

Graham PTA General Meeting - March 9, 2017 General Meeting

Officers Present: Emily Chen (president), Suzie Perkins (treasurer), Tiffany Treacy (vice president), Karin Huffine (vice president), Jenn Buedel (secretary)

Attendees: Claudette Walton (Principal), Noelle Klinko, Julie Comey, Margaret Polcyn, Brooke Murphy, Tammy Andersen, Jennifer Amato, Meg Wrobel

CALL TO ORDER: The general meeting was called to order at 9:33 am.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

- Minutes Approved (motion Brooke Murphy, second Tammy Andersen)
- Teacher PTA grants are currently being reviewed and will be announced in the near future
- Nominating Committee (Jennifer Buedel, Melissa Cleary, and Beth Miller) are gathering names on anyone interested in joining the Graham Executive PTA board as the secretary or vice president - please contact one of them or any board member with questions or interest. The election will be held at the April 13th PTA meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Dr. Karen Sullivan, Superintendent

- make up of our district - Dist 204 has more students in Naperville than Dist 203
- 48% white, 26% asian, 11 hispanic, 9 black, 5 multiracial
- 28,183 total enrollment in District, 33 Schools, 3,022 employees, covers 46 sq miles
- Dist Goals: student academic achievement; hire/retain high quality teachers, leaders, support staff; manage resources efficiently/effectively; be student and community focused
- State is currently \$10.5 million behind in funding, making it very difficult to plan and pay bills
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) - Federal Bill passed last year for school accountability, current administration is making changes - how this will be implemented is still in question
- School Funding Reform in Illinois is a constant topic, but no decisions have been finalized to date
- State Mandated Annual Testing: PARCC grades 3-8, SAT places ACT an PARCC (State signed a 10 year contract with SAT)
- 1:1 Device Plan: 2017-18 will be high school, piloting 1 grade level at the elementary level, goal to have grades 2-12 with 1:1 devices by 2018-19.
- Focus on the 4 C's: Creativity, Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking to develop creators not consumers
- Air conditioning in the elementary schools will be at 50% or over by the fall of 2017
- Residency Verification process for enrollment is changing - a 3rd party vendor is going to verify residency for families to minimize the number of families needing to provide documents for verification
- School Board Election April 4th - educate yourself and vote

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am

