

Granger Elementary PTO  
Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 2017

Presidents: Lisa Boucher & Theresa Wright  
Vice-President, Events Coordinator: Jen Soska  
Vice-President, School Support: Laura Sender  
Treasurer: Krista Merhar  
Secretary: Kim Oney

Meeting commenced at 9:15 am and with a welcome by Lisa Boucher.

**Principal's Report: Dr. LeAnn Gausman**

Dr. Gausman described changes to the reading program, the October Reading Drive. She informed the PTO that the reading calendar has been replaced with the One District One Book (ODOB) in January/February and the fall reading drive. There is a grade-level competition, scavenger hunt, and book talks.

Dr. Gausman reminded the PTO of the following important dates:

**Important Dates/Events**

- 9/27: 5th Grade Choir Begins
- 9/28: 5th Grade Band/Orchestra Begins
- 9/29: i-Ready parent reports go home (1st-5th)
- 10/2: Canned Food Drive Begins (to benefit St. Paul Sharing Center)
- 10/2: CogAT testing begins (3rd Grade)
- 10/4: Girls' Maturation Program (5th Grade)
- 10/6: Home Football Game
- 10/11: School Pictures (PS, K, 1, 2)
- 10/12: School Pictures (3, 4, 5)
- 10/13: NEOEA Day—No School
- 10/16: Book Fair Begins
- 10/17: Peer Leaders (3rd Grade)
- 10/17: Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/19: Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/20: End of 1st Quarter
- 10/20: Home Football Game
- 10/23: People Together Program Begins (4th Grade)
- 10/24: 3rd Grade ELA State Test Part 1
- 10/25: 3rd Grade ELA State Test Part 2
- 10/25: PTO Mtg. 9:15

Theresa Wright added upcoming event information from the Highland Foundation including:  
October 6 Spaghetti Dinner  
October 7 Highland Foundation Hall of Fame Induction

October 12 Wild West Night Out 6-10 Allardale Lodge

**Teacher's Report:**

Jeremy Pesek thanked all who have added their efforts to the garden improvement project. She thanked the Scout troupe for their help with this project.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Krista Merhar reported she has received the treasurer books and may move the records to Quickbooks. She reported the balances as follows:

- Beginning Balance: \$25,691.12
- Addition of \$628.83 for school supplies and paper recycling
- End balance: \$26,319.95

Krista stated that an Event Report needs to be turned in with receipts from all event coordinators after events.

Dr. Gausman approached the PTO with her requested technology funds to purchase a charging cart with 30 Chromebooks for Granger's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor costing \$8,390. (\$9,000 is allotted in budget for technology). The school currently has 291 Chromebooks and two carts. Dr. Gausman's goal is to have a 1 to 1 ratio of students and Chromebooks. A motion to approve the request was made and seconded.

**New Business**

Lisa Boucher reviewed the new business. She reminded the PTO that Issue 18 phone bank volunteers are needed. She provided a link to sign-up genius:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c48aaae29a3fc1-phone1>

Lisa also opened a discussion about updating our website. Julie Schuler offered to help Kim Weaver and Lisa Boucher. Anyone else with IT skills interested in helping can contact Lisa.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**In-School Coordinator: Laura Sender**

Laura Sender reported that Clare Quartaraco is organizing the copy center volunteers and reports it is going well. She also discussed a proposed board game drive which Kim Weaver volunteered to help with. It will take place either October 23<sup>rd</sup>-November 3<sup>rd</sup> or November 6<sup>th</sup>-November 17<sup>th</sup>. The winning class/teacher will be rewarded with a \$150-\$250 Gift Certificate to spend at the bookfair for their classroom. Ms. Pesek will confer with the teachers to see what type of games will be requested.

Laura said we still need coordinators for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic and Pie Sale. She reported that the directory was in process by herself and Krista Merhar. She also indicated that volunteers are always welcome at:

- Lunchroom 11:15-12:45
- Playground 11:45-1:15

Laura reviewed existing PTO liaison volunteers for each classroom and vacant positions were filled in the meeting. Liasons will share the monthly post-meeting email update with their respective classrooms.

**Events Coordinator Jen Soska**

Jen Soska discussed the option of selling coupon books as a fundraiser. The final decision will be made by the next PTO meeting.

Pie Sale: Theresa Wright spearheaded the pie sale and said that sales packets should go home this week as the sale begins 10/2 and runs through 10/18 with delivery scheduled tentatively for the week of 11/13.

Jen reviewed the Cool Beans social success, spiritwear (headed by Krista Merhar), and school supply kits (headed by Julie Schuler).

Tammie Whitaker's message about the Scholastic Book Fair was communicated. The book fair will be October 16th through October 19th and will be open for conferences. The students will be viewing on October 16th and 17th and shopping on October 18th and 19th. Volunteers are needed to help on October 18th and 19th for shopping and 2 volunteers each night of conferences. Conferences are October 17th and 19th and the book fair will be open 4pm-7pm during those conferences. If anyone is able to volunteer please email her at [tammiewhitaker@hotmail.com](mailto:tammiewhitaker@hotmail.com). She added a special thank you to Krista Merhar who is helping with the Scholastic Book Fair.

The following update on Santa Shop was provided: Santa Shop will be headed by Maggie Miller & Marisa Melillo. The set-up date is Tues. Nov. 28 and students will shop Weds. Nov. 29 – Fri. Dec. 1 during gym times. It may also be kept open during Santa Breakfast if enough items are left over.

**Upcoming Socials:**

Thursday, October 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. High & Low Winery

**Next PTO Meeting:**

Wednesday, October 25 @ 9:15 -- 9:00 social