

Grant PTA General Meeting

September 8, 2020 7:00 p.m., Virtual meeting via Zoom

Meeting call to order – Lara Gates 7:03 pm

Introduction of 20/21 Elected PTA Board – each board member introduced themselves

- Lara Gates, President
- Jen Medeiros, Executive VP
- Megan Clarke, VP 1
- Anne Anthony, VP 2
- Smith Arons, Parliamentarian
- Hilary Lewis, Historian
- John Boyle, Treasurer
- Sandra Appling, Secretary

PTA membership renewal – there is a QR code on the agenda to scan and become a member of the PTA. Encourage everyone to join. There isn't a commitment beyond that, though we love volunteers and have opportunities to help out.

Principal report –

- First day of Grant-driven learning. Read an email that was a shout out the teachers and staff of the school. Highlighted resilience of the kids as well as the teachers. Highlighted that it shows the great staff and students, as well as the great parents that we have here at Grant.
- Teachers are modeling grace in doing things in new ways that they didn't expect when becoming teachers.
- Have done a lot in the past few weeks, including computer and textbook distribution. Orientation week was a great transition into the new year, especially to get technology kinks worked out.
- Goal this week is to begin moving into a more traditional format and looking at the traditional calendar items for the school year, like back to school night.
- Will begin weekly Zoom meetings with the principal next week. Will rotate them being in the morning and then the evening.
- For those that missed textbook pickup, they can go to the office. Email Veronica first to let her know you are coming vjacome@sandi.net.

Grant Foundation Report and Imagine Campaign Update – Carolyn

- Intro of board members – Carolyn, Maggie, Mega, Fiona
- Background – Grant was previously a science magnet school. When we were no longer a magnet distinction the foundation was created to continue STEAM focus
- Financials: Last year started \$84k in the bank, and raised about \$84k through Imagine, exceeding goal by \$16k. Also raised \$36k through MH5K. Biggest investments are the funding of the art and science coordinators. Foundation has also invested in engineering lab, LEGO league team, and art program supplies. Starting this year with \$48k in the bank, after giving \$80k to PTA to for art and science coordinators.

- Imagine campaign – annual campaign to raise funds for the foundation. Generally driven through in person fundraising of parents and teachers encouraging donations. In person and classroom based fundraising difficult this year so we are reimagining the Imagine Campaign. Will host events throughout the year, soliciting funds more frequently, but lower amounts. The fundraising needs have not changed being virtual.
- Next event is this weekend. A scavenger hunt around the neighborhood. Will give a community shared experience, even though we are in a pandemic. Runs Friday to Monday.
- Donating a lump sum, or make a monthly commitment will help the foundation know where they are in relation to meet the needs of the school.
- There are opportunities to help the foundation as a volunteer. If interested, email grantk8imagine@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report – John Boyle

- We had \$195,738.85 at the beginning of August
- Total reported revenue of \$231 in August
- There were \$27,264 in expenses accrued in August, these included teacher stipends and subscription costs
- There were \$4,500 in total expenditures in August.
- For the current reporting period we had a net revenue of - \$4,269 and a current ending balance of \$191,713.18
- There were \$27,264 in outstanding checks resulting in an ending cash on hand balance of approximately \$164,449.18
- There is a finance sub-committee that meets to go over the financials and where we are vs budget.
- Smitha makes a motion to accept the treasurers report. Jen seconds. Motion carries

Action Items:

- Ratify PTA Bylaws – State ratified the bylaws. Board reviewed and they looked good. Jen motions that we ratify the new bylaws as written, Megan seconds. Motion carries.
- Appoint PTA Membership Chairperson – role is to solicit people to join the PTA. Have 134, goal is to get 210 members. Ben Jacobs volunteers. Lara moves to appoint Ben as membership chair. Smitha seconds. Motion carries.

Roundtable

- Leftys fundraiser tomorrow night. Encourage to order early. Just let them know you are from Grant when ordering.
- Girl Scout party for TK and Kinder on Thursday. Email Sandra Appling sandraappling@gmail.com for info. If anyone in middle is interested in joining, contact Anne Anthony aanthony@sandi.net.
- Anna Arnsten doing translations for the Grant Blast. Copy her when you are submitting something to the Grant blast so she can get working on it Annarella_arnsten@hotmail.com.
- Spirit day on Monday is team apparel day.

7:46 PM Adjourn