
Sarah Battle - member
Paul Podhorn - member
Rebecca Schnee - member
Sarah DeVera - member
Tyler Charbonneau - member
Crystal Taliaferro - member