

Grange Hall Elementary School

Parent Teacher Association

General Body Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 1800

- I. Call to order: 18:03
- II. Report of Officers
 - A. President Report
 1. Will be providing communication with PTA updates on a weekly basis to the general body for consistency and transparency; can also be found on Bulldog Bulletin every Thursday
 - B. Treasurer Report
 1. Current balance: \$48,268.88 (slightly ahead of where we were at the beginning of August, down \$2,000 from September)
 - a) Total income this year roughly \$22,000, mainly from fundraisers; included \$13,000 from Herff Jones refund, \$3,000 from membership (tripled from last year!), \$4,000 from the carnival, and \$900 from business partnerships (had just over \$10,000 this time last year)
 - b) Have spent \$34,500 so far, including \$4,500 for teacher appreciation, \$1,500 in administrative fees, \$7,000 for Fall Carnival, and \$5,700 in special projects; had spent \$8,700 this time last year; we have spent \$12,700 more than we've taken in so far (goal will be net 0 at the end of the year)
 2. The budget for Fall Carnival was based on each wristband being \$15, but changed to \$5 to better involve the community; currently \$9,000 down from projected budget
 - a) Currently \$2,350 allocated towards special projects every month; proposing to decrease to \$1,225 each month to adjust for this; special projects isn't allocated to anything in particular, whereas other items are more specific
 - C. VP Membership Report
 1. Dues to state and national PTAs have been paid
 2. Currently have 415 paying members; have some other members signed up and are still waiting on dues
 3. Working on adding GH businesses to the newsletter; hopefully coming out this week
 - D. VP Programs Report
 1. Virtual studies program beginning on November 18; will include study skills for math, reading, etc. and will be looking to branch off with Watch D.O.G.S. (finance for kids, etc.)
 2. Request for campus beautification on November 28; if approved, will update PTA website and Facebook group
 3. Bingo will take place on January 27 virtually so that everyone can play at home - will be a great time!
 - E. Principal Report
 1. Thank you to the PTA for providing awards for Bulldog Pride recognition for the first quarter (will be asking for things like free ice cream scoop cards, etc. for future awards)
 2. We love our parent volunteers and will be giving more information on volunteering this week; all volunteers will need to complete the online form
 3. Working on the coordinating the cookie exchange for the Friday before winter break (December 17); discussing Covid safety, as well
 4. Proposed pewter ornaments for the 100th GH anniversary for teachers; total \$978 (\$150 for design, then \$7-9 per ornament)

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III. Report of Committees

A. Spiritwear

1. Goal for the year based on past years is \$4,500; currently at \$288
2. Brigitte spoke to the owner of the spirit wear company; supposed to get \$3 per shirt and have sold 180 shirts; should have \$540; per the treasurer, the company has not paid yet; Brigitte will reach out to the owner and then discuss with the board
3. The company did not give many choices, but will make sure there are more options for the spring

B. Yearbook

1. Cover contest completed; other entries will go on the back of the yearbook; approved by Herff Jones
2. Engaging 5th graders through yearbook committee; have 52 members!
 - a) Working on advertisements, layout, and other ideas
3. Proposing PTA purchase cameras to be checked out from library (will work with administration so students know what they may and may not photograph)
4. Have sold 250 yearbooks so far (goal 515); sale ends in March

C. Reflections

1. Sixteen total participants this year; 7 have moved to represent GH at the county level in 7 different categories (much improved from last year!)
 - a) Special thanks to Mrs. Sahms, who had 9 students from her class participate!
2. Winners will be announced later in February; will work on displaying their work in the spring

IV. New Business

A. Vote to change budget

1. Decrease monthly special projects budget from \$2,350 to \$1,225 to adjust for \$9,000 loss
2. Aye 13; Nay 0; Abstain 0
 - a) Approved

B. Vote to purchase pewter ornaments for teachers

1. Aye 13; Nay 0; Abstain 0
 - a) Approved

C. Vote to buy cameras for yearbook club

1. Ten cameras to be checked out of library; total cost \$549.80
2. Aye 12; Nay 0; Abstain 1
 - a) Approved

D. Vote to change general body meeting days

1. General body meetings fall on the same days as the CCPS school board meetings; vote to switch from the 2nd to the 3rd Tuesday of each month to allow members to go to both (will change dates on website and flyer)
2. Aye 11; Nay 0; Abstain 2
 - a) Approved

V. Adjournment: 19:00

- A. Next general body meeting December 14, 2021 at 1800