



Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization

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Glencairn Parent Teacher Organization Minutes

December 11th, Meeting

Red Cedar Library

In attendance: Karin Polischuk (President), Kristin Bellar (Vice President), Kim Roland (Secretary), Lorraine Ware (Principal), Ms. Tatum (1st Grade Teacher), Mrs. Teszlewicz (1st Grade Teacher), Josh Vincent, Shannon Torres, Kim Ringlever, Terah Chambers

Absent: Jason Weller (Treasurer)

Meeting called to order at 6:39 p.m.

Teachers' Report (Ms. Tatum & Mrs. Teszlewicz – 1st Grade Teachers):

- Ms. Tatum's transition from teaching Kindergarten the last several years to teaching 1st Grade is going well. She's been enjoying the grade.
- Meridian Historical Village – Thank to the PTO for the help financing the trip. The next field trip is to Sparrow Hospital, which is free. After that is the MSU Butterfly House.
- Economics Unit is happening right now. Usually they create and sell items, but this year they will be producing ornaments and will donate them to Hospice. This ties in with a book they read about giving.
- In Math, they are doing graphing and then will work on place value.
- In Writing, they are working on the difference between realism and fantasy, characters, realistic fiction. They are also working on how-to's and explaining how to make a paper airplane.
- The teachers have put together book fair wish lists because some parents have asked what they want or need.
- Are there other non-book fair items that the teachers need? 1st grade classrooms could use more large sized washable Crayola markers.
- There is a group of Student Leadership Team members, the Staff Support Team, that have been working with teachers to help with small tasks. This is really nice for both the teachers and the SLT.
- 1st grade teachers also love their parent helpers.
- Ms. Tatum does have an intern this year as well.
- In March, the 1st Grade teachers will welcome mystery readers to come in throughout the month. They will also be welcoming parents to come in on Friday afternoons to listen to children read books from the book boxes.

Principals Report (Lorraine Ware):

- The Student Leadership Team is ramping up. There are six different teams this year. They are currently talking about Movie Night and Recycling. The RSVPs for Movie Night are due

tomorrow. This is fun for the kids because they can review the data to prepare and plan for the event.

- Next week is Talent Show Tryouts and there are a lot of kids signed up. What if they ran the event with Lower El and Upper El concurrently? Another option is to draw a more firm line on who makes the cut? Two different nights? A longer event? Any ideas? Could more acts be blended?
 - There won't be a daytime show this year.
 - Tryouts are during the school day and the kids aren't missing much because they are only out of class briefly.
 - Karin could find an accompanist if Mrs. Bridge needs additional help.
- NCG field trip is on December 21st to see Mary Poppins Returns. The permission slip for this will be going out later this week.
- Four Square is on hold for a short time because there has been some trouble lately.
- Kickball has gotten a little popular while foursquare is on hold. The playground could use some more kickballs and hula hoops.
- The school could use some extra water proof mittens and gloves. The PTO has recently answered an EInfo question about what the Elementary could use and that article should be coming out to the public soon.

Financial Report (Jason Weller – provided by Karin Polischuk):

- For Fun Run, there is still some more money coming because there is some in the PayPal account. The Fun Run total is about \$1,000 below our goal which isn't too bad.
- Spirit Wear did have a decent number of orders this year. There were about \$1,500 in sales and the cost is \$680.
- There is a line item for Book Fair, which is a donation to the cash box and that will be repaid to the PTO at the end of the week. We're anticipating a large response for Book Fair on Movie Night.
- The 1st Grade community project money will not end up being used this year.
- If the school would like to purchase some mittens, there is some money in the budget that could be used.
- How is the healthy snack contribution stash? We think it's supplied pretty good right now. The teachers do get a snack grant of one box of graham crackers each month, but this isn't enough for our growing kids.
- Is there any extra money needed for delinquent lunch accounts? Mrs. Fromson would know this and Kristin will ask her.
- There might be a need for scholarship for the NCG field trip.
- With the money the school made with parking on MSU football games, Mrs. Ware is planning on ordering new sashes for Safety Patrol, pins for SLT, rakes and trash picker-uppers for Recycling Club.

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

- Upcoming Dates

- Dec 14- Movie Night (Student Leadership Team) – We’re going to set up Sprit Wear shop in the ELL room also, there are a couple older style shirts that we can sell.
- Dec 10-14 - Book Fair
- Dec 21 – NCG Movie Field Trip – Parents are welcome to come and help at the theatre. There is lots to help with there. The school could use some parent help at lunch time since the movie is going to be longer. Lunch will be 12:35-1:20.
- Dec 21 – The All-School sing-along is at 2:35.
- Jan 24 - Talent Show (Student Leadership Team)
- Feb 15 - Special Person Day – Alternate options are being discussed and the name will probably be changed also.
- February 19th - Math Night
- March 8 - Book Bingo (4th Grade)
- April 10 - Taste of Glencairn
- May 10 - Festival of Cultures
- End of May/early June - Field Day, Picnic

School Board Updates (Summarized by Terah Chambers who is here as a parent, but is on the School Board):

- Last Night was an ELPS School Board meeting. For the boundary discussion, the most recent proposal was approved. A summary of how this affects our families is that all current Glencairn students will move together in the 2019-2020 school year to the new Glencairn school. The Red Cedar catchment area will remain with the Glencairn group until Red Cedar is finished being a swing school.
- The Red Cedar programming discussion will be starting in January.
- The School Board had construction tours today and everything is on target. It is looking so good. The next public bond meeting is next Thursday, December 20th from 10-12.

New Business and ED RU Rolling Skating Follow-up (Josh Vincent/Karin Polischuk):

We talked about doing an event at Edru Roller Skating Rink in Holt. They can do Thursday night or Sunday night and do some fun school related things. Friday night is also an option, but they do open to the public at 7 on that night. Edru charges about \$8 a student. A Sunday night might be a good option. This might be a good just for fun event. We will look into dates for that.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.