



**Attending:**

Maureen Ferrick, President  
Erin Denk, VP Classrooms  
Marie Junkmann, Corresponding Secretary  
Nicole Woods, 2<sup>nd</sup> School Activities  
Cari Raymond, Treasurer  
Jenny Sciortino, VP of Communications  
Sona Young, Recording Secretary  
Melissa Schmidt, VP of Administration  
Melissa Rosenberg  
Jane Carlton  
Tracy Williams  
Ginny Hiltz  
Kim Lane  
Robin Decker  
Wendy Nichols  
Ann Randall  
Vinita Patel  
Kelley Peifer  
Missy Brown  
Dorie Gaty  
Amanda Bishop  
Kim Yen  
Monique Howard  
Nicole Wincek  
Karen Nelson  
Erica Lallas  
Molly Brown  
Jenna Dickson

**Call to Order**

Maureen Ferrick called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM in the Greenbriar teacher's lounge. A quorum was present.

A motion was made to approve meetings from the May PTO meeting. The motion was seconded and PTO minutes were approved.

**President's Report, Maureen Ferrick**

-3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders will now receive a PAW-themed trinket for birthday gifts. There is a box in the office for them to pick from. Monique Howard will help in ordering and organizing these.

-School Pictures will be Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be three photographers this year. Sign up sheet passed around to volunteer to help out.

*PTO Council News:*

-First meeting last week

-Innovate 28: Tech committee comprised of 4 sub committees looking at "how learning is happening." Will meet throughout year and then present findings to board as to recommendations for tech devices, learning spaces, etc.

-Strategic Planning Committee: comprised of parents, board members, community members, and possibly seniors from GBN. Purpose is to put together goals, plans, and suggested changes for next 5-7 years. They will be sending out a survey to parents on 9/15, meetings on 9/23 and 9/27.

**Principal's Report, Ginny Hiltz**

-School has gone back to 2 lunch periods from 3 last year (K, 2, 4 together and 1, 3, 5 together). They are also 5 minutes longer.

-PAWS for Kindness Campaign: focus right now on manners

-Giving out PAWS tickets to kids who are doing so

-Kids who get most PAWS in K-2 and 3-5 will receive shirts

-Focus will shift to respect next, then celebrating differences

-First full staff meeting was on 9/1, with new superintendent Christ Raitzer (sp)

-G. Hiltz reported that teachers have been encouraged to join the PTO

-Interventions in Reading, Math, Writing will begin this week

-Two staff members will be on maternity leave this year

-(Betsy Ross, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish teacher due 11/10) and Emily Thomas, occupational therapist

-Continuing to work on issues with the bus company

**Teacher's Report, Kim Lane**

-Teachers very much appreciated the back to school lunch

-Update from Mr. Bartunik:

-He attended a 1 week class at Vanderbilt centered around

-New lighting has arrived and will be installed next week

-Students will be selected to run sound and lights for productions

-Less lunch is being wasted since switching to using solely Marla's

*Discussion regarding Winter Sing and participation by K and 5<sup>th</sup> grade*

-Decision was made not to have fifth graders participate by music teachers due to difficulty in then being able to meet the standards as set by state guidelines

-In response to community feedback, there will be a sharing day on same day as Winter Sing

-Will sing Snow Pants, but not in traditional Winter Sing format (although will be

in auditorium and on stage)

-Will also additionally share those things they have been working on such as rhythm, etc.

-Kindergarten will be kept as doing a Spring Sharing day and will not participate in Winter Sing this year

### **Jenny Sciortino, VP Communications**

- Has been working on Greenbriar PTO site to keep updated
- New Art Adventure site with links to sign up; "Get Involved" link to sign up for pizza day, art adventure, mystery reader, and other volunteer opportunities
- 9/15: last day to sign up for birthday signs, will be posted on FB and website

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Vinita Patel, Hospitality*

- Co-chair: Ameer McCoughan
- Used new catering company this year for back to school teacher event, which went well
- Ameer and Vinita would like to help train two individuals who would like to take over for the hospitality co-chair positions next year

#### *Jenna Dickson and Molly Brown, Spirit Wear*

- Sales went very well this year
  - Last year order total: \$8,625
  - So far this year at approximately \$14,000
  - Store was closed yesterday and order should be submitted tomorrow

#### *Wendy Nichols, Pizza Day*

- Paperless PTO ordering is going well, but still lots of kids bringing in money on day of
  - E.g., last week 56 pizzas ordered last week and 66 total pizzas consumed, with 9 pizzas leftover
- Should be a reminder that goes out on Monday of that week
- Likely still planning to accept cash throughout the year
- Cut off for ordering online should be noon on Tuesday of that week

#### *Karen Nelson and Nicole Wincek, Birthday Signs*

- Deadline to sign up is 9/15
- Have had 176 students sign up for pre-sale, and 5 since then

#### *Karen Nelson and Ann Randall, Greyhound Gathering*

- Formerly known as Greyhound Games
- Date will be Wednesday, 9/27 from 5-7 pm; Rain date will be following day
- Will be more of a Fall Fest, family oriented
- Planning on obstacle course, petting zoo, raffles, scavenger hunt
- Still working on food options
- Will be a 2 hour event, and will require volunteer participation, will likely have a Sign Up Genius out by this Friday

#### *Kelly Peifer and Dorie Gaty, Art Adventure*

- There will be a change in some of the classroom lessons this year
- Cultural Events changes:
  - Will not do ancient Egypt in fourth grade, and instead will explore the culture and traditions for India
  - Will be making changes to Pow Wow in spring or may replace altogether
- Kim Yen brought up idea of doing a Culture Night to help celebrate different cultures, possibly replacing a family night

*Ann Randall and Tracy Williams, Boosterthon*

- Fundraising will kick off on 10/2 with a Pep Rally
- Fun Run itself will be on 10/12, take place outside, and will be capped at 35 laps
- There will be two tracks set up: K and 1 will run together, 2 and 3 will run together, and then 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will run separately on their own tracks
- T-shirts will be provided to every child, regardless of whether they bring in donations (have had enough sponsors to cover the cost)
- Staff will also receive t-shirts, which are different than the ones for kids
- Depending on amount raised, may be able to consider buying new playground equipment
- Should have a guaranteed \$13,000 coming in

*Erica Lallas and Monique Howard, Book Fair*

- Spring book fair in conjunction with family service night went well
- Just over \$10,000 in book sales, yielding \$1273.72 in profit→this was mailed to school and we will need a check issued from district to PTO for the profit
- Monique Howard will be needing a co-chair for next year
- From last year's sales, the school will receive \$100 in free books
- This year's book fair is on district calendar for October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, will add on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> afternoon from 3:30 PM

*Dorie Gaty, Music Parents Club*

- Order forms will be distributed this week for their fundraising sale, which includes wreaths, coffee, candy, etc.
- Orders should be delivered the week before Thanksgiving

**Board Member Reports**

*Cari Raymond, Treasurer*

- If we made the \$13,000 from fundraising event, then should likely break even with budget

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sona Young  
Recording Secretary