

Grace PTL Meeting Summary

Tuesday April 8th 2025

Grace Lutheran School

The meeting was called to order at 3:17pm at Grace Lutheran School.

Leaders: Sarah Bedroske (childcare) Jeannie Fischer Danielle Klieve

Attendees In Person: Amy Lay Rachel Schueneman Jenny Winkelmann

 Nicole Schmidt Jenny Zirbel Lynne Milbrath

 Heather Stainback Ashley Campbell Emily Winter

Attendees Virtual: Amy Rajchel Beth Helleson

Currently eligible to vote: Sara Armstrong Lynne Milbrath Heather Stainback

 Melissa Rendel Amy Rajchel Kristin Willer

 Ashley Campbell Theresa Schneider Jenny Zirbel

 Nicole Schmidt Kelly Zirbes Rachel Schuneman

 Amanda Sachs Beth Helleson Shelley Zanon

 Andy Campbell Amy Maillet Sarah Bedroske

 Danielle Klieve Donna Geier Cheryl Eggold

 Tara Froemming Sarah Baumann Connie Rhode

 Emily Winter

Wrap Ups - highlights and opportunities:

*HOPE Award -* The H.O.P. E. Award is going well. The students really get excited about it. Next recipients will be awarded April 16th. There was discussion around how the last HOPE AWARD of the year should occur given the timing of the last day of school AND awards. It was decided that the last HOPE Award will be awarded in May (May 14th). In May we will have a HUGE HOPE Award celebration and there will be a recipient from each class. The rewards will be slightly different for these recipients since live items like “lunch with the principal” will be hard to pull off with only 2 weeks of school left.

*Staff Birthdays -* The April staff birthdays will be done Thursday April 10th. Angie Will is this months donor. The theme is “Go Bananas, It’s your birthday!” with fresh fruit.

Coming Up:

*ECP Week (April 21-25) -* Jeannie shared that Amanda Sachs is coordinating with her to plan the week. It will be similar to weeks in past years with snacks and small items. The ECP families are being asked to submit kind words to be shared with the ECP staff.

*Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5- May 9) -* Sara Armstrong and Danielle and coordinating the week. The week will include a biscuit bar, letters to the teachers, bringing in school supplies, covering staff lunch and recess duty, and a dirty soda bar. Ambassadors have been asked to reach out to their classes to compile the teacher “want lists” for each class. Sara has created a sign up that will house all the info for the week. It will include sign ups for both donations of food and time, but also house templates for notes to the teachers and the teacher want lists. This way all information for the week is housed in one easy place. Brilliant!

*Smart Cow Fundraiser (May 20th) -* Amy Raymond shared that the Smart Cow Fundraiser is May 20th from 4p-8p. Go get ice cream and raise money for PTL

 *Fun Day (May 29th, rain date June2) -* Funday is run by committee. They have had 1 meeting so far. They plan to have t-shirts for each class (donated by the Wills), a bounce house, possibly a dunk tank with Mrs. Schmidt, and other activities. There will be a need for donations of items and parents to help run the day. Look for a sign up.

*Last Day of School Chapel Meet and Greet (June 4th) -* PTL hosted a meet and greet before opening chapel at the beginning of the year. We would like to host something at closing chapel. The staff will coordinate their plan and schedule for the day, first. Once that is set, they will share it with PTL and then we can come up with a plan for coordinating some type of fellowship event for parents.

*Church Family Ministry Update:* Jeannie shared that Family Ministry has almost finalized their summer schedule. She invites all to attend:

Private showing of King of Kings May 18th

Popsicles in the Park June 22 - Rotary Park

Parents Night Out July 11th (childcare available)

Family Bonfire August 15th

Family Camp September 20th

*Other items:* Heather brought up the Father - Daughter Dance. There will be a photographer this year. Each female student will also receive a shirt (donated by the Wills) and glasses. They will get a shirt whether they go to the dance or not. She also had concerns about inclusion of all the students in events regardless of their parental status. She thought of doing muffins with mom the morning of the mother son bowling and donuts with dad the morning of the father daughter dance might be a good way to capture all students. It was brought up that the event of kicks and giggles was added this year as a way for dads to have an event with their kids. There was also concern that adding these events would reach only the same families that already attend the other events. It was decided that there certainly is an opportunity for changing the verbage to VIP day or VIP dance instead of calling out father and mother. There is also an opportunity to try for VIP event with the older kids since Kicks and Giggles was K-2.

Ambassador Update:

 No ambassador updates at this time from the classroom.

School Update:

Mrs. Schmidt shared they are working hard at completing this year but also feeling the pressure to look forward to next year. Some changes have been announced with Mrs. Wallace moving to PE and Jeannie and Nick Fischer along with Mrs. Wallace taking over the athletic director role. They are actively recruiting a 3rd grade teacher. Mrs. Scmidt also shared that they are rethinking what middle school looks like since they have had such trouble keeping the positions filled over the past few years. The idea “rising to the top” is having a 6th grade class and making middle school only 7th and 8th grade. This is more in line with DPIs definition of middle school. Spanish will also be returning next year. This will be an individual employed by Grace, not a contracted service. She asks that if you have any leads on a 3rd grade teacher, 6th grade teacher or spanish teacher to please let her know.

Financial Update - The financial update was not fully ready. However, it was shared that after the tournament deposits we will have about $30k in the bank. We had about $1400 in classrooms funds dispersed over the past month. There is about $1400 remaining classroom funds that have not been spent yet.

Financial Requests - None at this time.

*Previous Requests from this year -*

Lexia PowerUp Subscription - Approved at $2972

K-2 Election Event - request rescinded

Meeting dates

The next PTL meeting will be **next school year!**

Adjournment- meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm

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Meeting summary by: Danielle Klieve 4/8/2025 8:42pm

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