

Granby Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting – Monday, March 14, 2011 ~ Kearns School

1. **WELCOME** – meeting convened at 6:45 pm with staff introductions and approval of February minutes by Peter and seconded by Amy. Kim Dessert displayed the PTO appreciation sign that will be displayed in Kearns school. May meeting will be focused on bullying.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Peter provided a financial update
 - a. **Savings Account Balance** - \$10,105
 - b. **Checking Account Balance** - \$78,279.68
 - c. Art project is complete \$9800 for invoices paid. Profit is about \$5,000
 - d. Budget will be worked on during the next month and will be presented during the April meeting.
 - e. Geissler's receipts have been down recently - possibly shopping in different locations, etc. We will still be within our budget projection, but not as high as probably anticipated compared to last year.
 - f. \$20,000 is due to Wells Road and \$9,000 to Kelly Lane from previous year's gifts
3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Lindsay is checking with Committee Chairs to see who wants to continue next year
 - b. **Cultural Arts** - Susie Klein will be coming this week on March 16th to Kearns school.
 - c. **ELF** – Kim McCord gave the update 18 requests have been granted between the 3 schools. Kindles, mural for library at Kelly lane, anti-bullying t-shirts for Wells road, only 1 request didn't fall within the guidelines – for a field trip, was denied. Kearns, bowling program is now complete – 2 years. Listening centers for reading were also created. \$150 left, \$98 for Kearns and \$46 for Wells. One request from Wells for approx. \$60.
 - d. **Family Activities** – The circus is coming to XL Center in May – tickets will be approximately \$15. Granby night at the Rockcats will be in June
 - e. **Paul Cryan Pictures** - went off well – all slots filled
 - f. **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** – January for Kearns, Wells Road at the beginning of March, and Kelly coming up.
 - g. Book Fair – 1st week of May. It is a buy 1 get 1 across the board – most hours will be run after school. Will be held only at Wells Road. It is for overstock books. This is an additional fundraiser.
 - h. Granby 225 – will have more information moving forward. PTO wants to purchase the banners from chamber of commerce (update: a banner has been purchased since the meeting date).
4. **Summer Program Presentations**
 - a. Holcomb Farm – Lucy Lindyer presented. Summer camp is farm-based activities. Day Camp 9-4 pm everyday and a preschool/kindergarten is a ½ day program. 1&2, 3&4, and 5&6 for grade break up. Focused on outdoor learning. Each week has a different theme.

- b. Maple View Farm – Kate Bogli – main horse farm. Sessions are 9-2 pm Monday - Friday. Camp is broken into 3 sections: group horseback riding, chores, and learning about horses. Other activities include a picnic by the brook, and free time. Preschool program is for 3-6 year olds and is a ½ day.
- c. High Meadow Day Camp – traditional day camp. Unique that the camp buses kids to and from camp. Provide lunches and snacks. Have a registered nurse onsite and have security at the gates of the camp. Great sense of community, learning lots of different sports, a zip line, a low ropes course, dance/music/drama, etc. There are 75 paid staff with a ratio 1:5. Opens 27th of June and runs 8 weeks. Recommend kids to go to 4 weeks, do not all need to be consecutive. Open House on May 1st or can do tours by appt.
- d. Granby Rovers – travel soccer club. Programs begin the end of April/beg. of May. Kindergarten – 8th grade, spring clinic that begins April 30th – Saturdays. Summer Programs – players and coaches from UCONN do the instructions. Divided into two groups, 5-13 age kids and 13-18 kids, 5-8 pm Ray Reid program, run at SBP. There is an elite camp that the kids stay over at UCONN.
- e. Parks and Rec. – runs a year round program. Kay handed out a list of all available activities. Keep it low key with a lot of “family values”. Counselors are high school/college/and post college. Most staff returns year after year. Camp includes K (9-1 pm), full day, Tween, which are 6th graders, and Super Campers which is 7th graders (which do 2 field trips a week). There are CIT and Jr. guard programs (14/15 years old). Before and after care is available. Teen Sizzler Program – 5 offsite trips. Fees are kept low and reasonable. On Sunday, June 12th day camp open house 2-4.
- f. New England Dance – Cindy Williams presented. Camp 3-6 year olds. July 11th – 15th and each day is a theme (2 hours). Camp for 7-12 year olds is 2 ½ hrs. There is also a camp that for 3-6 year olds is every Monday for 1 hour for 5 weeks. A similar camp is run for 7-12 year olds, everything being the same except it is for 1 ½ hrs.
- g. Kearns, Kelly, and Wells – GEF and Board of Education – Global Learning Summer Academy. June 20th – July 1st. Chinese Language, Chinese culture, and global studies curriculum. 8:30 – 12 pm (grades 3-9). In the Fall there will be 4 Saturday sessions, culminating the 2nd weekend in November. An eBlast came out the end of February.
- h. Summer School – art, music, PE, and technology. Starts Tuesday after July 4th. Program runs Monday – Thursday and is a 4 week program. Can choose math or language arts or both. Each subject is 1 hour, 8-10 am or 10:30-12:30 pm or can go 8-12:30. Entering 1st grade through entering 8th grade.
- i. Granby Public Library – book flicks and fun with science program.
- j. Farmington Valley Y was unable to make it.