

April 2020 PTO Meeting Minutes
Grove Elementary
April 16, 2020

Welcome: Kevin Hankis

- Kevin is back!
- Hold on approval of March minutes (Liz will get them posted and available)

Treasurer's Report: Marissa Frietsch

- Doing well financially, but mainly because COVID-19 has stopped requests coming through.
- Reviewed details of financial statements
- Did receive a few matching gifts from State Farm and Amazon Smile
- Haven't been able to get into school, so there might be things in the folder.
 - o We'll ask the teachers to get any documentation submitted to Marissa by May 1.
- Marissa will be stepping down as Treasurer since her family is moving out of the school's area. The board will be searching for a new Treasurer.

Principal's Report: Sarah Edwards

- **COVID-19:** Thank you to all the parents for all the work you are doing with home schooling. Very proud of our staff and the variety of ways they are communicating.
 - o We are working on being responsive and letting parents know how to best tailor the home schooling experiences for their kids.
 - o We anticipate news about whether or not schools will reopen in the coming days.
 - o We are already working on plans for what we'll need to do if we are not able to open schools again this year (picking up supplies, Spiritwear, etc.)
 - o We will see if we can get the Kindergarten classes to host a Zoom/Video or two to help them staying connected.
- **Supply Kits:** Holding off on a decision about what we'll do until we know if we're coming back to school or not. If we don't come back to school, the kick back to PTO may be smaller next year as they may have more fees.
- **BrainPop & Scholastic News:** We are coming up on the time of year that we need to renew BrainPop and Scholastic News. Hoping that PTO will continue to support this.
 - o Scholastic sent the renewal notice for the year. Mrs. Edwards will see if she can locate a coupon to save a little more money.
 - o We should have some time on BrainPop (renews late summer).
- **Next year is Grove's 20th Anniversary.** We would love to have a parent on our planning committee.
 - o Denise Fyfe volunteered as a parent representative.
- **Staff Appreciation (Week of May 4):** Sonya has done a great job this year, but we likely won't be in school for Staff Appreciation Day this year. Would love your ideas for finding ways to make it special this year!
 - o Can use the room parents to help personalize the experience for teachers if school won't be back in session.
- **PTO Board:** At least three members of the current board intend to return to their positions next year. Will confirm status of second VP and begin the search for a new treasurer.
- **MAP Testing:** The district decided that even if we go back to school, we will not be doing MAP Testing. If we can go back to school, we will just be focusing on the lessons and preparation for the next level.

Teacher's Report: N/A

Unit 5 Board Update: N/A

Committee Reports:

- **Butterfly Garden:** Working on a schedule when the girls can go out with their families.
- **Spiritwear:** Store is closed but will fill orders as soon as they reopen. Orders can still be placed online. We are also going to still try and make the t-shirts for the fifth graders happen.
 - o PTO will re-promote Spiritwear on the Facebook page.

Closing: Kevin Hankis

- Thank you to the team for pulling off an awesome Family Fun Day. Feedback was fantastic.

Upcoming Events: N/A