

Grant PTA Board Meeting

Date: November 12, 2024

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Grant HS Library

November Minutes FOR APPROVAL in December

General Meeting - Call to order at 6:35pm by Sandy McDaniel PTA President

- Welcome & Introduction from President (PTA President)
 - McGee unable to attend due to soccer playoffs
 - Introductions
- Report from meeting with McGee
 - Attendance is a concern. Oregon 4th highest in truancy
- Introduction of Jessika Magnett; VP in charge of Curriculum and Instruction
 - Job duties: Creating of master schedule, forecasting, course catalog, add/drop, curriculum of classes, student intervention team (SIT) and counseling department.
 - Grant is in an accreditation year. It will be a year of collecting and analyzing data to see growth and decreases. Successful schools surveys gives the information on where we are. "Terrifying and exciting at the same time! Opening ourselves up to feedback can be terrifying but also exciting as to how to improve and get better."
 - JM's first year at Grant. She was at Benson (6mo) and Clackamas (for 24 years). Taught in the classroom from 2nd to middle then instructional coach then Dean of Students at a high school. Knows the gamut of student development.
 - Everyday she greets students at the door, plays music as kids come in. Very student and family centered. Open door policy.
 - The attendance issue is huge. It is concerning to all admin. Grant will be doing some awareness work to begin with. They plan to start with informing families when a student falls below 90% attendance, which is considered acute. SIT team will meet with specific families to offer support. Identifying needs and barriers and what supports we can give is essential.
 - Robocalls don't come anymore...it only goes through Remind. If families are not signed up for Remind they miss those messages. ParentVue can also send notifications on attendance.
 - 700 out of 2200 are in that acute group.
 - Any consequences for students?
 - Don't have infrastructure to run measures. We're really focusing on families. "We are working on it". It has to be something sustainable. We are working on all the other things that have to be put into place. This is better than other high schools but has stayed about the same for the last few years. Attendance doesn't matter if it is excused or unexcused.
 - General Scholars started last week. It is the new after school tutoring. Wednesday and Thursday, 3:30 to 5:15 for students who need to work with a content specific tutor. Last week had 21 freshmen the first day and 25 the second. This week 10th will start and next week everyone can come. Personal phone calls went out to some, but otherwise word just went out. They actually sit at the table with the teacher they need content help from. Teachers are getting paid for that extra time. Some teachers...AP Human Geo will

be here both days (and have sub), for math the freshman math is here one day and another on the other day. Looking for snack donations. Drop off in the main office for General Scholars or donate online;

<https://pps.schoolpay.com/pay/for/General-Scholars-Snack-Donations/Se15Vie>

- Question: Information on the threats that happened in the school last week and before. The response seems inadequate.
 - We are limited in what we can send out to the community as far as details go. It is being heavily investigated CSAs and district admin are involved looking at camera footage. If there was any credibility to the threat part it would have been elevated to another level. Member noted that the steps being taken would be helpful to send out to parents. Districtwide any form of hate speech notification is supposed to go out...it doesn't always in all communities...but we Grant has been sharing. If a perpetrator was found there is a process for consequences.

Business Executive Session

- Confirm quorum of 5 voting members by Secretary based on sign up sheet and show of hands
- Announcements:
 - Mark your calendars for future meeting dates: December 10, 2024, January 14, 2025, February 11, 2025, March 11, 2025, April 8, 2025, May 13, 2025
- Secretary Report
 - Minutes Approval and posting
 - Sandy Mcdaniel moved for meeting minutes to be approved. Melissa Sullivan seconded. Motion passed.
 - UGS - Progress - All complete except annual audit. We need volunteers. Volunteer procured after meeting.
- Treasurer report
 - Bank checking balance for the PTA: \$17,484.81
 - We do little fundraising...membership and Fred Meyer Rewards are the only things we do. Last check from Fred Meyer was \$1300 and that was just in one quarter.
 - Budget Report
 - Budgeted 3K for the year and we have already given that out for the year... Grant magazine, culinary arts, books for classrooms. If we get more asks then we may need to update the budget.
 - Staff appreciation events
- Membership Report
 - Total membership: 118
 - Total needed: 175
 - Ideas for getting new members?
 - QR code and cajoling in weekly Grantonian
 - Plug for Fred Meyer Rewards also
- New Business
 - What's our next Teacher Appreciation Event - Winter Breakfast but not confirmed yet.
 - Review Classroom Grant Applications - 1 new grant received before the meeting to be reviewed at the next meeting.
 - Legislative Update (Otto Schell)

Meeting adjourned (PTA President) 7:50 pm