

## GRANT WOOD PTA MEETING

Location: Grant Wood Elementary School Library

Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Welcome! – 18 in attendance

### Treasurer's Report

- Minimal activity this past month due to not having many events. Income starting to come in from Fall Fest ticket sales along with some member dues. Teacher stipends were main expenses for the month.

### Old Business

- None

### New Business

- Website overview – [www.bettgrantwoodpta.com](http://www.bettgrantwoodpta.com)
  - Review of the PTA website and all it has to offer. All events are clickable and will include more information about the event or volunteer sign ups. It is also a great place to look for upcoming events. More information is added to each event as it gets closer to the date or information is received from the chair – continue to check back for more updates!
  - Reimbursement requests can be submitted on the website for both teachers and event chairs. Rachel will make arrangements to get a check to you at the school or at next PTA meeting.
- Immediate
  - Fall Fest - Elissa Douglas, Rachel Cox, Mary Ann Hoeg, Erica Davis
    - Saturday, October 8th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm
    - Volunteers are still needed, consider signing up and receive a free raffle ticket.
      - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050548ACAE2DA6FF2-fall>
    - There will be ~20 games and activities, crafts, bounce house and food for sale. Consider buying your food ticket early for planning purposes. Purchasing an admission ticket in advance will also get you a free raffle ticket.
    - Raffle prizes include his/her hair cut and bow dry bar, game basket, “yes” day (slime, Whitey’s ice cream, paint), virtual reality gift cards basket, camp fire basket, coffee, HOTWORX basket, fall fun basket. Time with Teachers raffles where students can win extra time with teachers. Activities include pizza lunch with a friend, board games and frozen yogurt at Peach Wave, dance lessons, etc.
  - VIP Breakfast - Tara Bell
    - Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:30-8:30 am
    - Qwik Star grant money will be used for donuts, bananas and water. Coffee will be from Deb’s Coffee Corner and all other items needed will be purchased by PTA.
    - There was discussion on purchasing milk jugs or buying small milk cartons from the school. Group consensus was to just offer coffee and water and students can always go through breakfast line and purchase a milk if needed.
    - Tara is reaching out to the high school for student athletes to be available for GW students who do not have a VIP with them. This was a big hit with our students last year.
    - Look for a photo booth and mascot along with a board students can help make for important teachers/admins.
    - Volunteers are still needed for this event.
      - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4dada922a1fd0-vipbreakfast>

- Book Fair - Jen Boedecker, Kelly Keith, Elissa Douglas
  - Opens Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 am. October 24-27<sup>th</sup> during lunches and October 24-25<sup>th</sup> after school/conferences
    - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054da9ac28abf58-fall>
  - Goal is for all students to receive a book from the book fair
- Conference Crunch - Jenn Peitscher
  - Two nights for signups, will be sending out signup genius soon with different items to donate for our teachers.
- Room Coordinators - Susan Krieg
  - There is still one classroom that needs a volunteer! Please contact Susan or someone from the board if interested.
- Restaurant Nights/Corporate Sponsorships Updates – Erica Davis, Hannah Hogan, Kam Shelton
  - Pancheros restaurant night in September. More to come!
  - Popcorn machine was purchased by Zeglin’s and donated to the school. Will be used for Fall Fest and other events at school or for teacher use during the school day for classes.
- Upcoming
  - Gifts of Goodness - Amie Jones
    - Kicks off November 4<sup>th</sup>, look for an email coming from the school with more information.
  - Spirit Wear - Cari Henson
    - New logo from the district will be used for spirit wear. Be on the lookout for more information soon for your holiday shopping!
- Future
  - Shade covering – Jenn Peitscher
    - Jenn is working with Susan Krieg and the district for back playground shade covering.
  - Safe snack initiative – Heidi Sloan
    - Donations from the safe snack list have helped provide snacks to students at the school daily. As the supply diminishes, information will come out from the office requesting more donations.
    - The office is requesting plastic grocery sacks. If anyone has connections with a grocery store and could get a donation that would also be helpful.
- Group discussion - feedback, ideas, questions
  - Yearbook requests – Do you have any pictures from school events? Please send to Carrie Fuhr at [carriefuhr@gmail.com](mailto:carriefuhr@gmail.com) or share with the Grant Wood PTA Facebook page for the yearbook

#### Principal’s Report – Mrs. Bresnan

- There has been a lot of excitement from students and staff about the morning meetings. Each day has a theme – Mindful Monday, Torch Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, Thankful Thursday and High-Five Friday. This gives more students opportunities for leadership roles and public speaking and brings the focus on a larger group of students rather than just a few students each month.
- Family night did not have much attendance for Grant Wood. Ideas were discussed on how to improve attendance for future events.
- Conferences are October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, sign ups will be coming out soon from teachers to schedule.
- Beyond the Bell program starting within the next month. There are partnerships with the QC Storm (hockey team) and St. Ambrose students to help with the program.

## Parent/Teacher Discussion

- There has been some vandalism/trash and kids hanging around Grant Wood after hours. Someone from the school is walking the school grounds each morning to pick up trash, unwanted items, etc. There was discussion on how to encourage safe play at the school for children after school hours and also how to discourage the unwanted activity.

If you have any questions regarding the PTA please feel free to contact:  
[bettgrantwoodpta@gmail.com](mailto:bettgrantwoodpta@gmail.com)

**Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, November 1st from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Grant Wood Library. Free childcare provided. See you there!**