

Grant Elementary School PTA Meeting Agenda ~ April 11, 2016

Welcome - Joann

Treasurer Report – Deana

no questions, not much changed

Secretary's Report – Deana

Any questions on last month's minutes - none

Approve - approved

Grant PTA Family Fun Night

April 19th – Swimming & Open Gym – fliers have gone home

May 19th – Spring Fling

Misc Upcoming Dates

Dragon Card Sales – 4/29-5/13

We did get a proof, looks good. Company tried to get more activities... to comply with BlueZone, most vendors denied participating. Many new options, still.

We will have a turn-in table in the hall before school each day.

Will set up a rotating schedule staffed by PTA members 8:30-9:00 am.

Flier – need to list a specific purpose for the funds raised.

Ideas:

- Playground supplies (balls, jump ropes, snow shovels, rakes, sleds) [previously discussed] – we need to make sure this is not mistaken for large playground equipment, which we do not need.
- semi-portable soccer goals for outside; Mr. Savino is getting pricing for this
- amplification system for school events, assemblies; Monica priced it at \$400. Have borrowed from other schools to try and it would be a worthwhile investment, much improved over current resources.

Sell Dragon Cards at Wilson Ave HyVee 5/14 9am – noon

Joann has a table we can use – outside; may reevaluate in the event of rain

Joann will make a banner

5th Grade Skating Party

Last year – looks like 150 cupcakes were ordered. 3 per student if you can get a student count from the office

Monica will confirm class size for order.

We also usually pay for the Super Skate admission – Deana, can you make payment arrangements on both of these?

We leave a check with Theresa and they will write it out for the amount for skating

We will have the cupcakes delivered. Will call Wilson Ave HyVee – ask how much advance notice is needed on count for cupcake order.

Date: Mrs. VanDeest will get with the 5th grade team and confirm a date for skating and year end celebration. Also will look into what was done last year for autograph books.

Spring Fling

Raffle Donations – coming in; Joann is making up entry bags/signs for raffle as they come in.

Classroom basket idea has been initiated. These need to be in by the week before (5/12/16); Please list which class(es) contributed so signage can be accurate.

Games – Will order new (inflatable) duck pond and ducks; will pick one new game to purchase. Bingo again this year. Yes to face-painting (cheerleaders), limit to 6-8 predrawn choices, no full face to keep line moving.

Prizes – Joann has a list of prizes chosen. Total estimate \$250.

Red Wheel brought leftover prizes to school to be used for Spring Fling. Joann has these.

To Do List -

Go through closet to organize/gather games – needs to be done

Do we want to start meeting every other week to go over updates for Spring Fling – yes; 4/25 next

Spring Fling Schedule: Thursday May 19, 5-7:30pm

Raffle 7:00pm

Games run 5:00 – 7:00; may want to “close” to finish the current line at 6:45pm

Clean up 7:30pm

Other Business

Outside shed – Clean out

This needs to be done ASAP. Monica is still determining which space will be for PTA next year.

5th Grade Spring Fling Proposal

Result of visit to Iowa Big (project based alternative school), does national-level marketing and community involvement. 5th Grade spent an afternoon working in one of 6 applied learning projects.

Group wants to make a game for Spring Fling

Human Pac-Man

Why? To be fun, creative, raise money for Grant School

Rules: In 45 seconds collect ping pong balls in your bucket from within the maze (marked with chalk, cones, and string) without being caught by ghosts (9 participating 5th grade students, alternating 3 at a time). A colored ball or egg with candy will be used as the “fruit” to make you able to chase the ghosts. The prize level won will be based on how many balls are collected. Cost is 1 or 2 tickets

Location: to be set up with in the track field, about half the field

Staff assistance:

Materials/planning – Mr. Tommy

Chalk Lines – Mr. Wertz, Mr. Ash (Wilson)?

Sports equipment – Mr Harmer

Will do a trial run with kindergarten buddies before the Spring Fling to make sure everything works as planned.

In the event of rain, they will use the gym.

Accepted by PTA.

Possible scheduling change for PTA meetings 2016-2017 – effort to increase PTA attendance/involvement

Monica is trying to plan more school-sponsored family nights at school.

Would it be possible to streamline the meeting agenda to 30 minutes and meet right after these while families are at school already?

Childcare options?

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

4/19 – Swimming/Open-Gym at Jefferson

4/25 – interim meeting for extra agenda items regarding Spring Fling

5/9 – May PTA meeting

5/16 – tentative meeting scheduled, as need for Spring Fling

5/19 – Spring Fling