

Graham PTA Sept 8, 2016 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), Rachel Witkowski, Melissa Cleary, Michelle Shiles (LMC Director), Brooke Murphy, Amy Muhalla, Aimee Wilson, Tammi Anderson, Kristen DeGuissepe, Lori Piccininni, Abby Jones, Tony Wang, Yeon Lim, Erica Boose, Della Kim, Patrycja Dologa, Michelle Massie, Heather Ostrowe, Pranoti Solankush

CALL TO ORDER: The general meeting was called to order at 9:36am

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report – Emily Chen

- Motion to approve May 12 minutes, second by Tammi Anderson -- approved
- Thank yous for the Meet and Greet Ice Cream Social, Back to School Staff lunch
- Introduction of the current board
- please check out our facebook page and pta website (grahampta.org) for upcoming events, meeting minutes, and pta announcements

Treasurer's Report - Suzie Perkins

- Explanation of the PTA audit performed over the summer. The audit committee found the information for 2015-2016 was accurate and complete. Motion to approve the audit, 2nd by Lori P. Audit approved and filed.
- Budget for 2016-2017: created over the summer, there were a few minor changes from last year based on trends in the school (student enrollment, committee chair feedback, etc).
- Motion to approve to budget, Brooke Murphy 2nd –approved

Principal Report - Ms. Walton

- Update on the start of the year: it's been magnificent!
- Heat Update: District has a plan to put air conditioning into the elementary schools over time. Currently we have 8 rooms being used as cooling centers, 2 are classrooms. The district plans to continue adding rooms over time. We appreciate your patience and support in these warm days.
- Box Tops: are a tremendous money source for Graham. We are able to make significant school improvements and purchases for our students. Please continue collecting throughout the year!
- IPEF (Indian Prairie Education Fund)-- gives grants and A+ awards out to the district faculty and staff. They also sponsor Heart Screenings at the high school level. To raise money for IPEF, Graham Faculty and Parents will be running

Vice President Report - Karin Huffine

- Box Tops Collection: Oct 3-7 will be the first collection period

Vice President Report - Tiffany Treacy

Room Parents:

- volunteer sign ups will be all online for the parents. Watch for the email.
- you can only volunteer for one party per child
- also looking for a class photographer for each party
- Head Room Parent will go to all 3 parties during the year
- if you are not an official volunteer, you will not be able to come watch the party

Skate Nights:

- Tues Oct 18: First Skate night (Roller Skating)
- there will be 6 skate nights throughout the year
- stay tuned for mystery special guest from Graham...

-The Aurora Skate Center

Committee Reports

Walkathon – Aimee Wilson & Brooke Murphy

- Kick off last week (thurs) – talked to the kids about what the walkathon is and what we use the money for.
- Donations are now being accepted
- for ever student that donates – they get a star on the wall in the multi purpose room
- for every \$25 collected, students get a dog tag...for \$100 they also get a trophy key chain
- For the 9/30 Walkathon, there will be different stations Along with the Olympic Theme during their half hour time slot
- \$9,200: goes towards funding the Graham PTA activities throughout the year
- Look for a sign up sheet for volunteers coming out in the next few weeks

Restaurant Nights: Melissa Cleary

- First one of the year: Tues Sept 20th at Oberweis Ice Cream
- Looking for a co-chair for next year, so let Melissa Cleary know if that is an interest

Reflections: Michelle Massie

- a PTA program to share students interpretation of the arts. Deadline of Oct. 18th.
- the theme this year is “What is Your Story”
- last year, we were second highest submissions in the district.
- Please look to for the electronic copy of the rules, to be sent out in the coming week.
- there is also a contest to pick the theme for the next year.
- will be looking for a chair for the Reflections for next year (current chair is parent of a 5th grader)

New Business:

Spirit Wear: Only one chance to order – due by Sept 16th.

Special Needs PTA:

- Melissa Cleary, will be briefing us each month to share information
- stay tuned for some upcoming events: Resource fair coming up in October at the Birkett Freshman Center
- if you know of any families with students of special needs

Website- Graham PTA has their own website: grahampta.org, run by Webmater Carrie Tuma

Yearbook Liason – we have a new committee chair position. The purpose of the yearbook liason is to collect and coordinate the pictures that will be used in our Graham Yearbook.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am