

Grange Hall Elementary School

Parent Teacher Association

General Body Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 1800 *via Zoom*

- I. Call to order: 1802
- II. Report of Officers
 - A. President Report
 1. January general body meeting minutes stand as presented
 2. Celebrating Black History Month
 - a) National PTA highlighting Selena Sloan Butler, an Atlanta educator who founded the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers (NCCPT) in 1926 and served as its first president. In 1970, the NCCPT and National PTA merged to serve all children.
 3. CCCPTA meeting
 - a) Voted to promote fully funding the budget presented by Dr. Daugherty for the next school year; more details are being presented at the town halls
 4. Flying Squirrels
 - a) Thank you to Charlotte Lindberg for organizing the reading program with the Flying Squirrels!
 - b) Students read 8 books and turn in bookmark by March 24 to receive a free ticket to the May 31 baseball game
 - c) Families may buy additional tickets at a discounted price and PTA will receive some money from these sales; the link for purchasing additional tickets will be sent out closer to the game
 5. VP Fundraising position
 - a) Thank you to Pam Willard serving three years as the VP Fundraising! Currently need a volunteer to fill the second year of a two year term; please fill out intent-to-serve form found on ghpta.com and send to Sarah Physioc (ghesptapresident@gmail.com) no later than Friday, February 24
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 1. Current Balance: \$72,375.78
 - a) January 31 balance: \$67,823.35 (2022), \$38,969.29 (2021)
 2. Since January PTA meeting (1/25)
 - a) Income: \$5,471.94
 - (1) Includes after school enrichment (\$4,800), business partnerships (\$196.34), Fun Run (\$475), and interest (\$0.60)
 - b) Expenses: \$7,744.86
 - (1) Includes after school enrichment staffing (\$4,800), teacher appreciation (\$336.39), centennial celebration (\$1,720.25), administration fees (\$39), national and state dues (\$8.50), bingo night (\$208.47), hospitality (\$79.40), and special projects (\$552.85)
 - c) Net loss \$2,272.92
 3. BJ Raschkolb completed the January account reconciliation
 4. PTA income taxes
 - a) Sarah has signed and returned an agreement with Robinson, Farmer, Cox and associates to file our income taxes for this year; cost is \$350

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5. Budget reallocation
 - a) Discussed with Dr. Jones moving unused money from budget categories to special projects to allow for more flexibility (*passed; see New Business section*)
 - (1) \$200 from Reflections, \$200 left over from take home folders, \$1,600 left over from student agendas, \$300 from kindergarten journals (to be put specifically toward handheld mirrors for reading, as requested by teachers), \$500 from Bulldog Pride awards; total \$2,800 to special projects
- C. VP Fundraising Report
 1. Fun Run
 - a) Kick-off is February 22 and the run is March 2; theme is national parks
 - b) Do not need any parent volunteers at this time (will not have water stations; students will bring their own water bottles), but can check in at the field and cheer them on
 - c) Boosterthon staff will be at carline and in the school dancing and talking about positive character traits
 - d) Students will receive stickers at the end of their run
 2. Spiritwear
 - a) Store will open Friday, February 24 through the end of March
 - b) Will have t-shirts and tank tops with three different designs
- D. VP Membership Report
 1. Currently 370 paid members (no new members this month)
- E. VP Programs Report
 1. Centennial celebration
 - a) Invoices for t-shirts have been paid; different colors for each grade level, will wear for drone picture (also funded by PTA)
 - b) Will now feature an Irish step dancing group inside the school!
 2. International Week
 - a) Thank you to Gratia Goode for volunteering to chair International Week
 - b) Have had some questions as to whether we can host an International Night, which we have done in the past; this year will be an International Week with activities during the school day (which we have done the past couple years); will potentially revisit an International Night next year
- F. Principal Report
 1. Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 1-5 (per CCCPTA)
 2. Line item in budget for digital and classroom literacy components funded Scholastic News and other resources in the beginning of the school year; had leftover money, which went to Decodable books for K-2 and 3rd grade classrooms to help with reading; order placed and will receive in the next couple weeks
 3. Kindergarten registration will be the week of April 17-21; more information to come in the next couple weeks
 - a) Will have online pre-registration followed by scheduled appointments in person
 - b) Bringing back the kindergarten assessment this year

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4. Ron Clark Academy House System
 - a) Currently planning an RCA house system at GHES; RCA goal is to *learn better ways to engage students, promote academic excellence, build relationships, and create a positive climate and culture*
 - (1) The 5 houses will fall under the principles of Bulldog PRIDE: politeness, respect, integrity, discipline, and effort; students, teachers, and staff will all be sorted and will compete for different goals throughout the year
 - (2) Based on schools currently using the system, it fosters healthy competition; students get excited for their houses and the houses of their friends
 - (3) App will help track of house points; has been highly recommended by other schools currently using the program
 - (4) Will implement slowly, beginning with 4th graders, in preparation for next year; will sort grades 1-4 in the beginning of the new school year and will sort kindergarteners after the first nine weeks (will teach them about the houses and processes prior to sorting)
 - (a) Sorting in the beginning will not necessarily be completely random to ensure that the houses are relatively even; will then be random
 - (b) The sorting process will be a special event and will engage each student
 - (5) Funding [money will go towards the app (\$2,400), classroom gear and decorations, color-changing lights to put up in each room (show which house is in the lead), frames to highlight students throughout the year, etc.]
 - (a) Applying for a \$5,000 innovation grant
 - (b) Creating an Amazon wish list so families can donate
 - (c) PTA
 - (6) Looking for artists in the community to help with house murals for the cafeteria, etc. and GHES businesses that can make annual champions banners for display
 - (7) Thank you to the teachers for all their work on this behind the scenes!

III. Report of Committees

A. Yearbook

1. Currently selling for \$30; price goes up to \$36 starting March 1!
2. If you purchase a yearbook, please make sure you get the confirmation email; if you do not have the email, the order *did not go through*
3. The first half of the book has been submitted; the second half will be submitted on March 20; still time to submit photos
4. Yearbooks on track to arrive before the end of the school year

IV. New Business

A. Nominating committee vote

1. Sarah Battle, BJ Raschkolb, and Heather Stecher have volunteered
 - a) Nominating committee will nominate someone for the position of VP Fundraising in March to finish out the second year of a two year term (all six positions will need to be nominated next year); voting will take place at the general body meeting in April
2. Aye - 12; Nay - 0; Abstain - 1

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- B. Budget reallocation vote
 - 1. Move \$2,800 from unused line items to special projects
 - 2. Aye - 12; Nay - 0; Abstain - 1
- V. Adjournment: 1843
 - A. Next general body meeting is Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 1800 (prior to 1st grade spring program)