**GRAEBNER PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

**Graebner Grapevine**

Information from the February 16, 2022, general meeting

The virtual meeting came to order at 6:04 pm with 3 board members, Mrs. Wood, and 4 general members in attendance.

* President Autumn Jacobs welcomed attendees and read the mission statement. She reminded the attendees to check the GPTO website www.graebnerpto.com, Facebook/Graebner PTO, Mrs. Wood’s Dolphin Dispatch, fliers, emails, and morning announcements for the latest information and activities.
* The committee held a vote whether to hold the March 16th general meeting as in-person with virtual option or virtual only. Based on the vote the meeting will be held in-person with virtual connection optional.
* The GPTO Secretary position is still vacant. Please consider taking on some additional responsibility to help our PTO. Persons eligible to be an officer must have previously served as a GPTO Committee Chairperson. Job descriptions available on the website. Nominations for next school year will be taken at the April meeting.

**Graebner Reports**

Principal’s Report (Mrs. Wood)- Mrs. Wood said the PTO’s recent appreciation hearts were a huge hit with the staff. She requested they stay up for at least a month. Everyone is very excited about the new fish ticket positive behavior program. Students receive fish-themed tickets when they are “caught” with a good attitude or good behavior. Tickets earned stay in each classroom for a student drawing every Friday afternoon for small prizes. Staff can fill out tickets for other staff with a winner also drawn each week for a small gift card. The 6th grade students were authorized to hand out tickets to younger students. Mrs. Wood said it is expected that daytime parent volunteers will be welcomed back soon now that covid cases have significantly decreased and staff no longer needs to conduct direct contact tracing to individually notify each person who spent more than 15 minutes within 6 feet of a positive case. Positive cases now only require a group email sent to the class or grade. Conferences were rescheduled from the February 2 snow day to last week. Students recently celebrated the 100th day of school and Valentine’s Day. A para-pro position is open and substitutes still needed. Graebner will celebrate March Reading Month with the one book one school program with *The World According to Humphrey,* which features the best friend to last year’s book, *Og the Frog*. A calendar of events will be sent home.

6th Grade Parent Committee (Corey Wisinewski & Allison Grawberg)- The committee has raised about $3400. A bottle drive is planned for April and a spring candygrams in May. Committee meetings are held at 6:30 pm the Thursday prior to the general PTO meeting.

**Committee Reports**

Committee Chairs (Laura Bergen)- Vice President Laura Bergen reported that the Daddy-Daughter event, Staff Appreciation, Carnival, and Muffins in the Morning committees need chairpersons. She will chair the Mom-Son event herself. Events may be cancelled if no chairperson volunteers.

Secretary’s Report (Position Vacant)- Treasurer Jenna Wiland presented minutes taken at the January meeting. Laura Bergen moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Holly Mayhew

Treasurer’s Report (Jenna Wiland)- Jenna reviewed the January financial activity. She moved to approve, seconded by Laura Bergen.

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

Staff Appreciation (Chair needed)- Staff appreciation hearts were hung in the hallway near the office and snacks and treats were placed in the staff lounge for Valentine’s Day.

Beautification Committee (Andrea Weichbrodt)- Activity on hold until spring.

Playground (Amanda Krieg and Joe Puleo)- A survey was sent to teachers for playground equipment requests. Sixteen teachers responded with wish lists and storage bin requests. Items will be priced with School Specialty and Amazon up to a cap per classroom. A March committee vote is planned so the equipment can be delivered by spring.

**Activities/Fundraising**

Passive Fundraising (Autumn Jacobs)- Please continue to use Kroger Rewards, Amazon Smile, and the BoxTops app to generate funds for the school and GPTO. A flier will be sent.

Spiritwear Sale (Autumn Jacobs)- Remaining stock posted for sale on the website.

Restaurant Night (Laura Bergen)- An Applebee’s fundraiser is planned for February 23 at the Van Dyke location.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

Daddy-Daughter and Mother-Son events- As discussed earlier, these committees need chairpersons but are tentative planned for April or May.

Roller Skating Party (Holly Mayhew)- The next skate night will be held this Friday February 18 at the New Rink on Van Dyke near 23 Mile from 5-7 pm, but significant snow is in the forecast. Mrs. Wood said that if school is cancelled it generally means that evening activities are also cancelled, especially if there is any question on road conditions. Future skate nights scheduled from 5-7 pm on Friday March 18 and Friday May 6.

Tech Talk Night- Our PTO, along with PTO Today and Micro Trend will host a Tech Talk Night March 9 for parents to learn more about online activity and internet safety. It will be a Zoom meeting.

**General Discussion and Comments**

* The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 16, 2022, at 6pm in the Graebner Media Center.
* The meeting ended approximately 6:55 pm.

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**Future Meetings: March 16, April 20, May 18, and June 1, 2022**