



Glencairn Elementary Community Council

Quarterly Meeting

February 20, 2024 6:30pm – 7:30pm

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Attendee Roll Call/Introductions

Erin Cazal

Parents: Bethany Mueller, Maggie Harris, Christina Freds, Chad Laidlaw, Rebekah Sloup, Sara Kalt, Chris Martin

Officers: Erin Cazal, Shannon Torres, Jessi Kauppi, Karla Forrest-Hewitt, Jen Pace, Lara Hewson

Staff: Lorraine Ware, Alexandra Sanchez, Barbara Coady

Approve Minutes

Erin Cazal

Shannon moves to approve, Jen seconds, all vote yea to approve

Teacher Reports

Ms. Sanchez

Ms. Coady

Third grade has been learning Michigan history through a simulation game. It's very popular with the kids; they're very interested in it and learning a lot of different things through the game. The third graders will also be leading their own conferences. The Big Zoo trip coming in April – needing a lot of volunteers for the trip and for setting up special notebooks for the trip.

Principal Report

Mrs. Ware

Movie night was well attended and very positive reception. Science night was also well attended; kudos to the organizers of the event. Mrs. Ware reminded how important it is to check the weather with wide range of weather happening to make sure kids are dressed appropriately. As part of the positive behavior supports program with bucket fillers they have had "Principal of the Day" as a reward; they just had their 5th student do this and it's been very popular and motivating for the students. They've moved to doing "Pick a Prize" where they can choose one thing the principal does to do. Golden Boots program

is also ongoing, where classes are given a certificate for doing a good job keeping their areas clean (w/ all outerwear and boots etc.) The classes with the highest numbers of certificates will win a pizza party.

Board of Education Report

Chris Martin

Chris is a Glencairn parent and new president of the school board. There are great things happening in all the buildings across the district. If there are great things happening at Glencairn, he recommends forwarding it to the school board so it can be shared at meetings. Biggest current item for the school board is May 7th school bond coming to vote – it is focused on improving safety, security, and accessibility in the middle school and high school. Chris recommends reading about the bond and sharing the information with other parents and neighbors to increase awareness of what the bond is trying to accomplish. Last year, they completed a security audit that identified many areas of need that the bond is trying to address – some Chris mentioned are locks on classrooms in high school, addressing how the locker common are set up in the high school, security of the entrance, and moving the superintendent/staff offices out of the high school building.

Officer Reports/Committee Business

Volunteer Updates

Jen Pace

Upcoming events needing volunteers includes March book fair and mileage club. They are also still looking for an organizer for field day. Jen is talking with a couple of people who may be interested but if anyone knows of another parent who is interested, let Jen know. The May meeting is usually when officers are voted in, so if anyone is interested in learning more about being an officer or if any officers are interested in stepping down, this is the time to talk with Jen and Erin about opportunities. Jen will also be working on Volunteer Spotlight for the newsletter.

Science Night

Rebekah Sloup

Many people were eager to participate – there were a few groups that would've been interested but found out too late, so that could be an opportunity for next year. It may also be helpful to coordinate with the other elementary schools to invite groups who want to be involved in multiple events. For flow of the event, the gym went really well but the lunch room felt crowded and the STEAM room got very warm. Kudos to the team that set up because it was all ready to go just the way it was planned. Suggestion to get the dimensions of the rooms to help make setup easier next time. Shannon did mention that Nature Discovery Center was more costly than past years and it's something to think about and elicit feedback about since there are other animals brought that were free.

Treasurer

Karla Forrest-Hewitt

In December, moved account into a business IMMA, and it's already earned almost \$10 in interest, so it is a better place to hold the money. Based on the current budget, we are behind by just over \$900; however it is likely we won't use all of the money budgeted.

New Business

Erin Cazal

Main issue is looking for a new chair for Field Day. Mentioned upcoming newsletter – if there are any things to be included in upcoming newsletter, please send to Lara by midweek next week. Discussed possibly printing newsletters at the end of the year.

Adjournment

Erin Cazal

Karla moves to adjourn, Shannon seconds, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14 6:30-7:30 in the Glencairn Library

Upcoming events: February Staff Appreciation on Feb. 28; Spring Book Fair March 11-15; March is Reading Month; information on Mileage Club coming soon!