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Graham PTA May 11, 2017 General Meeting

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

Attendees: Noelle Klinko, Brooke Murphy, Abby Jones, Jeanne Puacz, Stephanie Melone, Meg Wrobel, Patricya Dolega, Carolyn Talbott

CALL TO ORDER: The general meeting was called to order at 9:33am by President, Emily Chen

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report - Emily Chen

- Welcome Brooke Murphy and Stephanie Melone to the board
- Earth Week went well! Thank you to Kim Goldstone!
- Motion to approve April minutes - Brooke Murphy, Noelle Klinko second
- Teacher Appreciation Week - thank you to Noelle Klinko and everyone who contributed, staff was very appreciative
- Blessings in a Backpack - great last event of the year
- New fundraiser for next year --Butter Braids (stay tuned) (samples at today's meeting)

Two Open Committee Chair positions, please contact Emily Chen if you are interested: STEM fair co-chair, Back to School Lunch and Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Retirement Celebration for Mrs. Crooks, Mrs. Golger, Mrs. Miglaicio - Thursday May 18th after school(open to all current Graham families and Graham alumni families)

Presidents Report - Ms. Claudette Walton (principal)

- Thank you to PTA for Teacher Appreciation week!!
- Exciting week at Graham - future falcons (incoming Kindergarteners) have visited the school this week and registration is underway!

Treasurer's Report - Suzie Perkins

Balance at end of April: \$19,854

Income (Plant sale): \$1,744

Expenses (reimbursement for Girls Choice, Teacher Appreciation): \$1,903

Special Presentation - School Improvement: Rachel Witkowski

- Active Listening: what is it, how can we instill these skills in our students (listen with your brain, your eyes, your ears, your heart)
- Purpose of a School Improvement Plan: build a schools capacity to advance towards our goals

1) Increase or improve Literacy Performance (measured through various forms of testing)

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2) Increase or improve Mathematics Performance (measured through various forms of testing)

3) Increase or improve Active Listening Skills (demonstrated through following directions and learning standars)

-What is Graham doing to promote Active Listening? classroom and school expectations, "SLANT": (Sit up, Listen, Ask and Answer Questions, Nod your head, Track the Speaker)

-Planning: Time on task data collection, set up expectations school wide, expectations taught through direct instruction, review and revise

-Goal will be to make this a part of school culture, similar to Falcoln 4, etc.

Committee Reports

Plant Sale - May 12th at Graham, 12-5pm -- Come buy some beautiful plants and support your school - cash or check!

- Mrs. Koeller and Mrs. Crooks classes had the most pre-orders of plants. Their prize is to get to decorate the Buddy Bench out by the playgrou
5th Grade Farewell - upcoming - thank you to all the volunteers that have sign up to help

Last Restaurant Night - May 30th: MOD Pizza and TCBY

Last Skate Night - Wed May 17th, Ms Walton plans to be there - come skate!

Walkathon - planning will begin over this summer, contact PTA board if willing to help.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05am