

GSA Meeting Minutes: March 17, 2015 Meeting

**GSA Regular Council Meeting, held in Melissa Swales Classroom at Glencairn School, 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Sarah Holden (President), Cathy Foster (Co-Vice President), Amy Moeder (Co-Vice President), Jen Zeman (Co-Treasurer), Kate Burch (Secretary), Lorraine Ware (Principal), Nell Kuhnmuench (School Board Representative), Suzanne Rojas (Parent), Emily Guarrant (Parent), Naja Tatum (Kindergarten Teacher), Emily Dunn (Kindergarten Teacher).

-Approved Minutes from February 17, 2015 Meeting; Motioned by Jen Zeman, Seconded by Amy Moeder, all in favor.

Principal's Report: (Lorraine Ware) The Pop Can Fundraiser is wrapping up and has been very successful. The last day to send in pop cans/bottles is March 20th. The large graph in the gym has been very helpful as a visual and has motivated the students. Our second Movie Night is Friday, March 27th and the students have voted to watch *Despicable Me*. Permission slips have been sent home. Theme baskets for each grade are being collected for the silent auction. Each grade chose a specific theme and will have parents send in items to fill the baskets. At this event, there will be prizes awarded based on Bucket Filler Cards, so that all prizes are not tied to money and all children have a chance to win. Lorraine is scheduling a meeting to discuss playground funds and whether or not we have enough money for a down payment.

Teacher Report: (Emily Dunn and Naja Tatum) The kindergarten classes received a Delta Dental Grant and were able to take a field trip to Impression 5 last month. They are asking the GSA for money to cover bus costs, and will let us know how much they need. Students are currently working on "small moments" stories and are excited to share.

Playground: (Whole Group Discussion) Sarah is communicating with Seth about the playground funds and he is checking with MSUFCU to see what they are able to donate. Sarah will be bringing this up at the next School Board meeting to see if they would be willing to contribute money towards the Glencairn and Whitehills playgrounds. Would they possibly match a donation? Our current goal for the spring is to move the swings, zipline and sand box which costs approximately \$3500. Currently there is \$8,230.09 in the playground account. Sarah made a motion to transfer \$5000 in GSA funds into the playground account, if it is needed to proceed with Stage 1 (If that money is not needed, the GSA will be reimbursed), this was seconded by Kate Burch and all were in favor.

Nell, arrived to the meeting and was asked about the use of Capitol Funds for the playground. She explained that the Capitol Fund is an account with slightly under \$1.3 million that was acquired from the sale of Timberlane. It is "one time" money that has been dedicated to the 5 elementaries, central administration, future plans for Red Cedar, and the McDonald Middle School project. The board can vote to use the money and has used some for maintenance trucks and snow removal equipment. The majority of the board can make any decision about money. Board members may or may not engage you if you ask for funds during the public comment section of the meeting. Nell does not support using funds from the Capitol Fund or moving the Red Cedar playground equipment to Glencairn or Whitehills. She feels there are different needs in the district that to her would take precedence over purchasing playground equipment.

Additional Topics: (Jen Zeman and Sarah Holden) The Glencairn Book Fair is taking place March 23-27. Jen has taken the lead for the book fair. Currently, there are 4-5 slots still open for volunteering needs. Rebecca, the local scholastic rep will come Monday to train volunteers on the cash register.

*Lorraine and Sarah will meet to discuss routes for Mileage Club. Kristin Clark will send out a volunteer sign up as well.

*Amy Moeder met with Jen Sparrow and Ann the Lifetouch Rep to get a yearbook ordered for this year. Lifetouch can send a photographer to Glencairn to get pictures of individual groups and events. The deadline for ordering a yearbook is March 30th.

*The Pizza House fundraiser raised \$350.00