

Grange Hall Elementary School

Parent Teacher Association

General Body Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 18:00

- I. Call to order: 18:01
- II. Report of Officers
 - A. President Report
 1. Reflections Presentation - Thank you all for your amazing entries and congratulations to all the winners!
 - a) Primary Division
 - (1) Visual Arts
 - (a) 1st Place - Lucia Hernandez
 - (b) 2nd Place - Matthew Graham
 - (c) 3rd Place - Elizabeth Carr
 - (2) Photography
 - (a) 1st Place - Natalie Willard
 - b) Intermediate Division
 - (1) Visual Arts
 - (a) 1st Place - Mallory Traylor
 - (b) 2nd Place - Isabela Hernandez
 - (c) 3rd Place - Matthew Carr
 - (2) Photography
 - (a) 1st Place - Riley Willard
 - (3) Music Composition
 - (a) 1st Place - Riley Willard
 - (4) Dance Choreography
 - (a) 1st Place - Aracelli Beita
 - c) Special Artists
 - (1) Visual Arts
 - (a) 1st Place - Alexander Carr
 2. October minutes stand as presented
 3. Thank yous
 - a) Sarah Battle and the Carnival team - this was a huge undertaking that Sarah started planning in June; it turned out so well despite being moved inside last minute due to weather; everyone had an amazing time!
 - b) Sarah Battle and Nadine Filsinger (outreach) - collected 323 items for the Denim Drive; waiting to see where we placed, but did an amazing job! Channel 6 News came to talk to the SCA students and Dr. Jones at the end of the Puritan Coats for Kids drive; see pictures on our Facebook page
 - c) Brigitte Edmonds (spiritwear) - everything has been delivered and we have a new sale up on Facebook and the website
 - d) Jean Finney (staff appreciation) - thank you for the charcuterie boxes given to the teachers in October and the lunch for the staff during November conferences; annual cookie exchange coming up!
 - e) Pam Willard (Reflections) - thank you for getting everything organized and for submitting our entries!
 - f) Jenn Sulanke (notice board) - thank you for updating the board with Grandparents' breakfast information

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- g) Thank you to Charlotte Lindberg and Kayla Kardosh for volunteering for picture day
- 4. CCCPTA has a meeting January 16 at the Career and Technical Center, open to everyone
- B. Treasurer Report
 - 1. Current Balance: \$98,665.64
 - a) October 31 balance: \$100,163.71
 - 2. Recent Highlights
 - a) *Since last PTA meeting on October 10:*
 - (1) Total income: \$10,390.37
 - (a) Includes interest (\$0.82), donations (\$20), membership dues (\$340), Carnival presale (\$5,480), Carnival Creepy Kitchen (\$419), Carnival wristbands night of event (\$2,213.75), Carnival business partnerships (\$150.24), and spirit wear (\$1,766.60)
 - (2) Total expenses: \$4,833.54
 - (a) Includes teacher appreciation (\$1,159.17), credit card fees (\$150.24), bank fees (\$12), Jotform (\$39), Food Drive flyers (\$45.50), Veteran's Day program (\$163.61), national and state dues (\$140.75), Carnival supplies (\$575.37), Carnival DJ (\$300), Carnival staff payments (\$640), Carnival inflatables (\$1,245), special projects (\$140.14), and Grandparents' Breakfast (\$222.76)
 - (3) Net gain: \$5,556.83
 - 3. BJ Rauschkolb has signed off on the September reconciliation; October reconciliation is complete and is currently being reviewed
 - 4. Aaron Hawkins, CPA, has agreed to do the PTA audit and taxes again this year
 - 5. Vote to increase Reflections budget
 - a) *Pam Willard requested an extra \$40 for Reflections prizes for participants*
 - b) Aye: 20 (15 in person, 5 Zoom); Nay: 0; Abstain: 2 (in person)
 - c) Motion passes
 - 6. Vote to add school store to budget
 - a) *Mrs. Bray has asked for funds to replenish the items sold in the school store; sent a wish list totaling \$241.64*
 - b) Aye: 20 (15 in person, 5 Zoom); Nay: 0; Abstain: 2 (in person)
 - c) Motion passes
 - 7. Vote to add tower garden to budget
 - a) *Mrs. Sutton has asked for funds to grow a tower garden; the total would be \$254*
 - b) Aye: 21 (16 in person, 5 Zoom); Nay: 0; Abstain: 1 (in person)
 - c) Motion passes
- C. VP Fundraising Report
 - 1. Box Tops - currently have 8 people signed up; easy to scan receipts and GHES gets a donation
 - 2. Kroger Rewards - happens automatically with your Kroger card if you designate GHES; do not need to scan receipts
 - 3. Currently collecting items to be recycled (can take anything, e.g. clothes, old sports equipment, etc.); there is a bin at school and we will receive some money
- D. VP Membership Report
 - 1. Current members: 355
 - 2. Membership drive
 - a) Mrs. Smith's class got nearly 100% membership, so they will have a pizza party!

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b) Will do popcorn and movie for the next class that gets to 100% next month

E. VP Programs Report

1. Grandparents' Breakfast - expecting over 800 people next week over three days! Everything is ready to go with the exception of volunteers; need more people to set up Tuesday afternoon for about an hour; Mr. Berge is bringing in tables and chairs so we just need to decorate; also need volunteers to serve the mornings of the breakfast; Sign Up Genius posted on Facebook

F. Principal Report

1. SCA student representatives were on live TV for the coat drive! They were really excited to participate and give back
2. PTA partnership - our PTA is really involved in our community; this is an opportunity to be more involved in whatever capacity you can
3. PTA partnered with YMCA to get 2nd graders to the Learn to Swim program by providing buses; pictures of this program on our Facebook page
4. Food Drive is coming up; encouraging participation through a House competition; students will earn a point for every item they bring in (no glass; must be non-perishables)
5. The Turkey Trot will be the Tuesday before Thanksgiving during resource time
6. School counselors are organizing a transportation career day with many types of vehicles in the bus loop; we will also have spirit days at the end of the month, which will be listed in the bulletin (dress as your favorite career day is the same as picture day make ups, but you can send the costume with them!)

III. Report of Committees

A. Carnival

1. Thank you to those that assisted with Carnival - donations, set up, etc.; was Sarah Battle's first year running it and she's been working on it with Nadine Filsinger since June; rain threw a wrench in the plans, but it turned out to be a great event; loved watching it unfold behind the scenes; this community made it what it was

B. Outreach

1. Coat drive was today and the box was overflowing! Thank you to those that donated
2. Food drive will begin November 13 for House points; the food bank has delivered the boxes and we're ready for donations

C. Teacher Appreciation

1. Thank you to Kim Leveski for making the charcuterie boxes for the teachers! They were served while going over the new reading program and we received a lot of compliments on them
2. The cookie exchange for teachers in December depends on donations from parents; will have a Sign Up Genius after Thanksgiving break
3. We will have a soup luncheon in January (more info to come)
4. Teacher Appreciation Week will be in May (usually the first week); looking for parents and/or companies to sponsor breakfasts or lunches

IV. Adjournment: 18:37

A. **Currently looking for anyone who is interested in one of the elected officer positions for the next school year! If you have any questions or would like to shadow, please reach out.** We will begin forming the nominating committee in January and the committee will make recommendations at the March meeting; elections are held in April. Intent to serve forms must be completed and can be found on the website (ghpta.com).

B. *Next PTA general body meeting will be Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 18:00*