

PTO MINUTES

Grayhawk Elementary

Date | time 5/27/2015 9:00 AM | Meeting called to order by Susan Matura

In Attendance

Susan Matura, Kristin Klecka, Carla Falcone, Rita Tranisi, Cindy O'Hara, Andy Lutz, Debbie Peterson, Brooke Dalzell, Andrea Walther, Holly Martz, Bernadette Baker

Goal of Meeting

- Work through 2015-2016 school year calendar.
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Board

- Introductions were made
 - Susan Matura- President
 - Carla Falcone- External PR
 - Rita Tranisi- Outgoing Secretary
 - Cinde O'Hara- Art Masterpiece
 - Andy Lutz- Dad's Club Representative
 - Debbie Peterson- Room Parent/Teacher Liaison
 - Brooke Dalzell- Vice President
 - Andrea Walther- Treasurer
 - Holly Martz- Community Representative
 - Kristin Klecka- Secretary
 - Bernadette Baker- PTO Bin, Birthday Club, and Lynx Laps
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President Report- Susan Matura

August

- August 6th @ 4p.m.- Class Postings
- August 6th- Set-up for Breakfast. Volunteers needed
- August 7th 8:00-9:30- Welcome Back to School Breakfast
 - Plans to put notice on front sign, Grayhawk Buzz, etc.
 - Tables for: Boys and Girls Club, Boy and Girl Scouts, Chess Emporium, Spirit Wear, Food Table (Cherie Hoover), Jamba Juice, PTO Volunteer
 - Important to make arrangements to be allowed into the school early in order to set up in MPR room.
 - PTO Members encouraged to be present, dressed in spirit wear, wearing a sticker (Andy looking into getting PTO stickers similar to Dad's Club stickers), welcoming, and helpful!
 - Edu Kits- This year the kits will be in the classrooms. (Since we do not have class lists, on August 6th the boxes will be placed in alphabetical order and teachers will be asked to take their student's kits into their rooms. Volunteers will be needed to help place boxes in the hallway.)
- August 10th- First Day of School

- August 28th- Bingo Night?

September

- September 28th- October 2nd- Book Fair
 - October 1st- Dad's & Donuts put on by Dad's Club

October

- October 2nd- Fall Festival
- October 7th- Walk to School Day
 - This is the actual National Walk to School Day
- October 26th-30th- Conference Week

November

- November 10th- Hero's Day
- November 19th- Lynx Laps

December

- Hour of Code- TBD
 - Run by Mrs. Kraus' Class

January

- Teacher Experience- Laurel Hamilton
 - Separating it from Auction Night this year
 - Raffle in January/February
- Plans to start Art Masterpiece Notecards in late January this year. If orders go out in late January they can be sent home in late April instead of May.

February

- Movie Night- Multipurpose Room
 - Idea brought up about making it a drop off event instead of a family event. Charge kids at the door and use it as a fundraising opportunity.
 - Concerns about getting volunteers to staff. Idea brought up to use high school students- opportunity for them to utilize volunteer hours.
- February 20th- Daddy Daughter Dance?
 - Combined Dad's Club and Community Event

March

- Wednesday, March 30th- Fine Arts/Auction Night

- Suggested to have room parents put date of event in welcome letter at the beginning of the year

April

- April 4th-8th- Book Fair
 - Concerns about early release day on Tuesday. Hope is that the AZ Merit testing will not be on a week with a half day.
 - Tuesday April 5th @ 12:30 Larry the Lynx will autograph books
 - Thursday, April 7th- Dad's & Donuts

May

- No Spring Fling this year
- May 2nd-6th- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Possible Change with *Cart of Happiness*
 - Numerous teachers brought up the idea of picking one day of the Cart of Happiness and taking it to another school that does not have a PTO.
 - Concerns brought up about funds- will parents be upset that money they donated for Grayhawk is being used for another school?
 - Possible suggestion- ask parents for extra donations
 - Discussion tabled- looking into funding

Other Topics of Discussion:

Sign Up Genius-

- Brooke D. working to streamline ALL volunteer positions onto Sign Up Genius

Library

- Looking for ways to help Janine clean up the library
 - Plan to create a volunteer position for the library. Will have it at back to school breakfast as a sign up position.

Recording of Talent Show

- Andrea suggested we get a volunteer to record events like the talent show, create DVD's, and sell them to students. Suggestion- student from Tech Team

TV in Front Lobby

- Susan informed us that we have the ability to upload messages onto TV and play a looping video. We should utilize this for events.

Mascot Appearance Dates- Andy Lutz

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- March 30th- Fine Arts/Auction Night
- April 5th @ 12:30- Book Fair
 - Plans to get a paw print stamp so that Larry the Lynx can autograph books

Next Meeting

Next Year!