

GSA Meeting Minutes-August 13, 2014

****GSA Regular Council Meeting, Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM, 2nd Grade Classroom at Glencairn Elementary.**

In Attendance: Kate Burch, Jana Dean, Cathy Foster, Sarah Holden, Jennifer Lathom, Amy Moeder, Lorraine Ware, Karessa Wheeler, Jen Zeman.

2014/2015 GSA Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at Glencairn. Any changes due to holidays or school closures will be noted and communicated to Glencairn families. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16.

Committee/Project Updates: The Fun Run is being co-chaired by Sarah Preisser and Becky Roberts and is scheduled for September 26th. A kick-off assembly is scheduled for September 5th. Sarah Holden will touch base with Sarah Preisser and Becky Roberts about any additional help the GSA could provide. Stacy Conlin would like to put on an Academic Enrichment/Science Night on November 20th. This is a free event at night with hands on activities for students. There will be a need for parent volunteers to set-up and tear-down after the event and is a chance for any parents who are interested in or involved in the sciences to present. This event goes hand in hand with other opportunities at Glencairn to bring enrichment into the building through the arts and sciences and will hopefully be ongoing throughout the school year. Kristin Clark has volunteered to be the Volunteer Coordinator for the GSA this school year. Kate Burch will contact her regarding this position. At this point, we a volunteer to chair the Scholastic Book Fair (currently scheduled for March 19-27). Karessa Wheeler has volunteered to be the Communications Coordinator for the GSA and will be handling the school directory as well as the GSA facebook page, she will contact Jennifer Sparrow about the facebook page. Jennifer Lathom has volunteered to chair the committee to get planting and beautification at the school completed. She is hoping to eventually have a community garden at Glencairn. At this point, she will use the existing flower beds and possibly build one new raised bed to get started. She is hoping to get volunteers and a teacher liaison to assist with the schools beautification and gardening needs as well. Large scale playground fundraising is being handled by Seth Martin, a parent. He is working to raise funds for a large scale remodel of the playground and is open to suggestions as to the best way to reconfigure the space.

Treasurer's Updates: Co-treasurers Jana Dean and Jen Zeman will split the job responsibilities with Jana doing all reporting and Jen handling the money and banking aspect. \$4,255.25 has been brought over from the Red Cedar School Association and \$4,184.00 was left over from last year's GSA, leaving a total of \$8,439.25 for the beginning of the school year. A change in bank to Michigan State Federal Credit Union was voted in at this meeting. The treasurers will look into getting funds from Meijer, Target, Kroger, and Amazon. Lorraine Ware has asked that the GSA reimburse her \$1,300.00 for a new sand box that she purchased. This was not approved at this meeting and was tabled until we see what funds we have coming in and whether this would be part of the playground fundraising. A decision about purchasing T-shirts for each student was also tabled until further budget decisions could be made.

Additional Activities/Needs:

-A first day of school parent coffee will be held in the morning on September 2. Lorraine will include this in an eblast to all families.

-John Dunn a Glencairn parent is requesting help from the GSA with sponsoring a Cub Scout Troop

-Walk to School Day is in October, and could possibly be partnered with Marble Elementary's Walk to School Day which leaves from the Hannah Community Center. Bussing to that location would be needed for Spartan Village students.

Additional Business: This year, students can arrive as early as 8:25. Drop off by car will be done on Northlawn with the parking lot reserved solely for the 5 school buses each morning and afternoon. There will be 4 crossing guards dispersed throughout the neighborhood to cross students. Jessica Terranova has been hired as the new 2nd grade teacher at Glencairn and was approved by the School Board. Curriculum Night has been scheduled for Thursday, September 11th, with two sessions. No food will be served that night.