

Grissom PTO Meeting Minutes:

January 9, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm.

Attendees: Janelle Lamont, Vasso King, Anne Lasecki, Veronica Oganovich, Elizabeth Brown, Liz Wegner, Mr. Mike Rumbaugh, Mrs. Julie Simpson

President's Message (Janelle Lamont): Committees for staff appreciation week will need to email to the Grissom pto address their ideas for food, theme, staff, gift baskets in February. PTO attendees suggested an email reminder be send out to all volunteers again. A list titled "Gifts to Grissom" was created and shared. The list has all of the larger items that were purchased for the school by the PTO to share with parents/staff to show where PTO funds are being spend to directly help the school. Smaller items/expenses are not included on this list. Due to MAP testing and schedule adjustments as a result the PTO was proactive and adjusted the drop off time for hot lunch to ensure the food is hot and fresh.

Treasurer's Report (Veronica Oganovich):

SaveAround coupon books-\$262.50 profit

Principal's Message (Mr. Rumbaugh): Winter MAP testing starts tomorrow (Wed and Thurs). This year the Math test will be taken in the students' own math classes and their Reading test will be taken in their own ELA classes with exception are the small groups with accommodations. Logistics and shipping are in the works for the outdoor Buddy Benches. An additional \$500 will need to be added to the total for the purchase of the Buddy Benches that Mr. Rumbaugh is purchasing. A request was brought to the PTO's attention from the staff to use PTO funds to purchase a podcast station. Costs were estimated between \$2000-\$3000 max. (Costs later reported closer to \$1429). PTO board suggested pulling the remainder of the money from the wish-list fund to fund the Podcast station and we can look at moving around funds possibly from the Media Center budget or Grade level team Budgets if not being utilized. The front of the building will get screen slide shows by the front door and in the cafeteria scrolling school messages, school events, and other important reminders. This will benefit staff, students, and guests. Recently a decision to block YouTube on Grissom Ipads. Staff will still be able to give access to videos to view on Youtube through links on the teacher's google classroom pages for assignment purposes. The 50th anniversary of Grissom is next year. Assemblies and events are in the works to celebrate this milestone. Grissom is working on an Alumni page revamp. One is currently set up but is not very active, but the school would love to see more alumni access it to join visit it, share memories, share photos, etc. Many long-term Grissom families of multiple generations and our own Grissom staff have been teaching children of the students they had in previous years too. The Grissom admin, nurse, office staff, and custodian are extremely grateful for the holiday gifts. They appreciate the kind gesture and recognition. Some of the teachers at Grissom were even once students at Grissom. No teacher report today from Mrs. O'Keefe. Mrs. Simpson has been hard at work with continuing the PBIS program at Grissom. Positive behavior is tracked and reflected upon later after each lesson. The next topic will be Social Media Bullying. Students will be taught about online safety, online bullying, and teaching them how even jokes can be serious or dangerous when done online and may not be funny for others but rather target them. There will be a parent night in February about Internet Safety and hosted by the Tinley Police/Fire Department. The next Step Up day for 8th graders will take place at Grissom on January 16, 2024 with Andrew staff will come directly to Grissom. There will be 8 or so stations from Andrew set up to learn about departments. Photos for graduation are taking place during school hours on January 24, 2024. Students should dress nice. Photos will be taken both with and without graduation robes so dress head to toe. Photos can be purchased later by families. Video Game club starts next week. The district bought gaming systems for the club. There will be two 6 week session. Mrs. V. and Mrs. Prieto will co-chair as the teacher sponsors!

AP's Message (Mrs. Simpson): No report at this time.

PTO President Message (Janelle Lamont) cont... No upcoming fundraisers for the rest of the year. Hot Lunch profits earned in the 2nd half of the year will help fund things needed in the 2nd half of the school year. Hot lunch starts again in February and ordering is currently open online. Orders are slower now but should pick up closer to the final order date as they did last year. Culvers is a hot lunch favorite among the students, but profit margins are not high due to their high costs already. It was suggested that hot lunch companies be listed along with the food item if not already listed to help parents better choose items of their children's liking and that might increase sales by Liz Wegner. There are two more PTO meetings slated for this school year (March 12 and May 14) but Mr. Rumbaugh and Janelle Lamont (PTO president) both agree that the last meeting date might not be necessary as it wasn't utilized in past years.

Open Floor Business: Veronica Oganovich asked that a list of PTO Open Meetings and PTO Board only Meetings will be shared with the board to clarify dates. Anne Lasecki (Secretary) offered to type a list to share with the board. It was suggested by Vasso King (Vice President) to share a survey about hot lunch vendors to collect info on hot lunches that the students really liked and those they did not. The group was very receptive to this idea. The thought was that if we target more popular lunches then we could increase sales and therefore increase profit margins. Veronica Oganovich (treasurer) suggested maybe using Survey Monkey or another program to create the survey and share. Positions for next year were briefly discussed. There will be an open Treasurer and Secretary position. Current treasurer, Veronica Oganovich, would like to have a chance to train and work with someone interested in becoming treasurer for next year. Elizabeth Brown was suggested as a good fit for treasurer, and she was not opposed as she wants to get more involved with the PTO. Liz Wegner mentioned being interested in the secretary position for next year.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53pm.