**PTO Meeting Minutes**

**February 28, 2022**

**Held via Zoom – approximately 12 attendees**

Welcome

Our scheduled speaker had a last minute emergency, we will reschedule for another time if possible

Principal’s Report – Sarah Lightner

Covid update – starting next week, contact tracing will no longer happen. Numbers are way down. No changes to masking guidelines at this point but that may be forthcoming depending on what is happening in our area and with other schools.

Enrollment – lots of families are looking at Groveland. We are staying with a late start (9:30am), while other schools in our area are moving to an early start (7:30am). This may push some students to Groveland – we might be able to add a fourth kindergarten class for next year. According to the district, Groveland could accommodate up to 500 students. However, in practice, this won’t happen – we offer some specialized instruction that requires smaller classrooms.

Strike – negotiations are ongoing. If a strike happens, child care will be offered for those who need it at school, staffed by Ms. Lightner and the EAs. Two meals a day will be provided. Superintendent Gothard reports to the school board so parents should make their opinions heard through them.

PTO update

Upcoming events and fundraisers include a spring plant sale and read-a-thon

Centennial update

Fundraising is ongoing for the outdoor classroom – check out the plans at http://groveland100.com

Carnival committee

The next meeting is March 16 at 6pm in the library, please come

Drop off stuffed animals and toys at the school office

Contact Kerry Furtney ([kjfurtney@gmail.com](mailto:kjfurtney@gmail.com)) or Lisa Sheehan ([lisascherer@hotmail.com](mailto:lisascherer@hotmail.com)) if you’re interested in helping out, or if you can do face painting, henna, or play music for the carnival

**Next gathering:**

Thursday March 31 – discussion with Clark Hoelscher, SPPS Office of Equity

Items for next meeting – email groveland.pto.pres@gmail with topics you’d like to discuss