

Graham PTA Oct 13, 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), Chamlece Jackson, Ruby Miranda, Christine Michaels, Brooke Murphy, Catherine Wicker, Jen Malinowski, Jen Amato, Barry Gin, Meg Wrobel, Maninda Kane

CALL TO ORDER: The general meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report – Emily Chen

- Motion to approve Sept minutes -- approved
- 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

- Balance on hand at start of Sept: \$17,324, end of Sept \$16, 823
- copies of budget and monthly financials available

Special Presentation: Blessings in a Backpack – Catherine Whicker

- Blessings in a Backpack is a national charity working to provide students in need with food on weekends. Students who qualify for the program receive a back of food to take home for the weekend in order to ensure they are able to have nutritious meals when not at school. Blessings has partnered with several businesses to allow good quality food to be provided at an extremely reduced price.
- Graham school's role: whole school community service project to be carried out throughout the school year
 - pairing with a school in Aurora with a high number of students needing free/reduced lunch
 - make cards for the students of our sister school at the 3 holiday parties during the school year (Harvest, Winter, Valentine's Day)
 - optional participation in "packing events" to make food bags

Special Presentation: Bullying Prevention and Positive Supports presented by School Social Worker, Ms. Sieczko and School Psychologist, Ms. Shea

- showed presentation given to the 5th grade students recently
- focus on being an "upstander", discussing tools for self-advocating and promoting positive behaviors, as well as strategies used to reduce bullying
- Q&A following presentation
- please contact Ms. Sieczko and Ms. Shea with any questions

Website- Graham PTA has their own website: grahampta.org

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm