**Grove Patterson PTO Meeting Agenda January 13, 2022**

**Opening**

* Welcome by Tisha Mays
* Call to Order 6:18 p.m.

**Review of Prior Meeting Minutes & Approval**

* Review and Vote of the Minutes available online at [www.grovepattersonpto.org](http://www.grovepattersonpto.org)
* Business Arising from the previous Minutes

**Board Report**

* **President**  Tisha Lee
* **Vice President** Sara Marshall
* **Treasurer** Stacie Moss
* **Webmaster** Alanna Paully
* **Parent Congress** Julie Apt
* **Secretary** Amanda Lute

**Budget Discussion**

* 5/3 account currently has $22,287.17
* Still working on a budget due to the fluctuation of the uncertainty of continued COVID protocols.
* Anything greater than $200 needs to be approved by the entire PTO, not just the board
* Membership fees for PTO have been waived for the last two years
* Stacie motions to put up for consideration of the membership that the PTO will cover any cost of the Playhouse Project funds that are not raised during the fundraising period. This language will be posted on facebook for the membership to discuss.
  + Concern that if fundraising falls short that PTO is going to be covering the cost using funds that we have already fundraised ourselves. Going to
  + Reach back out to Nate Reid per the PTO cover $300 (for materials) and then whatever the school raises as the fundraiser.
* For purchases over $200, we have put out information on facebook and asked for opposition to the proposed purchases
  + If opposition is expressed we will come up with a way to vote
* The Teacher Financial Request Form on the Website has been updated. It can be found…
  + hard copies are in the office
  + electronic version on the website
  + send a detailed email to Stacie Moss and she will complete for you

**New Business**

* Nate Reid from Habitat for Humanity Maumee about Project Playhouse
  + habitat helps people invest in themselves and build them a home along the way
  + Playhouse Project <https://www.habitatmidohio.org/what-we-do/the-playhouse-project.html>
    - single largest fundraiser for Habitat every year
    - GPA raises $2,500 to build a playhouse for the kindergarten
    - sponsorship locations can have an individual build with 8-10 volunteers over a six-eight hour day
    - 90% of money raised goes to Habitat for large builds and the rest goes to the building materials for the sponsor’s playhouse.
    - Nate is available to help with the fundraising initiatives as well
  + Volunteer interest form for Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FeuzG1Xz20mY30JLe7W17CNw4ickxKFIkY2_xNA9OjxUME5EMjdBUkY0RFoxRFROS0Q3WEpLQ0hUVy4u>
* Ask the membership about possible items or ways to fundraise:
  + How do we want to fundraise? Virtual vs. In person
  + Fundraising letter/cash donation-for individuals who do not want to fundraise in a traditional way (selling things), they people can opt-in to just donate a monetary amount
  + Candy Sale-possibly in March at the earliest, post winter
  + Jeans Day
  + Cornhole Tournament
  + Movie Nights
  + Penny Wars/Change Drive
  + Corporate Sponsors
  + We want to be more precise with putting a reason behind our fundraising goals (i.e. we are having a jeans day to raise money for teacher appreciation week)
  + Fundraising broken into two categories: sale of items (candy bars, school store, etc.) only for PTO while monetary donations (change drive, jeans day, etc.) for Charity/Giving Back
* Girls on the Run will be starting in early March for girls in grades 3-5. We are still looking for interested parents/staff to be coaches. Please email Amanda Lute at [alute@tps.org](mailto:alute@tps.org) if you are interested. Also, it would be great to start Heart & Sole for girls in grades 6-8. Go to <https://www.girlsontherunnwohio.org/> to find more information about the program.
* If you have any questions please feel free to email Mrs. Johnson a hjohnson@tps.org
* Currently boots are not part of the dress code. It will be brought up this spring during committee meetings.
* 10 hour volunteer hours per family
  + Parents receive 1 hour for attending PTO meeting
  + Alanna has been forwarding Ms. Karen the PTO meeting participants for volunteer hours
  + Can parents possibly buy all of their hours this year due to reduced availability of volunteer opportunities inside of the building this year
* School Houses-Are they still functioning? Will students be getting new shirts
  + Houses are on hold until next year.
* Spirit Wear Update
  + All of the orders were sent home this week if they were missing or were the wrong size
  + Money was refunded for those items that were out of stock
  + If you still are having problems please reach out to TIsha Lee.
  + When you order, please be sure to put Child’s Name in the customer box
  + We will open spirit wear up at least once more this year.
  + Is there a way to buy a license of the school logo for people with cricuts?
  + Can Bumper stickers, car magnets, lanyards, tumblers, mugs, hats be added to spirit wear

**Action Items**

* Next PTO Meeting scheduled for February 14, 2022 @ 6:15 but could be rescheduled
* Alanna to put up a poll on facebook for preferred PTO meeting days/times.
* Ask Mrs. Johnson about whether or not boots are approved for the dress code.

**Proposed Agenda for the Next Meeting**

* 5th/6th grade camp discussion for next meeting
* more fundraising discussion

**Closing**

* Adjournment at 7:30