



Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization

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Glencairn Parent Teacher Organization Minutes

November 14, 2017, Meeting

Glencairn Library

In attendance: Karin Polischuk (President), Kim Roland (Secretary), Erin Black (Treasurer), Lorraine Ware (Principal), Nichole Martin (School Board), Daryl Bean (3rd grade teacher), Tiffany Talamonti-Burgee (3rd grade teacher), Ms. Eyde (3rd grade intern), Bawar Tahir (parent), Sarah Reckhow (parent), Elizabeth Guerrero-Lyons (parent)

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

October 10, 2017 Minutes approved.

November 14, 2017 Agenda approved.

Principals Report (Lorraine Ware):

Currently developing the Student Leadership team. This is open to 4th and 5th graders. This gives the students a voice, they help with current problems, and current events. Students that are interested apply, have their parents sign that it is ok, answer a set of questions, and then do a student friendly interview. This year they are going to be having a couple committees with a couple members each: Tech committee and welcome committee. There is also president, vice president, and monthly representatives. The students will be finding out tomorrow. At the end of the year, there will be a pool party for this group. This year, there were about 60 kids that applied and there are positions for about 24. There are many opportunities for involvement for those that didn't make it.

Ms. Bridge has begun having music presentations for each grade this year. 5th graders have already had their Halloween presentation and 3rd/4th will have Winter Wonderland on December 14th. The presentation is in the evening for parents. 1st/2nd graders did a German Lantern presentation this week in conjunction with learning about Germany at Morning Celebration. On February 14th, there is a "special person tea" for K-2 and 3-5. We are still learning more about this and the PTO may help.

Teachers' Report (Ms. Bean, Mrs. Talamonti-Burgee, Ms. Eyde – 3rd Grade):

The Big Zoo Lesson was in mid-October. This is like school at the zoo and the students are there all day, each day for a whole week. It was a very rainy week, but the kids did great observing their animal for an hour each day. The rhinos were being introduced during our visit to the zoo in hopes that they would be a compatible match for mating. The kids were able to observe these two rhinos as they were meeting each other. This was quite a big deal at the zoo and we were very thankful that the zoo invited our kids to take part in this. The students really got to know their animals and they will use this animal in lessons for the remainder of the year. The cost was \$30 per student and the teachers

collected \$20 per student. Because the class is so small this year, the teachers are using less of the money that the PTO has budgeted for them. They can use the rest of their budget for the year for other things if they wish. The PTO recognizes that this is an anomaly year due to the lower number of 3rd grade students.

Ms. Talamonti-Burgee and Ms. Eyde are overseeing Safety Patrol. The 5th graders do a great job in the mornings and afternoons with the younger kids. Safety hot chocolate is starting up soon. There will also be a pizza party for the safeties. These kids take their jobs very seriously. There is \$200 budgeted for the safeties and Dart Container donated cups for hot chocolate.

Thank you for the teacher's lunches! They are so good.

Ms. Eyde will be graduating in December, so she'll be done in the Glencairn classroom soon. She'll be staying in the area and subbing so we hope to see her around.

School Board Report (Nichole Martin):

Josh Robertson was approved to be the principal at Marble.

There was a Board meeting last night and the Board did not agree on a replacement member for the opening that was left when Yasmina Bouraoui.

This will now go to the Ingham ISD Board and be discussed at their meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 21st at 6:00 at the Thorburn Education Center in Mason. This is a regularly scheduled meeting and it is open for public comment. At this meeting they will discuss the next steps. It is likely that the decision will be made some time after this meeting.

The Bond workgroup meetings are public and they are every other Thursday. The next one is this coming Thursday from 10-12am and is in the Hub at the High School. The process has been helpful and modifications have been made based on suggestions. At the next Board meeting on the 26th, GMB and Ms. Leyko will be doing a joint presentation.

Mrs. Ware – She was just told that the gym in Red Cedar will be open early and they'll create space for each teacher to be able to move supplies earlier.

Start time survey – The deadline for that is next Tuesday and we'll try and share the link.

Financial Report (Erin Black):

For the Fun Run, we got a little bit more money in these last few weeks. We are about \$1,400 below our goal. We may shift a couple things around and hope to take in more during the dining out nights. We may shift money from the Imagination Playground, but the Matthew Stafford auction may make up for that. Feel free to share the auction because it is open to anyone. Popcorn money keeps dribbling in, so we are close to our goal for popcorn sales.

Calendar Review and President's Report (Karin Polischuk):

Science Night is on Thursday and we are looking for a couple more greeters at the 5:00 time to welcome people as they enter the building. This is a fabulous event. The kids will come home with stickers to help remind them of Science Night.

Movie Night, which the Student Leadership Team puts on, is on December 8th. Math Night is in January and this is another fun night for the kids.

The first of two Book Fairs will be in December and the second one will be in March. Taste of Glencairn is a nice opportunity to try little bites of food from all over the world.

Fundraising – The Matthew Stafford auction ends on November 24th. There is also a Blaze Pizza dining out night at the Frandor location. 20% of your bill will go toward the school. Make sure you show a hardcopy of the flyer or show it on your phone when you order. Lots of people have also ordered on line and that works well also. Please share information about both events. Also, coming up we'll have some Glencairn t-shirts and sweatshirts for sale.

We have not yet set a date for Field Day, our 5K, and the End-of-the-Year Picnic. For the Picnic, we're asking for suggestions due to the Ramadan holiday (starts May 15th) and families that may be fasting. We're considering at least offering take-home boxes for food in case someone wants to eat once the sun goes down. We'll talk more about the 5K once Mrs. Norquist comes back from maternity leave. This is a part of a grant to help track the kid's laps when they do Mileage Club in the spring.

Nov. 16th – Science Night

Nov. 21st – Blaze Pizza dining out

Dec. 11-15 – Book Fair (winter)

Dec. 14 – 3rd/4th grade Winter Wonderland Concert

Dec. 8 – Movie Night

Jan. 24 - Math Night

Feb. 7 – Taste of Glencairn

March 2 – Book Bingo

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Next meeting: 7 p.m. December 12 at the school.