

PTA General Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2019

9:45am @ Granger Middle School

Attendance: Mr. Davenport, Mrs. Fredericks, Mr. Lowe, Mrs. Maldonado, Mrs. Mulhern, Carrie Baffes, Srilatha Garikipati, Mark Lobos, Sherri Nugent, Lianne McCoskey, Andrea Purcell

Granger Admin – Mr. Davenport, Mr. Lowe, and Mrs. Fredricks

- The year is off to a great start! The staff and students are working on the #GrangerWay
- Staff and Admin are focusing on consistency in these areas for productivity & safety:
 - Lunchroom:
 - Procedures are set and working well. There are 3 adult monitors and the admin is in the lunchroom as much as possible. Please remind students to have their ID handy.
 - Car Line:
 - Things are moving smoothly. Please only use the parking lot for drop off if the parent is also going into the building for a meeting or appointment. This is a safety concern.
 - Dress Code and Personal Products
 - Students should refrain from wearing bandanas or their hood “up” during at school. Personal items like phones and earbuds (unless required for a class assignment) are to be put out of sight between 8am-3pm.
- Student Council
 - The school administration is working on creating a formal Student Council with a President, 2 VPs, and a Secretary at each grade level.
 - These students will report grade level matters and ideas to Mr. Davenport’s Principal’s Advisory Committee and also to the PTA at monthly meetings.
- Safety Week
 - Each day this week the students are introduced to a different type and process of safety: personal, cyber, travel, etc. This is a District initiative.
 - Links and summaries are being sent to parents at the end of each day. Look for these emails!
 - The Safety Week link is available on the Granger website.
- Picture Day is September 11th. If you don’t have a form to order, you can go online to [https://shop.hrimaging.com/shop/Events.aspx?oid=7310&org=Francis+Granger+Middle+School+\(Aurora%2c+IL+60502\)](https://shop.hrimaging.com/shop/Events.aspx?oid=7310&org=Francis+Granger+Middle+School+(Aurora%2c+IL+60502))
- Curriculum Night is coming up!
 - 6th Grade is on September 9th 6-8 PM
 - 7th & 8th Grade is on September 17th 6-8 PM

President’s Resort – Mark Lobos

- New initiative: Membership Drive
- More details to follow as the board works on how to make strides to get parents and families involved.



Treasurer's Resort – Lianne McCoskey

- A. Membership
 - a. 46 Staff Members have joined. THANK YOU!
 - b. 123 Adults/Families have joined! WOW! THANK YOU!
- B. Audit
 - a. Motion to approve the audit from July 15th – Carrie Baffes. 2nd by Andrea Purcell
- C. Budget
 - a. The budget was adjusted to reflect current programming needs and practices
- D. Changes – if needed
 - a. Motion to add \$200 Tireless Teacher line item – Mark Lobos. 2nd – Andrea Purcell
 - b. Motion to raise per student stipend to \$1 – Mark Lobos. 2nd Sherri Nugent.

Programming –

- A. Current programs and brief overview of each – see back of page
- B. Open Program Chairperson spots
 - a. Granger Greeter – Will have the school send out a notice to all families for help
 - b. Reflections – possible parent interested. Sherri Nugent will research and reach out.
 - c. Scrip – looking into combining with another program. More info to follow.
 - d. Apparel – Mark Lobos is spearheading Spirit Wear with help from Colleen Keen.
 - e. Directory – see Member Hub below
- C. Carrie Baffes – Frosty's Friends
 - a. This program facilitates students purchasing gift cards to be given to families in the building who are in need of help during the holiday season. This is coordinated with the help of the school social worker. What a wonderful way to give back and make a difference!

Communication – Jennifer Hopkins, Lianne McCoskey, & Andrea Purcell

- A. PTA website – Jennifer
 - a. The site is under construction. More info to follow soon.
- B. Social Media – Andrea
 - a. Facebook & Twitter – recent list serve email encourages families to follow both.
 - b. Best way to reach families
 - i. Newsletter will be emailed to all families each month
 - ii. Social Media will mimic the materials in friendly format
- C. Member Hub – Andrea and Lianne
 - a. Memberships are being added online and families are encouraged to build their MH profile.
 - b. Use MH for emailing membership, posting volunteer opportunities
 - c. Directory – all members will have access to the Directory of names and emails only

Spirit Wear – Mark Lobos

- A. What will be offered
 - a. Several shirts, sweatshirt, and other apparel offerings will be made custom
- B. Dates of sale: September 9 – 20th via Member Hub store. Link will be sent out. Fliers will be handed out at Curriculum Nights
- C. It will be delivered 2 weeks after close of sale, handed out by teams.

