

# GRMS PTO

## Thursday, September 14, 2023

“Change is your friend not your foe; change is a brilliant opportunity to grow.” —*Simon T. Bailey*  
*Ashley DeMaio*

### By the end of our time together, we will have:

- Welcomed New Teachers & Positions
  - New Teacher Highlight
- Celebrations
- Reviewed PBIS for the new year- RAYS
- Bridge Program
- PTO Membership
- Spirit Nights
- Sponsorship
- Identified next steps.

| Time                      | Topic  | Process | Who           | Meeting Note  |
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| 4:00-4:10<br>10 mins      | Welcome & Introductions<br>PTO President: Stephanie Jackson<br>PTO Treasurer: Theresa Guernon<br>Business Partner Liaison: Devin Schneider | Share   | Ashley DeMaio | <p>Introductions were made of all persons present and online.<br/>           The board were welcomed, and parents thanked for attending.</p> <p><b>Persons in attendance :</b><br/>           Devin Schneider<br/>           Ashley DeMaio<br/>           Theresa Guernon<br/>           Stephanie Jackson<br/>           Betty Rowe<br/>           Kelly Shuford<br/>           Renee Downey<br/>           SHadieh Knio<br/>           Jennifer Prias<br/>           Marie Hudson</p> <p>Thank you, gifts were given to the board members, by Ashley DeMaio.</p>  |
| 4:10 – 4:15<br><br>5 mins | Celebrations!  | Explain | Ashley DeMaio | <p>Previous year’s celebrations (things that worked with our students) as well as benefited our school was shared with the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retro dance was the first dance of the year, and the students really liked it.</li> <li>• Ms. Lindberg hosted an ugly sweater dance that benefited the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Universal at the end of the year.</li> <li>• Did a Giving Tree that is coordinated by Ms. Randi Willis our amazing school secretary.</li> <li>• Gifts and food for teacher appreciation week last year.</li> </ul> <p>This year we will have the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Night of Lights parking weekend. We have December 12 – 15 thanks to Mrs. Downey for getting us the early dates.</li> <li>• We will have our first celebration with our students who had A, B, and/or C’s on</li> </ul> |

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|                        |   |         |              | <p>their interim reports this past week. They will get an ice cream sandwich during their lunch times on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September. Parent volunteers would be appreciated to help with this celebration. It would be from 10:00 to 12:15. This is an AVID strategy to celebrate students having a 2.0 or better GPA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School needs help from parents on reward days. These are dates that we celebrate students success on their report cards each nine weeks the dates for this are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- October 30<sup>th</sup> for 6<sup>th</sup> grade</li> <li>- October 31<sup>st</sup> for 7<sup>th</sup> grade</li> <li>- November 2<sup>nd</sup> for 8<sup>th</sup> grade</li> </ul> Parent help would be needed from 1:00 to 1:40 for each of those dates.</li> <li>• A Sign-Up Genesis has been created for all our activities that are going on at GRMS. The link for the sign-up will be sent out on the school website and Facebook.</li> </ul> |
| 4:15 – 4:30<br>15 mins | <p>PBIS<br/>Positive Behavioral Interventions<br/>and Supports</p> <p>Events and Requirements</p> | Review  | Renee Downey | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are currently in year 3 in our PBIS rewards program at GRMS. Mrs. Downey shared that teachers and students have bought into the program and it is having some successes at the school.</li> <li>• Students can earn tickets for certain behaviors weekly. The behaviors are different each week and it is shared during morning announcements what RAYS stands for, so students and teachers are educated and motivated. Students can win a Stingray backpack if they are picked as student of the week. The more tickets a student is given for appropriate behavior the more chances a student can win.</li> <li>• It was recommended that we bring Data to our next PBIS meeting to compare last year to this year. This was recommended at a training that some of the teachers attended this summer about PBIS.</li> <li>• For the extra events a student can not have any failing grades, referrals. No ISS (in school suspension) or OSS (out of school suspension).</li> </ul>     |
| 4:30 – 4:35<br>5 mins  | <p>Bridge Program<br/>New Teacher Highlight</p>   | Explain | Renee Downey | <p>The two teachers that were going to be highlighted were not able to make todays meeting so this will be moved to next month, but Mrs. Downey shared some information about the program.</p>   |

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|                        |                                    |                       |                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mark Perez and Mrs. Sandra Bonfiglio are overseeing the Bridge Program here at GRMS.</li> <li>• The program is for students who have had some behavior struggles in the past and need a smaller class setting and more adult interaction to be successful in the classroom setting. We currently have 15 students in our program.</li> <li>• Currently the teachers have set up a classroom store that the student can earn points daily to get snacks for good behavior. The teachers are purchasing the snacks out of their own pocket.</li> <li>• Mrs. Downey has asked for the Bridge Program to fill out the Funds request. It was suggested that we add something to the Sign-Up Genius for people to donate food supplies for the store in the Bridge Program.</li> </ul>   |
| 4:35 – 4:45<br>10 mins | Spirit Night<br>Captain Cones 9/19 | Review &<br>establish | Devin<br>Schneider                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next week is our first Spirit Night at Captain Cones. This is also a volleyball game night. We will get 20% of all sales between the hours of 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Downey, and Mrs. Cullipher will be our guest scoopers.</li> <li>• Devin Schneider our Business Partner Liaison shared that she has the following fundraising dates set up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- October 17<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup> – Papa Johns from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM. An online code will be provided before the date on the weekly newsletter that Mr. Wilson sends out as well as the school website and Facebook page. Family members in Duval, Putnam and St. Johns will be able to use the code to get the school 20% back.</li> <li>- November 7<sup>th</sup> will be Zaxby's night. It will be an in store only fund raiser from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Will need to identify GRMS to get us the 20%.</li> <li>- December 12 will be Chipotle night. They will give us 33% of the sales online and in person</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| 4:45 – 4:55<br>10 mins | Sponsorship Form                   | Establish             | Ashley DeMaio<br>Devin<br>Schneider | We will be displaying banners on our fences of any business partners. In the past we could not do this.   |
| 5:00                   | Testing Info                       | Identify              | Nicole<br>Bohanan                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing went well – we started today, and we had no issues. Tomorrow will be the second day of testing for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.</li> <li>• Parents can log into HAC to see their child's scores.</li> </ul>  |

