**GRAEBNER PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

**Graebner Grapevine**

Information from the September 15, 2021, general meeting

The meeting came to order at 6:05 pm with 3 board members, Mrs. Wood, and 6 general members in attendance. Two additional general members joined the meeting in progress.

* President Autumn Jacobs welcomed attendees and read the mission statement. She highlighted graebnerpto.com, Facebook/Graebner PTO and email as the best ways to keep up with PTO activities.
* Members voted 6 yes, 0 no to accept the following meeting schedule: October 20, November 17, December 15, January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 1. All meetings will be held at 6pm. Meetings will be via Google Meet for now as Graebner is currently closed to outside evening activities.
* Graebner PTO is providing limited copy support to teachers this year.

**Graebner Reports**

Principal’s Report (Mrs. Wood)-Mrs. Wood emphasized this year has required more adjustment, flexibility and patience than previous years. They are constantly reevaluating and will adjust as necessary. She is aware of the Transportation difficulties and hopes more bus drivers can be hired soon so that all bus routes can run on time each day. Students will spend class time this year on social and emotional learning. Several classes are piloting the Calm Classroom program. UCS district has set a goal to rebound and accelerate. There will be a Curriculum Night/Open House on September 29. Picture day will be October 13. The parking lot is still an issue with persons not following procedure. The Dolphin Dispatch will be sent out regularly with important information.

6th Grade Committee (Chairperson needed)-Autumn announced a 6th grade virtual parent meeting will be held on September 21 for the purpose of trying again to elect a chairperson and secretary for this year’s 6th grade parent committee. Nominations due on the website by September 20.

**Committee Reports**

Committee Chairs (Laura Bergen)-Laura reviewed several committees that need chairpersons. It is not believed that Tiana Kemp will be able to chair either Donuts with Grown Ups or Trunk or Treat this year.

* Playground Committee—Colleen Wolf and Iwona Baklarz volunteered at the meeting to co-chair.
* Trunk or Treat-Amanda Krieg and Joe Puleo volunteered at the meeting to co-chair.
* Mrs. Wood proposed postponing Donuts with Grownups until the Spring. Karen Reese volunteered to help.

Secretary’s Report (Tiana Kemp)-Tiana was absent, so Autumn presented minutes from the June meeting taken by prior secretary Nina Chisnall. Laura Bergen moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by Holly Mayhew.

Treasurer’s Report (Jenna Wiland)-Jenna reviewed the June, July, and August financial activity. Laura Bergen moved to approve the June, July and August Treasurer’s Reports, 2nd by Holly Mayhew.

Community Relations Committee (Tiana Kemp)- No activity reported.

Beautifications Committee (Andrea Weichbrodt)-Andrea reviewed recent grounds cleanups, chalk the walk event, and new mums and mulch from Home Depot.

**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.

Ongoing Can Drive (Autumn Jacobs)- Thank you for supporting this fundraiser but it will be discontinued for now and suggested to the 6th grade Parent Committee.

Spiritwear Sale (Autumn Jacobs)-The September Spiritwear sale is going strong with almost $250 of retired logo sales at Ice Cream Social and over $1200 in orders for new logo gear. Orders are due by September 24.

**Old Business**

Ice Cream Social (Jenna Wiland)-The annual Ice Cream Social was back on Thursday September 9 and well attended. The weather was beautiful, at least 350 ice cream cups were given out and everyone seemed to enjoy gathering together outside on the back playground pad.

First Day Staff Breakfast (Autumn Jacobs)- GPTO provided a back-to-school breakfast for the staff on August 30.

Kindergarten Meet and Greet/Welcome Fliers & Books (Autumn Jacobs)- Autumn attended the kindergarten meet and greet to hand out fliers and provide information. Graebner PTO purchased 100 easy reader books for incoming kindergarteners to welcome them to Graebner. It was mentioned that the meet and greet was strictly outside at Graebner.

Restaurant Night (Laura Bergen)- Laura announced plans to have restaurant nights at Jets and either Changs or Panda Express over the coming months. The members voted 6 yes 0 no to change Restaurant Night proceeds back to benefit the Playground Committee instead of unallocated.

Fun Run (Jenna Wiland)- Jenna reviewed the 2021 Fun Run fundraiser plans. GPTO is partnering with Get Movin’ Crew and their FundHub online platform. Our goal is $17,000, which would earn the school a lunch disco party and provide funds for Teacher Allocations, Specials, GPTO basic operations, educational software, and so much more. Students who register online will receive a smencil, those who raise money will receive keychains and raffle tickets, classrooms who meet their goals will get an indoor recess game and $50 to enhance their room. The run will be held in gym class.

**New Business**

Donuts with Grown Ups (Tiana Kemp)- Postponed until spring and in need of a new chairperson.

Trunk or Treat (Tiana Kemp)-In need of a new chairperson. Planned for late October as an outdoor event.

Roller Skating Party (Holly Mayhew)- The first skate night planned at the New Rink for September was postponed. Mrs. Wood thought UCS elementary schools are postponing large offsite indoor events for now. Events are tentatively planned in November, January, February, March, and May.

**General Discussion and Comments**

* A comment was made that it was tough this year because different UCS buildings are allowed to make different decisions on what is and isn’t allowed so Graebner students can see their friends and family at other schools able to do things they cannot.
* A comment was made to consider adding an incentive for GPTO meeting attendance.
* The meeting ended approximately 7:35 pm.

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