

Graham PTA April 13, 2017 General Meeting

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

Attendees: Margaret Polcyn, Tamara Anderson, Noelle Klinko, Jen Amato, Melissa Cleary, Beth Miller, Brooke Murphy, Abby Jones, Julie Comey, Claudette Walton, Rachel Witkowski

CALL TO ORDER: The general meeting was called to order at 9:37am by President, Emily Chen

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report - Emily Chen

- Approval of minutes: approved
- Thank you for all who participated in the Nutrition and Wellness week - a great week!
- Father Son Paint Night was a success! 50 canvases were done and \$150 was raised to support "Blessings in a Backpack" -- which covers 1 child for 6 months of food
- Buddy 2 Buddy Program is still going well, we will be looking for parents to help facilitate the playgroup portion of the program - watch for an email on this.
- On Meet and Greet day in the fall, PTA will host a activity fair to high light the different areas you can be involved in during the year.

Principals Report - Ms. Claudette Walton (principal)

- thank yous for Nutrition and Wellness week, special thanks to Ms. Witkowski and Ms. Shiles for setting up Google Hangout to make all school activities possible from their classrooms.
- PARCC testing season is almost as a close.
- 5th grade send off is coming up in May
- Please stay mindful and aware of the state of public education in the state right now, state is currently \$15 million behind in our payments. Stay vigilant and get involved when the District sends out into asking for you to participate
- Retirements from Graham this year: Mrs. Golger, Mrs. Migliacio, Mrs. Crooks. A reception for those 3 teachers will be on May 18th afterschool at Graham. Open to all current and former Graham students and families.

Treasurer's Report - Suzie Perkins (read by Jenn Buedel)

- Total Income for March = \$ 945
- Total Expenses for March = \$ 661
- Current balance at hand as of 3/31/17: \$21,757

Vice Presidents Report - Tiffany Treacy/Karin Huffine

- Teacher Grants: Will be fully funded by the PTA this year, including robot blocks, legos for maker space, Stem Kits and programs, "wobbly" chairs for specific classrooms,
- Moby Max will be budgeted separately for the school
- Watch dogs program will begin next year at Graham. The program will kick off in October, on Fridays. Watch dogs is an opportunity for fathers to come into school and participate in the classroom as well as other experiences throughout the school. Sign ups will be available next year.
- Earth Week: students can send in their leaf promise to add to the tree, conversation topics will be highlighted throughout the week
- Restaurant Night: Potbelly night in April, MOD pizza and TCBY will by May 30th

- Teacher Appreciation week: "All Star" theme, volunteer sign up is out if you would like to help, in lieu of individual teacher gifts - a Keurig will be given as school gift to the teacher
- Plant Sale: pre orders are done, Friday May 12th orders will be in. May 12th there will also be plants available for sale if you missed the pre order. Winner of the potted plant will be notified soon!
- Last skate night: May 17th 6-8pm -- Mrs. Walton will be in attendance!
- 5th Grade Farewell: Grahamazing race and picnic will be May 25th
- Blessings in the Backpack: final packing date to be held on May 1st before school.

Bylaws 2017-2018 Update:

Changes are:

- General Meetings reduced to a min. of 3 (in practice more will be held), additional meetings will be held for committee
- Executive board members have the option to stay in their position for up to 3 years (currently 2 year)
- Motion to approve Bylaws changes as written - Tammy Anderson, 2nd Jennifer Amato-- motion approved.

2017-2018 Election:

Nominating committee presents the slate

- For President: Emily Chen -- approved by voice vote
- For 1st Vice President: Tiffany Treacy -- approved by voice vote
- For Secretary: Brooke Murphy -- approved by voice vote
- For Treasurer: Suzie Perkins -- approved by voice vote

Nomination from the floor: for 2nd vice president, Stephanie Malone, no additional nominations were made -- approved by voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 am