



Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization

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Glencairn Parent Teacher Organization Minutes

March 3, 2020 Meeting

Glencairn Library

In attendance: Karin Polischuk (President), Kim Roland (Secretary), Jason Weller (Treasurer), Lorraine Ware (Principal), Tami Teszlewicz (1st grade teacher), David Mack (1st grade teacher), Whitney Sell (1st grade teacher), Molly Lenhoff (1st grade intern), Joe Simowski (2nd grade teacher), Emily Dunn (2nd grade teacher), Maddie Cummins-Freund (2nd grade intern), Angela Biedenbender (music teacher), Shannon Torres

Absent: Josh Vincent (Vice President)

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

Teacher's Report (2nd Grade Teachers):

- Monday, March 23 – 1st, 2nd, & Carson's class to go to Wharton to see Dog Man the Musical. The cost is \$8.50 per student.
- Wednesday, April 15th from 9:15-10:20 – 2nd grade to tour Channel 6 News. A student's dad works there and will give a tour at no cost.
- Friday, May 8th from 9:00-2:00 – Day at Impression 5 for no cost. Includes 3 explorations, tour, & play
- Thursday, June 4th from 9:00-2:00 – Day at MSU Children's Garden to explore, learn. There is a small cost. Students will each get a plant.
- 2nd grade will be working on non-fiction writing. Snakes, turtles, and reptiles are the topics and children will send a copy of their writing to Mr. McGrath.

Teacher's Report (1st Grade Teachers):

- Thank you to the PTO for helping with the Meridian Historical Village
- 1st grade also went to Hello Hospital in January
- Wharton Center planned with the 2nd grade
- Might try to get to the planetarium later in the school year
- For March is Reading month, we are welcoming Mystery Readers to come in
- Mr. Mack has been enjoying his first year teaching at Glencairn. It has been a positive year and he is learning so much. Blessed with this opportunity.
- Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS)
 - Kindness will be the theme for Jan/Feb with goal to give 700 kindness bucket filler cards
 - Bucket of books related to that theme, kids can give shout out to their friends, will be taught a song about kindness and the sign language that goes with the song

- The next theme is friendship

Teacher's Report (Music Teacher):

- Big shoes to fill this year with Ms. Bridge leaving. Fortunate to be here in Glencairn with great kids and peers
- Thankful for being able to bring Rodney Page in for an assembly, everyone loved it. Thank you to the PTO for the help.
- Festival of Cultures – Thursday and Friday morning rehearsals with Friday evening event at the high school. Will need help from parents, but not sure what kind yet.
- Musical Showcase on March 31st – Similar to talent showcase with different name
 - Received 25 applications and auditions are this week
 - Hoping for parent support the night of the event for set up and crowd control, maybe about 6, perk if we can find someone to help with the technical equipment
- Kindergarten and 1st grade will be having an Informance. This will be an informal opportunity for parents to see what the children are learning
- Has 2 interns from MSU College of Music
- Invited in two different parents to present cultural musical experiences to the kids

Principal's Report (Lorraine Ware):

- Teacher Switch-a-Roo days – In lieu of morning celebration, the teachers will take the time to go and read for about 15 minutes to a different grade level class. This is similar to the parent Mystery Readers. This event helps to build community.
- March is Reading Month
 - Special Friday – Wear a shirt with words, buddy classrooms to get together and do a tent reading
 - Camping gear in the library for the kids to read in. Also special guest readers such as Senator Hertel, MSU athletes, Superintendent, mayor pro tem
 - Smores trail mix for turning in reading log
- Photo Contest, but not a contest this year. The reward for participation will be the photos compiled in a video.
- Playground update – a play structure was removed today because it was in poor shape. Wires were sticking out of the mesh climber. The district will be replacing it. More information coming soon.

Financial Report (Jason Weller):

- \$450 was allocated for March is Reading Month – even without the contest part of the photo submissions; we still have many things that we'll be spending money on.
- More than \$27,000 in bank account. We're in really good financial shape.
- Netted over \$700 in Spirit Wear. We have extra spirit wear on hand. The scholarships that we've given out for the t-shirts were tracked.
- We've already exceeded what we hoped to raise for the year.
- Jason has been doing some outreach to the teachers to help remind them to spend their money, especially around the field trips. Jason will send Mrs. Ware another update on this.

- We do have a lot of items on the budget that we've committed. We are in need of receipts so that we can write checks for reimbursement.
- Will we be doing scholarships for the upcoming book fair again? We had \$300 allocated and spent close to that during the first book fair. We would need to allocate about \$275. It might not be needed with Book Bingo also being this month. We should plan on keeping this in the budget for next year.

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

- Recap of Science Night – It was well-attended and seemed to go really good. The space in the new school seems to work better. Maybe use the lower el hallway next year because there is table that would do well with a quieter hallway.
- March – Book Fair sign up is really empty right now. We really need more parents to sign up! Hoping to get two registers this time, changing the traffic flow, and only using ½ the library so kids can still have their library time that week.
- March 19th - Safe Routes to School event is meeting here at Glencairn
- Book Bingo – Book donation bins are out now for families to drop off gently used books. Pretty cool auction items will be available. Sign-up for bake sale items will be going out soon.
- April 22nd - Taste of Glencairn – Everyone seemed to like the entertainment last year, we'll be doing that again this year. There is some money budgeted for this, hoping to get some more donated this year.
- May 8th – Festival of Cultures
- May - Field Day
- June – End of the Year Picnic

Final Discussion

- There's only one more meeting left this year. We need to start asking if there are parents interested in board positions or to serve as committee chairs for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.