

Granby Elementary Parent Teacher Organization
September 25, 2007
2007-2008 School Year Kick Off Meeting
F. M. Kearns School - 6:30 pm

1. Janice Stingle, PTO President kicked off the meeting at 6:40 pm. We had a good turnout for this meeting with over 20 people in attendance.
2. Janice Stingle provided an overview of what the PTO represents. All in attendance introduced themselves.
3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting ---nothing to approve as this was first meeting of the year.
4. Treasurer's Report - Linda Holden: A copy of the budget from last year was provided to all. A projection for this year was provided as well. Overall we are in good financial shape.
5. Teacher/Faculty Report - Nancy Shyer attended. Nothing to report.
6. Committee Reports -
 - a. Family Activities - Tickets are still available for High School Musical, The Ice Tour. We are also having a Fall Festival on November 16th. Volunteers are needed for this event. If interested - please email Randa at familyactivities@granbypto.org.
 - b. Bear calls - Bear Calls is currently being finalized. They are awaiting the room parent listing. Response this year was great.
 - c. Website - Our Website has been updated and we are encouraging parents to visit the site. The address is www.granbypto.org
 - d. Vision Screening - All students in the primary schools are tested. If there are any questions a note will go home with the student to refer them for a more thorough exam. Volunteers are still needed to assist.
7. New Business -
 - a. Committee Chair Openings:
 - i. Art Project - Kelly Lane
 - ii. Publicity
 - iii. ELF
 - iv. Community Information
 - v. Calendar and Notepads

The PTO needs volunteers to help staff these items otherwise we may not be able to offer them in the future.

- b. Mother Goose - Cheryl Cutler from Cultural Arts asked that Mother Goose be made a separate line item on the budget. The Board is still discussing this option.

- c. Granby Education Foundation - The GEF has asked permission to advertise thru the PTO mail system. We have approved this for The World of Dance program in November.
 - d. First Grade T-Shirt Request - The first grade teachers have requested the PTO to fund the color coded t-shirts or a trip to the Bushnell. The Teachers have since decided to withdraw the request.
 - e. Thinking ahead - Next year we will have openings on the board as well as committee chair openings. If you are interested please contact a current board member for more information.
8. Old Business -
- a. Graustein Memorial Funds - Pre-school readiness program was reviewed and parents were updated on progress.
 - b. Buy Out Option for Fundraisers - This was discussed as an option. We are aware that parents who do not want to participate in the fundraiser but who still want to give to the PTO are interested in donating. The PTO will gladly accept these donations in lieu of the fundraiser.
 - c. Thank you notes - Just a reminder to committee chairs that we have these available if needed.

9. Art Stamp Project - A discussion was held regarding using children's artwork to create postage stamps as a fundraiser. The PTO is discussing options for this. Shelly Lockwood mentioned that this was done with great success in Avon.

Respectively Submitted by Randa Gaalswijk on October 16th 2007