



Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization

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Glencairn Parent Teacher Organization Minutes

May 14, 2019 Meeting

Red Cedar Library

In attendance: Karin Polischuk (President), Kristin Bellar (Vice President), Kim Roland (Secretary), Lorraine Ware (Principal), Katrina Nordquist (Kindergarten Teacher), Mrs. Swales (Kindergarten Teacher), Josh Vincent, Victoria Solomon, Jen Pace

Absent: Jason Weller (Treasurer)

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

March 12, 2019 Minutes approved. Motion by K. Bellar, seconded by K. Roland. Approved.

Teachers' Report (Mrs. Nordquist, Mrs. Swales – Kindergarten Teachers):

- Kindergarten is going well. Going from two sections last year to three this year has been a change, but has been nice for collaboration and small class size.
- Grants
 - More leveled reading texts have been purchased with grant money from ELEF. This has allowed for the kids to keep reading level books in their individual book bins. There is a 50/50 mix of fiction and non-fiction. The PTO also gave money for books for all classes.
 - More reader story books were also purchased with money from a different grant from ELEF. These are the popular books that the kids love to read over and over. There were over 150 books for each kindergarten teacher in the whole district. This also allowed for the Kindergarten teachers to collaborate on lessons related to these books.
 - In the future, the teachers are thinking about more science and social studies related books.
- Kindergarten is going to Patriarche Park on May 24th to play and picnic and celebrate.
- Are there packing tasks or help that the teachers would like related to moving? Just stop by the teachers rooms and ask.
- 2019-2020 Kindergarten round-up is next Tuesday the 21st. The parents will be in the Red Cedar library and the kids will be going to the classrooms.

Principals Report (Lorraine Ware):

- March is Reading Month pictures are up in the hall and it went better this year to have parents email the photos to each teacher. The video went out today in Mrs. Ware's newsletter.
- Festival of Cultures was a huge success! Mrs. Bridge did a great job and all the parents agree. Even the Kindergarten children were engaged throughout the show.
- End of the year Activity Days

- K-2nd are not doing a water day, but an Activity Day
- K will have their Patriarche Trip
- 1st will have Activity Day the same day of the 4th/5th Grade trips.
- 2nd will have 2 special field trips.
- 3rd-5th will go to the Aquatic Park field trip. This is common for the other area schools to only send their older elementary children.
- The ELEF dinner, which is the organization that helps the teachers with their grants, is Thursday, May 16th. This year they are honoring Holly Brown, who will receive the Spartan Village Global Education Award. There will be a table of our teachers there to support here.
- For packing and moving this year, we'll especially be asking for help with the 2nd and 3rd grade classes. We're also looking for help with the general areas such as closets and book room. In a couple weeks, probably after Memorial Day, parents can start coming in to help.
- Mrs. Ware has been thinking about the playground at the new school and starting to do some research on what options there are for smaller land areas. The playground equipment from the old Glencairn will be installed at the new school. We are looking for creative ideas to make the smaller sized playground more efficient. The PTO is willing to help monetarily.
- The old Buddy Bench is back! It was located in the construction area and was dropped off at Red Cedar. The timing of this was good because a new one hadn't quite been ordered yet.

Financial Report (Karin Polischuk on behalf of Jason Weller):

- The budget is healthy and there is still money sitting in the PayPal account.
- Mrs. Ware will be submitting receipts for March is Reading Month, Mileage Club, and Pizza.
- For the 5th Grade, the combination locks are purchased and reflected in the budget. The grad caps ordered, but not yet reflected in our spreadsheet.
- We're looking for feedback for the budget for next year if anyone has any ideas.
 - The budget for Healthy Snacks might need to be increased. Maybe there could be a mini-fridge in the future for cold healthy snacks like cheese sticks, go-gurts, and pre-sliced apples.
- Edru Rolling Skate Event – Possibly put in a line item next year for this event for scholarships.
- We gave scholarships for 6th grade activity night and will find a way to fit this into the budget.

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

- Taste of Glencairn was good and went well. Having the different events in two separate rooms worked well. The kids liked the activities. We feel like the attendance was smaller.
- March is Reading Month and Book Fair both went well.
- Mileage Club is going well and it's nice to have the option to have it in the halls on rainy days.
- Teacher Appreciate Week went very well. A big thank you goes out to Elizabeth Lyons and the Student Leadership Team for their help making this a special week for our Glencairn staff!
- Field Day coming up (May 31st) and sign-up is almost ready to be sent out. If there are enough parents here, then some of the teachers may take some time to pack.
- June 6th - End of the Year Picnic from 6-8

Nominations and Vote for 2019-2020 Officers

- The following have been voted on and approved
 - Karin Polischuk – President
 - Josh Vincent – Vice President
 - Kim Roland – Secretary
 - Jason Weller – Treasurer
- Thank you to Kristin Bellar for all of her great contributions as Vice President this past year!
- Jen Pace has been doing a great job recruiting for committees also and there are only a few left to fill!

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.