

GSA Meeting Minutes: October 21, 2014 Meeting

**GSA Regular Council Meeting, held in Room 3 at Glencairn School, 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Sarah Holden (President), Cathy Foster (Co-Vice President), Amy Moeder (Co-Vice President), Jana Dean (Co-Treasurer), Jen Zeman (Co-Treasurer), Kate Burch (Secretary), Kristin Clark (Volunteer Coordinator), Lorraine Ware (Principal), Jeff Lipinski (Community Member), Emily Palsrok (Parent)

-Approved Minutes from September 16, 2014 Meeting, Jen motioned, Amy seconded, all were in favor.

-Approved this meetings agenda, Kate motioned, Jana seconded, all were in favor.

Principal's Report: (Lorraine Ware)The Fun Run was a great success and many exciting things are happening at Glencairn as a result. Graham Holden will be "Principal of the Day" on Monday, October 27th, classes are getting additional recess time this week, and Melissa Swale's class will be getting a half day with the Principal. There has been and will continue to be live music in the lunchroom during all lunch periods. Mr. Marzorati, Mr. Scales and Mr. Hillman have all provided music during the lunch hour, with additional parents coming in during the next few weeks. All needed lunch monitors have been hired now, and Service Learning Students have started at Glencairn. Four of the six required fire drills have been completed, with one lockdown drill done as well. The Building Leadership Team attended Data Day at the ISD, and went over math data. The building wide math goal this year is in computation, and the literacy goal is in fluency. The kindergarten and basic classrooms hosted a teacher luncheon on October 21st. There will be a luncheon hosted by each grade once a month throughout the school year.

DPC Report: (Sarah Holden) Sarah attended the October 9, 2014 DPC meeting where Dr. Thompson gave an update. They brainstormed future DPC meeting topics; considering Budgets & Fundraising, Academics with Dr. Baumann and Dr. Thompson, and an evening with the School Board. The high school and the League of Women Voters have hosted open sessions and events for the school board candidates.

Treasurer's Report: (Jana Dean)The Fun Run was a success and brought in \$10,479.00. At this point, we need to look at the needs of the school and the teachers, and determine what is the best way to use the money that we have. Many classrooms are using Donors Choose to get larger items such as ipads for their classrooms. Is this something that the GSA could contribute to?

Fun Run Final Report: Sarah Preisser will send something out to families with information about where the Fun Run money is going.

Playground: (Lorraine Ware) Lorraine met with Seth Martin and Julie Fisk to discuss the playground issues and what can be done. She is getting a quote about moving some equipment that is currently on the playground to a different area and moving a set of swings to the “younger” side of the playground. Installation of equipment is expensive because of the land being on a slope and drainage issues. They are checking into possibly moving equipment over from Red Cedar Elementary (apparently this is okay as long as it is done by a certified installer). They are waiting on several quotes before making final decisions and moving forward with fundraising. They are hoping to do fundraising and have the equipment installed by the spring. Currently, Lorraine is trying to work with what they already have and provide more opportunities for different areas of play at recess. They are in need of more bouncy balls and hula hoops to be used during recess times. Two new soccer goals were purchased. It was suggested that we look into constructing a “Gaga Ball Pit” on the playground. This will be researched further, with Jana Dean possibly checking into getting donations for lumber.

Millenium Walk Pavers: (Jeff Lapinski) Jeff takes care of the Millenium Walk pavers located in the front of the school. Currently there are 276 pavers, and he has already replaced 22. There are several more that are worn out and need to be replaced. He is looking to see if Mrs. Olmstead would be interested in working with classrooms to design new pavers. He is willing to meet with Mrs. Olmstead and provide her with the necessary materials and supplies. The mosaic work could be done over the winter, and they would be cast and installed in the spring. Lorraine will pass his information onto Mrs. Olmstead.

Upcoming Events:

-Farmraiser order forms will go out next week.

-Science Night is November 20th

-Noodles & Co. fundraiser is November 17th

-Plant sales are being organized by Libby Kirschner. Jen Zeman proposed that the money raised up to \$1500.00 go to GCASE, Sarah seconded and all were in favor.

-T-shirt designs were voted on. Carrie Tansy will get specific price quotes for short sleeved, long sleeved and sweatshirts. Ann Z. (School Secretary) will check with administration to ensure that we are able to use the newly drawn logo.