**GRAEBNER PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

**Graebner Grapevine**

Information from the December 15, 2021, general meeting

The meeting came to order at 6:05 pm with 3 board members, Mrs. Wood, and 4 general members in attendance.

* President Autumn Jacobs welcomed attendees and read the mission statement. The GPTO website www.graebnerpto.com and Facebook/Graebner PTO are the best ways to keep up with PTO activities along with the Dolphin Dispatch, fliers, and morning announcements.
* The GPTO Secretary position is still vacant. Please email if interested. Persons eligible to be Secretary must have served as a GPTO Committee Chairperson. A full job description is available on the website.

**Graebner Reports**

Principal’s Report (Mrs. Wood)- Mrs. Wood said everyone was looking forward to the break next week. She gave a reminder that the district changed the school calendar so the two previously scheduled half days next week are now days off and this Friday is now a half day and end of the semester. The staff held its annual emergency/safety training on December 7. She is hoping additional substitute teachers can be secured so more staff professional development can be scheduled. Anyone interested in substitute teaching should call the office. Purchase of additional walkie talkies and chargers in is progress so that each teacher will have a set. Currently there is only one per grade plus 6 for lunch and recess monitors. Mrs. Wood said it was really fun seeing the 6th graders playing their new recess games this week, although they had to be reminded to keep the noise level down. When students return in January the rigor and expectations will increase and a new positive behavior system will be implemented. The Student of the Month program kicked off last fall and is going well. The district recently changed building rules so evening events can now be held in school buildings. It is hoped that daytime parent volunteers may be able to return next year. Mrs. Wiland will email Mrs. Wood with an announcement of how Fun Run funds will be spent to share with the staff. Ms. Noechel thanked the Graebner community for their generous donations of toiletries for the Fostering Hope program.

6th Grade Parent Committee (Corey Wisinewski & Allison Grawberg)- The Penny Wars fundraiser in November went well with Mr. Rojeski’s class winning the war and getting their prize of several new indoor recess board games. Christmas candygrams are going on now for Friday delivery. They will kick off a Little Cesar’s pizza kit fundraiser in January.

**Committee Reports**

Committee Chairs (Laura Bergen)- Vice President Laura Bergen will investigate which winter and spring committees still need chairpersons and report back next month. It is believed that Daddy-Daughter event, Mom-Son event and Muffins in the Morning may need chairpersons.

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

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

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

Staff Appreciation (Chair needed)- Completed staff favorites forms were added to the GPTO website under Staff Appreciation and a flier was sent home so that families wishing to purchase gifts for staff have an idea of what may be appreciated. There will also be a little surprise in the staff lounge on Friday in appreciation for a great first semester.

Beautification Committee (Andrea Weichbrodt)- The grounds were switched from fall to holiday earlier this month. Mrs. Wood commented that it was such a fun surprise for staff and students to see the festive decorations upon arrival.

Playground (Amanda Krieg and Joe Puleo)- No report was available.

**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.

Spiritwear Sale (Autumn Jacobs)- Remaining stock is posted as available on the website.

Restaurant Night (Laura Bergen)- Yesterday’s Jets fundraiser went well but the amount is not yet known. Restaurant night fundraisers will be held at Mod Pizza on January 27 and at Chuck E. Cheese on January 11 from 3-9 pm.

**Old Business**

Holiday Night (Autumn Jacobs)- The event will be held as a drive-through tomorrow from 6:00 until 7:30 pm. About 60 families with 130 children are registered to attend. Thank you to Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Scholten and many students from Henry Ford High School’s National Honor Society, IMPACT and Future Educators clubs for volunteering.

Roller Skating Party (Holly Mayhew)- The next skate night will be held on Friday January 21 at the New Rink on Van Dyke near 23 Mile from 5-7 pm. The November event went well but funds have not yet been received.

Holiday Shop (Sarah Merzlak)- The shop was held virtually earlier this month and orders were passed out at school today. We will receive 10% of the total sales.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**General Discussion and Comments**

* Mrs. Wood said Superintendent Monroe’s visit in November went very well with the Graebner staff also reporting positive feelings about it. The Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning also attended. A follow-up email from the district complemented the school atmosphere. Mrs. Wood thanked parents and the GPTO for their support and contributions to Graebner.
* Happy Holidays and enjoy your break!
* The next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 19, 2022, at 6pm.
* The meeting ended approximately 6:45 pm.

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**Future Meetings: January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 1, 2022**