

GSA Meeting Minutes: February 17, 2015 Meeting

**GSA Regular Council Meeting, held in Classroom #3 (Lauren Anderson's classrom) at Glencairn School, 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Sarah Holden (President), Cathy Foster (Co-Vice President), Amy Moeder (Co-Vice President), Jana Dean (Co-Treasurer), Jen Zeman (Co-Treasurer), Kate Burch (Secretary), Lorraine Ware (Principal), Nell Kuhnmuensch (School Board Representative), Tiffany Talamonti-Burgee (3rd Grade Teacher), and Daryl Bean (3rd Grade Teacher).

-Approved Minutes from January 20, 2015 Meeting; Motioned by Jen Zeman, Seconded by Jana Dean, all in favor.

-Approved this meetings agenda; Motioned by Kate Burch, seconded by Jana Dean, all in favor.

Principal's Report: (Lorraine Ware) The Student Leadership Team is working on the Pop Can Drive that is raising money for the Playground Fund. The Leadership Team has made up a graph that is in the gym, charting each grade's totals for pop can donations. Open Mic Night is Wednesday, February 25, 2015 and will also have a small silent auction. Movie Night is March 27, 2015 and will have a larger silent auction. All fundraisers will benefit the Playground Fund. The East Lansing Police Department and PACE have been helping with traffic and safety at morning drop off. Lorraine is checking into making Northlawn a one-way street during the 30 minute drop-off and pick-up periods.

Teacher Report: (Daryl Bean and Tiffany Talamonti-Burgee) Tiffany is in charge of the Safety Patrols this year. She has 30 Safeties and they rotate their position every two months (either morning or afternoon). They recently had their first pizza lunch and really enjoyed it. The Big Zoo Lesson for third graders is April 20-24 this year. The cost is \$30 per child (there are currently 50 kids). The teachers wrote a grant to ELEF and were awarded \$1500 which will cover the admission cost of all students and fund the field experience portion. Busing costs are not covered by ELEF. At this time, there is no funding for buses. GSA has budgeted \$500 for the Big Zoo Lesson. They will get a total for busing and report back to the GSA about how much money is needed.

Treasurer's Report: (Jana Dean and Jen Zeman) The GSA is almost \$5000 over budget in revenue. There is currently \$6,472 in savings and \$9,883 in checking. Playground Information: The cost is \$20,000-\$21,000 to move the zipline and swing set and put in a kindergarten piece. At this time, the GSA has decided not to commit the \$5,000 for the playground and revisit it at a later date. Cathy Foster is working on sending thank you notes and getting bricks, plaques and benches ordered for donors. A donation of \$100 or more awards a thank you card from the Student Leadership Team, \$250 and up will get an engraved brick, \$500-\$1,000 is considered a founder and a sponsor and will have their name on a sign at the school, \$2,500 and up will get their name on a buddy bench. Jen moved to approve miscellaneous money printing, stamps, etc. that will be needed for the Playground Committee, Jana seconded the motion. To date, there is \$5,504.74 in the Playground Fund.

President's Report: (Sarah Holden) The Glencairn Book Fair is taking place March 23-27. Jen has spoken to Scholastic and we can do online sales for a period after the book fair is over. There is \$700 to spend from last year. The librarian is checking with teachers to see what they would like to order with that money. At this time, the book fair will be open after school only (there is the possibility of a lunch time option if there are enough volunteers). Lorraine will work with the librarian to schedule "sneak peak" times for each classroom. Kristin Clark will work on getting volunteers to work the Book Fair. One option for location, is partitioning off the gym and using a small portion to sell books during non-gym times. Lorraine will speak to Bryan Post about this. The Sparrow Mileage Club signup ends on March 5th. Any child that is signed up prior to that will get a card with their name printed on it. The issue right now is finding routes to run/walk. Volunteers are needed to mark cards as students come through. Mileage club starts on April 10th. We will not be doing a school directory for the 2014-2015 school year, but will attempt it again in the fall for the 2015-2016 school year. We are hoping to get a better response by sending out the forms with student enrollment forms in the fall.

Board of Education Report: (Nell Kuhnmuensch) By next week, Nell will have visited all of the schools in the East Lansing district. She has enjoyed her visits with both students and staff. She spoke to Christian regarding the use of ipads in the schools (as was discussed at last months GSA meeting) and was advised that he will

Speak with the school librarian about the situation. Nell is hoping to get more volunteers into the schools and has reached out to Prime Time at the Hannah Center. An article is going out in their newsletter detailing the desire for more community member volunteers in the schools. She has also made a contact at Delta Dental about volunteer help. The school board is interested in giving recognition at their monthly meetings to students and staff who do noteworthy things. Please notify Nell if there is something going on at Glencairn that deserves recognition at a School Board Meeting. Recognition could be for sports, artwork, etc.