

Glencairn School Association Minutes
Sept. 8, 2016, Meeting
Glencairn Elementary School Library

In attendance: Cat Schwartz (President), Shannon Schokora (Treasurer), Brian Wheeler (Secretary), Alison Alfredson (At-Large Member), Lorraine Ware (Principal), Erin Graham (School Board Representative), Julie Bungard (ELL Teacher), Kim Ringlever, Stacy Dickert-Conlin, Heidi Phillips, Michelle Collison, Steve Collison, Winson Peng, Si-Wook Yoo, Honglian Wang, Sara Kalt, Shannon Torres, Erin Black, Andrea Besley.

Absent: Karin Polischuk (Vice President)

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Principal's Report (Lorraine Ware): The first days of the new school year have gone very well, with teachers focusing on student expectations and responsibilities. New faces this year include Robert Cawson (fifth-grade teacher), Cassie Fromson (school administrative assistant), Andrea Maguire (social worker) and Cathy Caine (reading specialist).

Last year's M-STEP test results for the school are available. Students did well, with information being sent home to parents shortly.

The school has 315 students this year. Parents are encouraged to attend Morning Celebration and to share any concerns with teachers.

Teacher's Report (Julie Bungard): The start of the year can be stressful for students and families from other countries, but this year has started very well. She conducts tests of all of her students to see how much English they know, then works to develop plans to help them learn.

Board of Education Report (Erin Graham): School board members will rotate through parent council meetings at all schools this year. A school board committee is meeting most Thursday nights to develop a bond proposal, likely for May, that will support elementary schools.

Treasurer's Report (Shannon Schokora): The GSA is in the process of changing its name to the Glencairn PTO to reduce confusion among parents. Also proposed is a change to the bylaws to reflect that a majority of elected board members (no matter how many members) is necessary for official actions. Votes will take place at the October meeting.

The proposed GSA budget for 2016-17 would break even, raising the majority of funds from the Fun Run and popcorn sales. The GSA has \$16,646 in assets.

There's a need to determine a goal for GSA assets in the long-term planning process.

Moved by Schwartz to approve budget, with Alfredson seconding. Budget approved unanimously.

President's Report (Cat Schwartz): The Fun Run will take place Sept. 30 during the school day. Other upcoming activities include a fundraiser at Pizza House in October, the Oct. 13 GSA meeting and Science Night on Nov. 17. Parents are encouraged to follow the GSA through its Facebook page, and to share information through the "Glencairn Families" Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.