

Grange Hall Elementary School

Parent Teacher Association

General Body Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 1800

- I. Call to order: 1802
- II. Report of Officers
 - A. President Report
 1. PTA Founder's Day - 125 Years
 - a) PTA provided coloring sheets to students explaining the PTA mission
 2. Enrichment programs
 - a) Opportunities for teachers to provide after school programs for grades 2-5; PTA helps to manage; begins March 3
 3. Involvement
 - a) Intent-to-serve forms are located on ghpta.com
 - b) Please fill out a form if you are interested in serving at any level!
 - c) Nominating committee will work on getting volunteers for each office (President; Treasurer; Secretary; and VPs of Fundraising, Membership, and Programs)
 - d) Committee will provide recommendations based on intent-to-serve forms and the general body will vote at the April meeting
 - B. Treasurer Report
 1. Current balance \$20,051.98
 2. Not a lot of activity since January; paid for Scholastic News subscription and some teacher appreciation activities
 3. Have spent roughly \$20,000 more than we've brought in this year, but expect a relatively large sum from the Fun Run later this month
 4. *Please see attached Treasurer's Report for more in depth information*
 - C. VP Membership Report
 1. February newsletter has been sent to the general body; March newsletter will be sent out soon
 - a) Will include date changes for events
 2. Had a few new members sign up recently, currently waiting on dues
 - a) Deadline to state and national PTA is March 1
 - D. VP Fundraising
 1. Fun Run
 - a) Kick off was February 23; run will be on March 3
 - (1) Collecting donations from family, friends, and community
 - (2) Supplying race bibs to each student in lieu of t-shirts due to supply chain and logistical issues
 - (3) *Vote for designation of funds under new business*
 - (4) Volunteer sign up genius for run:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA4A62CABFDCF8-2022>
 - (a) Note: must have form filled out with Chesterfield County to volunteer
 - E. Principal Report
 1. Thanks you to everyone who donated to the luncheon on February 4
 2. Had Fabulous Fridays in February as a treat for teachers
 3. Kindergarten Registration

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- a) Registration for Kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year is April 18-22; parents are encouraged to call to schedule an appointment
 - b) PTA is supporting registration with purchase of bags; will also have crayons, books, sight words, pencils, and other items as a special treat for our new Bulldogs
 - c) Can currently pre-register students online
4. Summer School
- a) Hosting summer school for Grange Hall only this year (not Winterpock)
 - b) Mrs. Hugate will be the principal for summer school
 - c) Will be sharing more information soon
5. Kindergarten Playground
- a) School division is replacing or fixing up several playgrounds through a staggered process, and Grange Hall is in the first round! Will be adding additional playground equipment this summer, just in time for new kindergarteners!
6. Funding Requests
- a) Second grade writing activities
 - (1) Writing program that would benefit both first and second grades
 - (2) Total cost - \$60
 - b) School Counselor Request
 - (1) Ms. Vess requesting funding to attend the VA School Counselors Association conference in Hampton, VA
 - (2) Total for hotel and registration is \$340 (before tax)
 - (3) *Can fund from teacher conferences line in budget*
7. Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) - working on getting this program up and running soon!
8. Contact tracing changed this month; beneficial in terms of staff and nurse accessibility (*please see Bulldog Bulletins and county emails for further updates*)
9. Families that are being redistricted to Moseley Elementary are being contacted by the new principal, Karen Dubiel, to ensure a smooth transition
10. Working on book drive for William Fox Elementary School in Richmond, which burned down a couple weeks ago; will be doing this from now to June

III. Report of Committees

A. Teacher Appreciation

1. Celebrated teachers as they entered the building on February 18 with balloons and signs!
2. If anyone is interested in helping with teacher appreciation week the first week of May, please reach out to Lorin Kain

B. Spiritwear

1. Working with a new vendor for more options in the Spring; should launch sometime in the beginning of March

C. Yearbook

1. 5th grade yearbook club has been doing a great job putting spreads together to make their yearbook special
2. 55 kids meet every other Thursday; consistent participation and they're doing a great job
3. Recent project: students went around the school photographing things they'll miss next year; really touching to see the things that meant the most to them
4. Order your yearbook soon!

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D. Outreach

1. 2nd place in Denim Drive! Won \$750 (will vote on allocation)
2. Working on partnering with the SCA on some projects soon

IV. New Business

A. Vote on Nominating Committee

1. Aye - 15; Nay - 0; Abstain - 0
2. *Nominating committee approved*

B. Vote to designate funds for Fun Run as "PTA Resources for the Betterment of Grange Hall"

1. Aye - 15; Nay - 0; Abstain - 0
2. *Designation approved*

C. Library updates

1. Author visit (Henry Cole) did not work out this year, as he likes small groups, which would be difficult to manage right now; will put it off until 2023 and will consider that in next year's budget
2. Battle of the Books (BOB) program - had 106 students qualify this year
 - a) Generally take a field trip, but unable to do that because of Covid; asking for PTA funding for water, pizza, and cupcakes after the competition instead (*to be discussed at executive board meeting*)

V. Adjournment: 1848

- A. Next general body meeting March 15, 2021 at 1800