

# Grange Hall Elementary School

## Parent Teacher Association

### General Body Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 18, 2021 at 1800

- I. Call to order: 1800
- II. Report of Officers
  - A. President Report
    1. Happy New Year and thank you for supporting the GHES PTA! We are having to adjust some events but are planning a lot of exciting things for this year.
  - B. Treasurer Report
    1. Current balance about \$42,000
    2. Have not had a lot of activity over the past couple months; paid for Brain Pop and QuaverEd music program
    3. Fun Run target for spring is \$65,000 (this was the estimate included in this year's budget); this amount would support efforts for the rest of the year; will need direction from school for fundraising (i.e. what their needs are)
  - C. VP Membership Report
    1. No new members
    2. 80 members did not clearly mark inclusion/exclusion for the PTA directory; these members have been contacted; 25/80 have now responded; please respond if you get the email!
  - D. VP Programs Report
    1. Bingo Night has been moved to March 25th
  - E. VP Fundraising - Fun Run season
    1. Kroger app (link the app to GHPTA) - \$354.63 in November
    2. Box Tops (mostly through app) - \$7.60 in December
    3. Fun Run kick off is February 23, runs through March 3
      - a) March 3 is race day when the kids will be running outside
      - b) Will encourage sharing and raising funds for the school and PTA
      - c) May need volunteers as we get closer to that date
      - d) Will have race bibs in lieu of t-shirts; design will be specific for GH and kids will get to wear the day of the race; easier than t-shirts due to supply chain issues
      - e) Working on identifying where we will use the funds that are raised
      - f) Kids get to run off energy and will learn core values in classrooms supported by Boosterthon
  - F. Principal Report
    1. Teacher appreciation - shout out to Lorin Kain and the rest of the volunteers for the 12 days of winter break! Thank you for spoiling our teachers. It was a huge hit!
    2. Another shout out for current substitutes that stepped up at GH and in the county; huge staffing shortages due to Covid surge; people have stepped up at the last minute and have been very helpful.
    3. Thank you for supporting the QuaverEd curriculum; narrowing choices for Fun Run fund designations
    4. Please send teachers thank you notes (handwritten or via email) to continue spreading gratitude!

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5. Navigating contact tracing; following all protocols, doing the best we can to keep students and teachers healthy; thank you to Stephanie, the school nurse - she's doing an awesome job!
  - a) No new updates in regards to executive order; continue to read updates in emails
  - b) *Note: since PTA meeting, CCPS voted to maintain mask mandate only until further guidance is given from VDOE (i.e. for contact tracing and other mitigation strategies)*

### III. Report of Committees

#### A. Spirit wear

1. Working with a new vendor for the spring; will give update when the store is ready to open

#### B. Community Pantry

1. Sarah and Nadine working with school counselors for distribution; still accepting donations (see sign-up genius with suggestions) or can donate in the bins outside of the school

#### C. Yearbook

1. Submit pictures! Currently looking for 5th grade baby pictures and pet pictures
2. Thank you to Kari Sims for helping to lead the yearbook club! Over 50 students participating
3. 373 sold so far; goal is 511
4. Price will increase to \$36, order soon!

### IV. Adjournment: 1827

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