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# Grayhawk PTO

4/11/2017

## Attendees

Susan Matura, Kristin Klecka, Katrina Bradley, Lindsay Wing, Holly Martz, Kathy Bays-Cook, Kristan Tiedeman, Debbie Peterson, Andy Lutz, Andrea Walther, Shannon Christie, Jenn Wood.

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 3/7/2017 were approved.

## Principal's Report- Michelle Pavlik

- **School Updates**
    - The furniture in the front lobby arrived.
    - She used the money that needed to be spent but will complete the front lobby by July.
    - Painter could come anytime. Will be finished by next year.
    - Pushing the library remodel until next year.
  - **PTO Room**
    - Next year we will have a dedicated PTO room.
    - It will be the room next to Mrs. Marchisotto's room.
  - **Drop off/Pick up**
    - The school council discussed the drop off and pick up situation.
    - They have some ideas that they are going to take to the district and police department for approval.
    - With the anticipated changes the beginning of the year will be a little hectic so they are going to be needing some volunteers to help direct traffic.
  - **20 Year Birthday of Grayhawk**
    - August of 2018 will kick off Grayhawk's 20 year birthday
    - Looking to do something with bricks in the front of the school
  - **STEM job**
    - Looking into teachers for the STEM job
      - Possibly an engineering student from ASU?
    - Teacher will most likely be hired to work 3 days/week from 9-12
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- This position is solely hired by PTO so will not go through the district

## President's Report- Susan Matura

- **Volunteer Breakfast**
  - May 17th at 8:10 am
  - Keep in mind those people that were helpful for your various events so that they can be invited

## Vice President- Jenn Wood

- **Recruiting**
  - Still have some committee chair positions open but all chair positions have been filled.
  - Planning to re-organize the Fall Fest position
    - Having a chair and co-chair. The chair would be in charge one year and the co-chair would be in charge the following year with a new co-chair.
    - Looking to break the position into smaller committees as well similar to how Fine Arts/Auction Night was run
  - Recruiting Breakfast
    - April 17th at 9:00 am in room 406
    - Bring friends that may be interested in finding out more about PTO
  - We will do mail-in ballots again. Planning to send them out on May 5th and have them back by May 12th.

## Treasurer's Report- Andrea Walther

- **Receipts**
  - Please hand in any outstanding receipts
- **Fine Arts Night**
  - Tentative number- approximately \$15,000
- **Website**
  - About to renew the website for another few years
- **Next Year's Budget**
  - At the next meeting in May we will have the proposed budget for next year
  - Look at your items and think about what you need more or less of. Get back to Andrea so she can adjust the budget

## Room Parent/Teacher Liaison- Debbie Peterson

- **Teacher Appreciation Week**
  - Week of May 1st - 5th
  - All-Star Theme
  - Door Decorating
    - We cannot decorate doors until Friday the 28th due to testing
  - Weeks Events:
    - Monday:
      - Breakfast of Champions hosted by PTO (8am)
      - Kids bring in a flower
    - Tuesday:
      - Fan Mail from Kids
      - Lunch hosted by PTO
    - Wednesday:
      - Morning beverage and lunch from room parents
      - Cart of Happiness in morning
    - Thursday:
      - Lunch hosted by PTO
    - Friday:
      - Kids dress in teacher's favorite sports team colors or jerseys
      - Morning beverage and lunch from room parents
      - Room parents purchase gift card for teacher using class funds
      - Cart of Happiness in afternoon
  - There will be a raffle at the end of each day
  - Debbie needs help:
    - For the breakfast, Rustina is going to help with food but Debbie needs volunteers to help work it
    - Decorations
      - Decorate teacher's lounge, etc.
    - Cart of Happiness (Wednesday and Friday)
    - Doors for lunchroom, library, office, etc.

## Committees

- **Fine Arts Night**
  - Feedback from the event:
    - The overall consensus is that the evening went really well. There were a lot of people there and we made a good amount of money.

- Susan very appreciative of every committee's efforts
  - Many people were of the feeling that there was a lot going on.
    - Kids pulling parents towards their art, having to go to performances, trying to look at baskets, and buying raffle tickets.
    - This was especially challenging for husbands getting off work late and not having time to do it all.
  - People wondering why the Fine Arts Night and Auction Night got put together rather than having a separate night for each.
    - The Auction used to be an adult only, off-site party but the attendance started to dwindle as the years went on.
    - The overhead was a lot and we were struggling with attendance
    - The chair of the event also quit midway through and they couldn't get anyone to head it up again.
- Ideas:
  - Have all items be on raffle
  - Give a brochure that explains the contents of all the baskets given to people on the way in the door. Maybe put the information on eNews as well.
  - Baskets organized by budget
  - Electronic/Online bidding
    - Start the auction the day before to give people more time to look and bid.
  - Add more to raffle
  - Utilize the Ryan's House space better
  - Move some of the larger items to the live auction
  - Save Showstoppers performance for after the live auction so people do not leave.
- **Book Fair**
  - Week of May 1st-5th
  - Setting up on Friday the 28th for those wanting to help
  - Dad's and Donuts
    - Still planning to do Thursday for sure. It was brought up to possibly do it Tuesday as well to prevent the chaos and reach more people.
    - Looking into having more check-out machines for that day as well.
  - Purchasing a coin machine using scholastic credits (\$149)
- **Poetry Week**
  - Week of May 1st-5th
  - Some prizes will coincide with book fair (coupon for a book at the book fair, etc.)

- **Dad's Club**
  - Looking for a way to make more use of Larry the Lynx from an educational standpoint
    - Possibly create a stamp that Larry could stamp in books purchased at book fair or books that have been read
    - Looking for ideas and input
- **UPC Update**
  - State legislature passed two laws recently expanding vouchers to be used in the state. This is for people not wanting to go to public school so PVUSD disappointed.
  - April 27th: meeting for people on PTO boards to learn what the district's thoughts are on how to run PTO boards. Informative for PTO boards. Will discuss district policies.
  - Budget Law
    - Certain funds in schools must be used on capital items (e.g. furniture)
    - Other funds can be spent on teachers.
    - We cannot spend capital money on teachers, only on capital items.

## Upcoming Dates

- No School- 4/14
- Recruiting Breakfast - 4/17
- UPC Meeting- 4/19
- Mother-Son Bowling Night- 4/20
- AZ MERITs- 4/24-4/27
- Teacher Appreciation Week- 5/1-5/5
- Book Fair- 5/1-5/5
- Poetry Week- 5/1-5/5
- Dads and Donuts- 5/4
- PTO Meeting- 5/9

## Votes

None

## Next Meeting

**Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 1:00pm**