

Graham PTA General Meeting - February 7, 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), Brooke Murphy, Rachel Witkowski, Lori Piccininni, Melissa Cleary, Jennifer Amato, Beth Miller

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT - Ms. Walton, Principal

- general thank you for the vast variety of ways that the PTA works within our school every day
- Chromebooks: one grade level at Graham will pilot chromebooks next year (specific grade has not been determined yet by the District); for 2018-2019 all 3-5 graders will be issued a chromebook to use for the year
- Internet Safety Night was very effective, would encourage more 4th-5th grade students/families in future
- Buddy Program - thank you for your efforts, tremendous impact towards learning kindness and understanding

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report - -Motion to approve minutes - approved, second by Melissa Cleary

- discussion of Mr. Allan Davenport's presentation on internet safety in January
- family movie night was a success - raised \$145 for Blessings in a Backpack
- need for a nominating committee, need at least 2 general membership volunteers - accepting volunteers
- Presentation of Bylaw Changes
 - changing officer commitments: Currently officers can serve 2 consecutive 1 year terms, changing to the option of 3 consecutive 1 year terms in a the same position
 - downsize nominating committee from 5 to 3
 - General meetings required would be reduced to 3 (more will be possible), but
- Nancy Goodfellow will be back to present to our 5th graders
- Dr. Sullivan, IPSD Superintendent will be presenting at our March meeting

Treasurer's Report - Suzie Perkins

- Balance on hand at end of January: \$20,845
- Note for Classroom party volunteers - don't forget to submit receipts

Vice President's Report - Karin Huffine, Tiffany Treacy

- Jump Rope for Heart 2/17
- Next Restaurant Night 2/21 - Sharko's
- Next Skate Night 2/22

Committee Reports -

Maker Space - still need more volunteers, please show up for those you sign up for, looking to add in new stations

Girls Choice - 2/24, rsvp's are coming in, plans are underway, still need volunteers to help the day of the dance, excited for a great night!

Father/Son Paint Night!! Friday April 7th - paint night will be held at Graham, led by A Colorful Affair. A Colorful Affair will be creating a unique project geared towards our boys

Blessings in a Backpack Packing Event: March 2nd at 9am at Graham School

STEM Science Fair: 88 students participating, all applications have been approved. All Graham families are welcome to attend, whether presenting or not. STEM Fair is 2/21 from 6-7pm.

Nutrition Week: planned for March 13th, events will be occurring during the school day all week

Junior Achievement: will occur throughout the spring at each grade level, all grade levels are filled for volunteers

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am