

## GSA Meeting Minutes: October 20, 2015

\*\*GSA Regular Council Meeting, held at the Spartan Village Community Center, 7:00 PM

**In Attendance:** Cathy Foster (Co-President), Amy Moeder (Co-President), Cat Schwartz (Vice President), Jen Zeman (Treasurer), Kate Burch (Secretary), Kim Ringlever (Volunteer Coordinator), Lorraine Ware (Principal), Tiffany Talamonti-Burgee (Teacher), Daryl Bean (Teacher), Stacy Dickert-Conlin (GCASE), Sheryl Groden (Parent), Sarah Holden (Parent), Hima Rawal (Parent), Demet Korucu (Parent), Karin Polischuk (Parent), Xuefen Zhang (Parent), [et.al.](#)

\*\*Meeting agenda approval: Moved by Jen Zeman, seconded by Amy Moeder, all in favor.

\*\*September meeting minutes approval: Moved by Kate, seconded by Jen Zeman, all in favor.

\*\*Amy Moeder's name is to be added onto the Glencairn School Association bank account through Michigan State Federal Credit Union. Jen Zeman's name will also continue to be on the bank account.

**Parent Forum:** (A chance for various parents at the meeting to voice questions or concerns they have). Lorraine (and the GSA) will look into providing childcare for all future GSA meetings. A second bus has been added to the Spartan Village Route so that there are fewer children on each bus. Mr. Berry is requesting a song suggestion from another country for the Celebration of Cultures in May. The song will be voted on by students. There was concern from parents about the CATA bus route to and from Glencairn and Spartan Village. There is no direct route to school from Spartan Village and there is no bus schedule on the sign in front of Glencairn. This makes it very difficult for parents traveling by CATA bus with children each day. Lorraine will look into what we can do to help with the CATA bus situation. Cat will look into securing a cab/taxi service that we could use for families without transportation during situations where a sick child needs to be picked up from school or during emergencies. The GSA would use funds to pay for this service. Lorraine will provide a bus to the Halloween events on Friday, October 30.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**\*Spartans Day of Service:** (Cathy Foster) November 7<sup>th</sup> from 10-3. Jen Lathom is the lead. They are still looking for help with volunteer projects around the school.

**\*Science Night:** (Stacy Dickert-Conlin) November 19<sup>th</sup>. They are still in need of general help with set-up and tear-down that evening. GCASE will be putting up an "I Wonder" bulletin board

to tie daily activities into the evening event. GCASE will become a sub-committee of the GSA instead of a separate group.

**\*Farmraiser:** (Sheryl Groden) Goods will be distributed November 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is a fundraiser which helps support local farms by selling apple cider, homemade jam, maple syrup, etc. They are still in need of help on November 21<sup>st</sup> with assembling the orders from 9-1 at Edgewood Church. Lorraine will have the school open on the 21<sup>st</sup> so that the orders can be stored there over the weekend.

**\*A Taste of Glencairn:** (Kim Ringlever) December 9<sup>th</sup> At this time, the lead person is Beth Peck, but she is hoping for a co-chair to work with. We are also hoping for a good contact at Spartan Village to help with this event. Jen Zeman has offered to co-chair.

**\*T-Shirt Sales:** (Cathy Foster) T-shirt order deadline is November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Orders will hopefully be distributed by November 16<sup>th</sup>. Marcia Gresens and Maria Lapinski are the contacts for t-shirt sales.

**\*DPC Meeting:** (Cathy Foster) Elections were held for new officers at last month's meeting. Heidi Phillips is our DPC Rep.

**\*Playground Committee:** (Cathy Foster) Currently, there is \$7,325 in the playground fund. It has been decided that since this is not enough to order a new piece, this money will go towards the current needs of the playground that are affordable. Lorraine's specific wants are benches, sand box cover, gaga pit, etc. Currently, 10 bricks need to be installed as well as benches with small signs for the larger donors. There will be no additional playground fundraising at this time.

**Principal's Report:** (Lorraine Ware) Lorraine needs help from the Spartan Village parents with making sure that their children are safely getting on the bus in the morning. She would like them to line up by grade as they do at school. She reiterated that scholarships are always available for school activities and that if you need one, it is important to note that or to let Ann Z. know in the office.

**Teacher Report:** (Tiffany Talamonti-Burgee and Daryl Bean) The third grade classes just completed their week of the Big Zoo Lesson at Potter Park. The cost is \$30 per child to attend BZL plus busing costs. They will find out in November if they were awarded any money through an ELEF grant to off-set these costs. The busing cannot be paid for by the ELEF grant. \$500 has been budgeted by the GSA for the bus costs.

Additionally, Tiffany Talamonti-Burgee requested \$60 for a safety patrol pizza party. There are 24 safeties this fall at Glencairn. She also requested hot chocolate for safeties. Kim Ringlever will work with Tiffany to see if we can get these items donated by parents.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Jen Zeman) At this time, there is approximately \$5,000 in savings with around \$6,500 in checking. We are expecting around \$8,000 in Fun Run funds. We will budget \$40 per meeting for childcare expenses, the \$280 expenditure was moved by Kate, seconded by Cat and all were in favor.

