Grande Reserve PTO

Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2018

Meeting called to order at 5:36 p.m.

**Attendance**: Tabby Cassell, Lorie Jaquish, Kristie Stump, Julie Heath, Michele Breyne and Jeanine Muth.

November 2018 minutes were approved by K. Stump and L. Jaquish.

**Principal's Report:** Michele Breyne

* Walmart in Plano, IL assisted the PTO to secure 24 Galaxy Tab A for the 3rd grade team.
* There will be 2 fundraisers in February at Grande Reserve. The 1st one will be Pennies for Pasta to support Lymphoma and Leukemia Foundation. The 2nd one will be to the M. D. Anderson Foundation collecting are supplies. Dates have not been determined yet.
* Lead room parents need to check with the classroom teacher to make sure that they have the correct count for students for snacks and crafts at the holiday parties.

**Teacher's Report:** Grant Request Approvals

* Mike McHugh: Requesting several Makey Makey sets and 2 Digital Drop Mix games. The Makey Makey would be used to help turn normal objects (bananas) into a musical instrument, such as a piano. It only requires a computer with a USB port to set up. Request Amount $360.00 **Approved by the PTO for $360**
* Kelly Dittman: Requesting manipulatives for her new classroom this year. She is looking for Magnatiles, stamps with ink pads, number line and a play cash register. She currently is using her own personal items from home in her classroom. Request Amount $200.00 **Approved by the PTO for $150**
* Lindsey Moss: Requesting black lights to use in the art room and with the Art Shows. Students will be able to use these lights to look at the progress they are making on their art work. **Approved by the PTO for $165**
* Krissy Kamin: Requesting 40 Unicef bands for fitness class. These bands would be used to track a students fitness activity level. They would be used for individual and group tracking of fitness activity. She would alternate the students using them either weekly or activity depending. The bands would stay at the school and be used in the gym only. These would be for the 3rd-6th grade students. Request Amount $1340.00 **Denied at this time**
* Kindergarten Team: Requesting several different manipulatives for the classrooms. This includes kinetic sand, play sand, beads, magnatiles, dot dabbers and stamps. All items would be used to help the students work on their sight words skills and patterns. Request Amount $710 **Approved by the PTO for $395**
* 1st grade team: Requesting more books to help support the guided reading. The books would be Fiction and Non-Fiction paired. These would be used for the baggie books that go home. These would help increase the available books for the students to read. Request Amount $620.00 **Approved by the PTO for $450**
* 2nd Grade Team: Requesting 21 different picture books to help with their narrative reading. They are looking for either 1-3 sets to be used between all the classes. Request Amount $250.00 -$755.00 **Approved by the PTO for $250 with the option to purchase more in the future.**
* 3rd Grade Team: Requesting 24 Samsung Galaxy Tablets for the grade, 8 in each classroom. They currently do not have any technology in their classrooms and the available technology is out of date. These would help the students be able to look up information, practice math and reading. \*Per Mr. Battey, before this can be approved, we need to have the Technology Department for the District give the approval on which tablets would be supported by Y115. Mr. Battey is going to look into get a quote from the district before a decision can be made. Request Amount $5472.00 **Approved by the PTO for $2400**
* 5th Grade Team: Requesting 30 Virtual Reality goggles for the grade level. This will allow the students to be fully emerged in the activity. Request Amount $210.00  **Approved by the PTO for $210**
* Alyssa Bleidorn: Requesting flexible seating in her classroom. Looking for a bench, stools and some yoga mats.Request Amount $96.00 **Denied at this time.**
* Teri Hanson: Requesting books to help in her reading specialist classroom. Looking for 50 mores books, with a guided reading level from A-M. This will help benefit grades K-2nd. Request Amount $210.00 **Approved by the PTO for $210**
* Stephanie Buerger: Requesting manipulatives for a writing center. Things include pens, paper, dictionary, thesaurus, writing prompt books, blank books, and other writing instruments. This would help make the students excited about working on their writing skills. Request Amount $260.00 **Denied at this time**
* Alexis Schilling: Requesting more flexible seating in her classroom. She is looking for yoga balls and lap trays. She would like to get her classroom to a full flex seating classroom. Request Amount $116.00 **Denied at this time.**
* Band: Requesting stands to hold instruments to help demonstrate proper technique to the students. Request Amount $150.00 (unable to attend to present) **Denied at this time.**

**President's Report:** Tabby Cassell

* Holiday Shop: It was a success this year again. There was a mix up with the register but was fixed. Next year we will need to make sure to get tablets. The 6th grade helpers were great. Next year possibly have a short video on the register/tablet operations for volunteers.
* Teacher Wish Lists: Teacher wish lists have been posted on the GRES PTO website. We are still waiting for a few more teachers to complete the form.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kristie Stump

* Kristie provided the updated budget with available funds.
* We are still waiting for three teachers to submit their Teacher Grant receipts.

**Committee Reports:**

Dinner Nights: Tabby Cassell

* The next dinner night is at Smokey's on 12/12/18
* The January dinner night will be on 1/30/19 at Rosatis.

Box Tops: Kristie Stump

* Mrs. Countryman's class won for the month of December.
* The next collection will be February 4, 2019.

Room Parents: Lorie Jaquich

* The next holiday party is on December 21, 2018. The AM K will be at 10:35 am. The afternoon parties will begin at 1:35 pm due to the hour early release.

**Open Forum**:

Read-a-thon: Tabby Cassell

* We are looking to kick off the Read-a-thon in February. We are going to wait and see what dates the other fundraisers are running, so they do not over lap.

Vendor Show: Julie Heath

* We would like to consider having a Vendor show during the month of April. All the weekend sates are currently open and are considering Saturday April 27, 2019.
* Julie secured an application to use as an example.
* We would open the tables to parents and family of GRES students first and then to the public. Tables would be wither $20 or $25 for a space with a raflle basket donation.
* The PTO could see tickets for the raffle and also have a snack table.

Games for Indoor Recess: Julie Heath

* Julie would like to request $50-$100 to purchase some new games for the indoor recess cart.
* It was suggested asking on Facebook and email if anyone is clearing out games to possibly donate them to the school.

Tablet cases: Kristie Stump

* Kristie suggested looking into some tablet cases for the recently purchased tablets for 3rd grade.

**Next meeting:**  January 9, 2019 at 5:30pm in the Library

**Meeting adjourned:** 6:45 pm