

# PTA General Meeting

## October 30, 2019

**Attendees:** Al Davenport, Tim Lowe, Sherry Fredricks, Mark Lobos, Lianne McCoskey, Sherri Nugent, Jaime Fluery, Cheryl Liner, Kelly Mulhern, Jeanette Maldonado, Srilatha Garitlpati, June Thomson, Sue Ward, Melissa Anargyros, Carrie Baffes, Andrea Purcell

### I. Principal's Report – Mr. Davenport

- a. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council Exec Boards introduced themselves and their platforms
- b. Granger Getaway: The first one will be on Nov 1, 6-8pm, and will highlight many new activities
- c. Safety Update: Nothing new has occurred. We are all grateful for that.
  - i. One parent asked why Mr. Davenport announced that camera were installed, as by announcing it, maybe deterred someone from acting again and getting caught.
  - ii. His response was that parents wanted action and he could not, in good faith, let them think the school wasn't actively doing everything possible or responding to their requests.
- d. Inclement Weather: the school doors will open 10 minutes early: 7:40 and 8am (Wed)
  - i. Inclement weather is described as precipitation or hazardous weather that cannot be tolerated by standing outside.
  - ii. Staff will be present to keep the line moving and students should, on these days, report to their team area, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade goes to the gym – this is for supervision purposes.
- e. Therapy Dogs: In the next weeks, 3 dogs will be coming into Granger to promote reading and math. Permission slips for participation will be sent out. This program will allow students to read to and solve math problems in front of the dogs, who are great listeners as students perfect their skills.
- f. World Café: 5 parents of varying cultures and school admin met to discuss diversity and equity
- g. Parent-Teacher Conferences: Sign up will be available online starting at 12pm November 1<sup>st</sup>
  - i. A sign up informational sheet is linked [here](#) and can also be found on the Granger page
  - ii. Conferences will be held with the student's entire Team
- h. Grizzly Den Parent Program: This program has had just under 40 participants who will be helping to volunteer in the building and see the school from another perspective. Interested parties should sign up by going to [www.grangerpta.com](http://www.grangerpta.com) and clicking the Grizzly Den link.
- i. Fundraising: The magazine drive fundraiser will not happen this year, as the coordinator from the company never came in to meet with kids after repeated requests. In lieu of this fundraiser, which directly impacts our Student Activities fund that covers/underwrites many activities like the Granger Gold breakfast, fieldtrips, student initiatives, as well as much more, Mr. Davenport is asking the District Office for alternatives that we may employ. More on this to follow.

### 2. President's Report – Mark Lobos

- a. IPEF: Granger Spirit Squad and Team Granger each came in 3<sup>rd</sup> in their competitions, raising an additional \$1500! Way to go, Granger!
- b. Indian Prairie Parents' Council (IPPC):
  - i. The coat drive brought in more than 750 coats and over 150 snow pants as well as many winter accessories.
    1. Donations funded need in 17 schools in our district.
    2. Any overflow was sent to the East Aurora School District and Hessed House.
  - ii. \*E-Learning Days: (please see bottom of minutes for more information)
    1. These may be placed into effect for the voting days in Nov 2020 and April 2021.
    2. More information on this decision will be made available in the near future.

- iii. Snack Drive: The District holds an ongoing Snack Drive to help bring snacks to schools whose students are unable to provide one for themselves.
  - 1. It was suggested that Granger hold a Snack Drive to help in the spring.
  - 2. Student Council will likely take the lead on this philanthropic endeavor.
- c. Bylaws: We are in need of updating our Bylaws to be in good standing.
  - i. Mark suggested changing our Bylaws to reflect that we must have one (1) Vice President but two (2) would also be acceptable. This is a change from the current “must have two (2) Vice Presidents. We also officially changed our acronym to PTA from PTSA.
    - 1. Motion was made by Andrea Purcell to approve. Lianne McCoskey seconded.
    - 2. All were in favor. No dissenters.

### **3. Treasurer’s Report – Lianne McCoskey**

- a. Our budget is sound and we are actively raising money through concessions & School Tool Kit
- b. There was a request for raising the budget for the Staff Luncheon on 11/25 from \$400 to \$450
  - i. Motion was made by Andrea Purcell. Motion was seconded by Mark Lobos
  - ii. All were in favor. No dissenters.

### **4. Programming**

- a. Granger Getaway – Carrie Baffes
  - i. We are staffed with volunteers and ticket sales on day are showing solid interest
  - ii. More info to follow at the next meeting with attendance and money raised
- b. Reflections – Srilatha Rao
  - i. 10 submissions were made by the 10/18 deadline
  - ii. A meeting at the district level is next week to go over whom might move forward
- c. Concessions – Boys Basketball Season
  - i. If your student is in basketball, please sign up to help with the concession stand
  - ii. A link to the Sign-Up Genius can be found [here](#)
  - iii. Discussion on placement of the stand is under advisement

### **5. Our next general meeting will be on November 20, 2019, 9:45am, at Granger**

#### **\* District Information on the E-Learning Days:**

*The State of Illinois has made available the option for school districts to hold e-learning days instead of canceling school when there is severe weather. Our district may use this option, if needed, starting this winter. This new approach provides the opportunity to have a continuum of instruction that models for students that learning can happen anywhere and anytime. It also helps students further develop the technical and organizational skills necessary to work independently.*

*If severe weather prevents our schools from opening, we will announce an e-learning day the same way we have informed you in the past of weather-related school closings. The announcement will be made by 6 a.m. and posted first on Twitter (@ipspd204) and at [www.ipspd.org](http://www.ipspd.org). We will also make a Connect ED phone call to alert you of the information.*

Please visit our [FAQ](#) to learn more about e-learning days.