**GRAEBNER PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

**Graebner Grapevine**

Information from the October 20, 2021, general meeting

The meeting came to order at 6:04 pm with 3 board members, Mrs. Wood, and 8 general members in attendance.

* President Autumn Jacobs welcomed attendees and read the mission statement. She said that the GPTO website www.graebnerpto.com and Facebook/Graebner PTO are the best ways to keep up with PTO activities.
* Autumn announced that Tiana Kemp resigned her position as GPTO Secretary. Nominations to fill her remaining term through June 30, 2022, should be submitted by November 3 to the PTO website. Persons eligible to be Secretary must have previously or currently served as a Committee Chairperson. A job description is available on the website. The vote for a new Secretary is expected at the November general membership meeting.

**Graebner Reports**

Principal’s Report (Mrs. Wood)-Mrs. Wood said Graebner students have completed the fall NWEA assessments. This information will be used to identify knowledge gaps and develop plans to rebound students and accelerate them forward. The Graebner staff has spent a significant amount of time reteaching in-school behavior and social skills. Mrs. Wood has started a new Student of the Month program and has plans to start a new behavior system in January that may involve a school store. Graebner has had a small number of Covid cases so far this year. Halloween will be celebrated with the GPTO’s Trunk or Treat on October 22 and in classes on October 29 including a student parade outdoors that parents may attend weather permitting. October 29 is also a half day and on November 2 there will be no classes for students because the staff has professional development. Jenna Wiland commented that the parking lot was still an issue in the afternoons with people blocking the exit because they were double and triple parked. She asked if the crossing guards are parking in the parent lot if they could please use the staff lot or neighborhood instead to free up more spaces. Mrs. Wood requested the persons attending the meeting introduce themselves, so each attendee did so.

6th Grade Parent Committee (Corey Wisinewski & Allison Grawberg)-The 6th grade parents elected Corey Wisinewski to Chairperson and Allison Grawberg to Secretary of the 6th Grade Parent Committee. They are selling Halloween candygrams for $1 each that will have a Skittles or Starburst candy attached before delivery. They will host a bottle drive on Saturday from 2-5 pm to collect returnable cans and bottles. In November they will sponsor a penny war game where the class that collects the most coins will win indoor recess games. In December they plan to sell Christmas candygrams and hold a Little Cesar’s pizza kit fundraiser in January.

**Committee Reports**

Committee Chairs (Laura Bergen)-Laura said the Trunk or Treat has a chairperson, but someone is needed to chair the Holiday Night and Holiday Shop committees.

Secretary’s Report (Position Vacant)-Jenna Wiland presented minutes she took at the September meeting on behalf of Tiana Kemp. Laura Bergen moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Holly Mayhew.

Treasurer’s Report (Jenna Wiland)-Jenna reviewed the September financial activity. She moved to approve with one correction to show $500 authorized to the 6th grade committee as September activity. Laura Bergen seconded.

Community Relations Committee (Chairperson Vacant)- Activity pending a secretary.

Beautifications Committee (Andrea Weichbrodt)-The grounds were switched to fall with the addition of the Scarecrows near the gym and other fall decorations.

Playground (Autumn Jacobs for Amanda Krieg and Joe Puleo)-No update.

**Activities/Fundraising**

Passive Fundraising (Autumn Jacobs)-Please continue to use Kroger Reports, Amazon Smile, and the BoxTops app to generate funds for the school and GPTO.

Spiritwear Sale (Autumn Jacobs)-The September Spiritwear items came in today. They will be sorted over the weekend and delivered to school next week.

Fun Run (Jenna Wiland)- Jenna said almost $15,000 has been raised so far. Tonight is the final opportunity for online donations and all fundraising envelopes need to be turned in to school tomorrow. The prize raffle will be held on Friday afternoon.

Restaurant Night (Laura Bergen)- Laura said a restaurant night will be held at Mod Pizza on November 7 from 12-8 pm.

**Old Business**

There was no old business to review.

**New Business**

Trunk or Treat (Amanda Krieg)-The event will be held on Friday October 22 for the 47 cars and related persons who have registered. There will be a decorating contest. Mrs. Wood will ensure the custodial staff are aware the parking lot is closed from 6:30 to 7:30 pm and that parking lights will be on.

Roller Skating Party (Holly Mayhew)- A skate night is tentatively planned at the New Rink on Van Dyke near 23 Mile on November 19. It can be cancelled or rescheduled if it is determined a large indoor event cannot be held.

Holiday Shop (Chairperson Vacant)- Mrs. Wood said a traditional in-person student shopping experience with many parent volunteers cannot be held in the building this year due to district covid limitations. A virtual or hybrid shop could be held but was tabled due to lack of a chairperson.

Holiday Night (Chairperson Vacant)- Autumn said the traditional in-building event will not be possible. She has looked at alternatives such as an outdoor drive-through event with different holiday stations such as a snack, art & craft kit, and Santa, but further planning is waiting on a chairperson for the event.

**General Discussion and Comments**

* The Graebner PTO is now registered for tax-free shopping at Dollar Tree and Family Dollar. Chairpersons should ask Autumn Jacobs for more information.
* The next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 17 at 6pm.
* The meeting ended approximately 7:04 pm.

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