

GSA Meeting Minutes: December 15, 2015

****GSA Regular Council Meeting, held at Spartan Village Community Center, 6:30-8:00 PM**

In Attendance: Cathy Foster (Co-President), Cat Schwartz (Vice President), Jen Zeman (Treasurer), Kate Burch (Secretary), Kim Ring lever (Volunteer Coordinator), Emily Dunn (Teacher), Ebonia Williams (Teacher), Fatimat Adebayo (Parent), Guoyuan Sang (Parent), Solomon Getahun (Parent), Hadar Faizy (Parent), Huiqing Huang (Parent), Kazlzan Yu (Parent), Jing Zhang (Parent), Annie Yang (Parent), Ndeshi Conteh (Parent), Michael Conteh (Parent), Jinmei Zhang (Parent), Fajuan Chong (Parent), Zhenqiao Song (Parent)

****Meeting agenda approval: Approved**

****November meeting minutes approval: Approved**

Teacher Presentation: (Emily Dunn and Ebonia Williams-2nd Grade Teachers)

Currently in 2nd grade, they are focusing on double digit addition and subtraction in math. The district is looking at ways to make math more meaningful, and there is a new curriculum being implemented this year. They just started Unit 3 in the reading curriculum Reading Street. They are working on increasing fluency and implementing strategies they've already learned. In writing, they are focusing on "Expert Reports" and writing non fiction texts about a subject in which they are an expert (they brought samples of students work to share).

Principal's Report: (Given by Emily Dunn for Lorraine Ware)

This week is Spirit Week at Glencairn. A note went home about the "theme" for each day and students can choose to participate or not. On Friday morning, the entire school will be going to NCG movie theatre to see "The Good Dinosaur". Each classroom will sit with their "buddy classroom" at the movie. There is a music concert being held on Friday afternoon at 2:50 PM. The bus will be leaving Spartan Village at 2:25 to bring parents to the concert. A new permanent gaga pit has been purchased for the upper elementary side of the playground. The portable gaga pit can be used outside during nice weather for the lower elementary students. New soccer nets were also purchased for the lower elementary side of the playground.

Sparrow Mileage Club: (Group discussion) A coordinator is needed for Sparrow Mileage Club. Cat Schwartz sent an email to Sarah Holden and Amy Moeder asking them to co-chair and attend the registration meeting in January. Daily volunteers are also needed to help with water bottles and check off mileage cards. The mileage club event starts after spring break. (Update: Sarah Holden has agreed to chair the Mileage Club and will attend the registration meeting.)

Treasurer's Report: (Jen Zeman)

T-shirt sales raised \$1,293 and the cost was \$851.25, which doesn't include printing costs. We are still waiting on the total raised at the Woody's Oasis fundraiser as the check was not ready yet. Farmraiser raised \$2102.90, but was budgeted at \$2300 based on last years revenue, although with other costs we were able to break even. She is waiting on playground invoices.

Past and Upcoming Events (Group Discussion)

-Kate Burch will send thank you notes to Beth Peck who co-chaired A Taste of Glencairn, Marcia Gresens and Maria Lapinski who organized T-shirt sales, and Sheryl Groden who organized Farmraiser. She will also send a thank you note to the Lake Lansing Meijer store for their \$50 gift card donation which went towards purchasing items for A Taste of Glencairn.

-Movie Night is coming up on January 22nd from 6-8 PM. The Student Leadership Team will coordinate this event with Lorraine's help. Emily Dunn will speak to Lorraine to clarify where the revenue from this event is going (to the GSA or towards a Buddy Bench).

-Math Night is February 11th and will be put on by GCASE.

-Book Bingo and a silent auction are March 30th, with proceeds benefiting the 4th grade field trip to the Sand Dunes and Meijer Garden.

-5K: Jen Zeman is the chair of the first Glencairn 5K and is hoping to choose a date soon, so that the event can get coordinated with additional volunteers. At this point, we are looking at a date in May and she will work with Playmakers and Lorraine to get final details settled. Once a date is established, she will need help from Kim Ringlever with securing volunteers to help plan and help out the day of the event. Some ideas that were thrown around were: having students draw up an idea that could go on the event T-shirts, getting corporate sponsors and listing them on the T-shirts. A parent suggested that we contact the ELPD and see if they could be a presence on the day of the walk/run. Another suggestion, was making it possible for others to sponsor a child or family by paying their registration fee. Students who don't want to run in the event could still help out by passing out water, standing at mile markers, etc. Cathy Foster offered to help with securing sponsorships to pay for printing costs, water bottles, etc. We are hoping to make this a fun family and community event.