

Graham PTA Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2023
9:30am, Google Meet

Becky Thorn called the meeting to order at 9:31am

Executive Board Attendees: Becky Thorn, Jon Guerrero, Eileen Siddiqi, Amy Gunderson

General Attendees: Rachel Witkowski, Stephanie Greenwald, Kristina Guerrero, Meagan Basler, Jennifer Zea, Maria Gonzalez, Kelly Moscickis, Jen Cortese, Danielle Weston, Devi J, Jill Manesh

Welcome

Membership Update- LAST CALL- don't forget to pay your dues!

- <https://grahampta.memberhub.com/store>
- We have 138 members! **Thank you!** So far, we are at 10 more than last year

PTA Calendar of Events-visit the school website for an updated calendar

- Use drop down menu from the website, changes get updated in the calendar of events, can look ahead to events through the end of the year

Fundraiser Updates:

- Spiritwear Fundraiser- \$282.41 (\$82.41 over goal)
 - Will do another spirit wear order in January
- Falcon Fundraiser- \$9675 (\$1675 over goal)
 - Huge success! Thanks to all who donated and sent in those last minute donations!
 - Excess funds will be used to offset budget overages for this school year (Scholastic News and more)
- Witches Night Out- approx \$534
 - Planning to do this event in September next year to do outdoors
- Dairy Queen- \$100
- Little Pops Pizza- \$138.20
- Butter Braid- Running now through 10/27
- Boo Bags- Running now through 10/25
 - Orders are up from last year

Upcoming Restaurant Nights

- Sharko's (10/12) – available all day

Reflections- Theme "I Am Hopeful Because"

- Link & instructions to submit is in last PTA Newsletter
- Submissions due to Graham 10/20

Mad Science Assembly (10/24)

- There will be 2 shows K-2 and 3-5, will post pictures/videos on Facebook page after

Watch D.O.G.S. (10/27)

- Link to sign up is in the Newsletter, spots are booked for October, but can sign up for the events through the rest of the year
- First event was a success – kids and dads are excited about the program

Harvest Party (10/31)

- 5T has no volunteers, please sign up if you're able to volunteer
- Volunteers will enter through door 2 and get checked in for the party, cannot park in the main lot in front of the building (can park in side lot or on the street)
- 3pm there will be an outdoor costume parade for parents to watch (weather permitting)
- More information will be communicated to the parents about the parade

New business

- Mutual Ground Donation Drive Update
 - Manu is on the board and looking to partner with this organization this fall instead
 - Will be a toy drive

Save The Dates:

- Next General PTA Meeting- 11/9 @ 9:30am on Google Meet
 - <https://meet.google.com/umu-dhoj-wam>
- Family Bingo Night- 11/10, 6:30-8pm, Graham MPR
 - Save the date and join us!
 - Student volunteers will help run the event and dress up as Freddy
 - Will give donated popcorn for free and will sell water and other items

Fifth Grade Farewell

- Determine cost for buses and if it's possible to bus kids for a field trip
- Considering Fun Way as an option and consider reaching out to other south end schools for ideas

Falcon Family Picnics

- Charging \$5 per family for this (will apply these funds to field trip costs)
- Information will be included in the News from the Nest this week

iReady scores will be released tomorrow (10/13) in ParentVUE

- There will be a "for families" report with more information you'll be receiving than has been shared in the past
- This will show where they're at now and can see where we want them to be by the end of the school year

- If iReady scores have gone down and you have concerns, call or e-mail your child's teacher to discuss (testing format has changed, so that could play a role)
- Accelerated path testing comes in the spring, start conversations with teachers during first conference in November if this is something you're interested in for your student

Closing

Meeting adjourned at 10:05am