

**Graham PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**General PTA Meeting Agenda**  
**September 7, 2023**  
**9:30am, Graham MPR**

Becky Thorn called the meeting to order at 9:50am

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

General Attendees: Rachel Witkowski, Michelle Shiles, Tracie Skindzier, Shannon Backes, Jill Manesh, Vipuj Shah, Jen Cortese, Michele Cesario, Kristen DeGuiseppe, Amy Frederick, Danielle Weston, Jessica Black

Welcome

Communication

- Please join the FB page and read the Newsletters! This is where you can get information on all of the upcoming dates and events.
- All monthly meetings and virtual orientations will be held on Google Meet using the link <https://meet.google.com/umu-dhoj-wam>

Membership- don't forget to pay your dues!

- <https://grahampta.memberhub.com/store>
- Jon Guerrero can confirm if you already joined or not
- Membership is down this year, concerning because membership dues help fund the year of the events and the budget.
- Membership is virtual as is the directory, easier for all to access.

Volunteer Application- fill out annually and email/drop off in to Mrs. Klein in the front office ([kathi\\_klein@ipsd.org](mailto:kathi_klein@ipsd.org)), need this on file for every volunteer

PTA Calendar of Events- grab a copy

PTA Meetings- beginning in October, all virtual on Google Meet

Fundraiser Updates:

- School Supply Kits recap – portion of all of the kits is donated to the school, sold many more than last year, made almost \$1,200 for the PTA this year
- Spiritwear Fundraiser- orders are due THIS FRIDAY! This is the only order window until the next school year, get your order in ASAP
- Falcon Fundraiser - Kickoff on 9/15, ending with Carnival on 10/2
  - Next Thursday, 9/14 is the MPR decorating with volunteers – more volunteers welcome!
  - Grand prize raffle is on 9/29, weekly raffles include toys and fun prizes

- More information will come home soon in backpacks
- All donations are going to be on MemberHub/Givebacks
- Goal is \$8,000 – if we meet our goal, kids get to slime Mrs. Witkowski
- Each class can win prizes for most money raised and most participation
- Mrs. Witkowski's sliming will be a full assembly and student names can be drawn live at the assembly, grand prize winner can be announced at the assembly, assume outside location, consider doing this on carnival day
- Butter Braid- Runs 10/9-10/27 this year, moved the timing up this year not to interfere with other groups doing the same fundraiser
- Boo Bags- sales begin 10/2, order a bag for \$5 with goodies and a Boo sign, students can use these bags to boo friends

LMC/Makerspace Orientation (9/8, 9:30am in LMC)

Room Parent Orientation (9/14, 9:30am Google Meet)

- Open classes are 1W, 3W, 4G, 4L
- Using same link for every virtual meeting

Art Awareness Orientation (date pending, Google Meet)

- Need more volunteers!

Watch D.O.G.S. Orientation (9/26 @ 7pm via Google Meet)

- Sign up released afterward
- Email [JMThorn51@gmail.com](mailto:JMThorn51@gmail.com) to participate
- First day Watch D.O.G.S. Day, 9/29 11:10am-1:25pm
- Dads come in during lunch and recess
- If dads can't attend the orientation, e-mail Jason to let him know so you can be included in the signup link

Upcoming Restaurant Nights

- Dairy Queen, 9/13 12pm-Close, Plainfield-Naperville Rd Location, location owner has been very generous with Graham in the past, it would be great to support her well during the 9/13 event
- Little Pops Pizza, 9/21 11am-9pm, Naperville Location

Witches Night Out (10/6, 7-9pm, River Run Club, Outdoor Patio, \$30/person)

- Sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A4AD2EA3F8C07-witches#/>
- Sign up today since we need a minimum of 30 people to attend for the event to run!
- Consider sharing with other Graham moms and past Graham moms to meet and mingle with neighbors in the community

Reflections- Theme "I Am Hopeful Because"

- A National PTA program, students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.
- Submissions due to Graham 10/13

#### New business

- Budget Review- Vote to approve
  - Hold final payment to OM until final install is complete
  - Tracie Skindzier motioned to approve the budget, Jen Cortese seconded the motion to approve the budget
  - All attendees were in favor of approving the budget
  - The PTA approved the 2023-2024 budget
- Open Committee Chair positions
  - Bingo Night (looking for someone to help do the behind the scenes prep work to buy food/concessions/pick up donations/purchase prizes, high schoolers will help run the event, consider selling pizza with gift cards), Reflections (collecting submissions and bringing to district office, keep track of kids who advance, pick up certificates in the spring and dropping off at school with ice cream coupons, about 5 hours or less of time), Community Service (can be done from home behind the scenes, organize 2 donation drives at the school throughout the year, set up and run sign up for Feed My Starving Children events)

#### Questions?

#### Save The Dates:

- 9/11-9/22 IPCC Coat Drive – there will be a box in the front foyer of the school for new or gently used donation items
- 9/12 Curriculum Night 6-7:30pm – 2 sessions (6-6:40pm, 6:50-7:30pm) for parents to attend
- Next General PTA Meeting- 10/12 @ 9:30am on Google Meet

Scan the QR codes to sign up to join the PTA or to volunteer for various programs throughout the school year!

#### Closing

Meeting adjourned at 10:27am