

GSA Meeting Minutes: September 16, 2014 Meeting

*GSA Regular Council Meeting, held in room 10 at Glencairn School, 6:00 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), Kim Ringlever (parent), Krista Baumann (parent), Samara Valla (parent), Stacy Dickert-Conlin (parent), Janine Kull (parent), Emily Palsrok (parent), Carrie Tansy (parent), Julie Fisk (parent), Hilary Henderson (GC School Board Rep), Joe Borgstrom (Running for EL School Board), Yasmina Bouraoui (Running for EL School Board).

*Agenda Approval-Moved by Cathy Foster, seconded by Amy Moeder.

Budget and Treasurers Report: (Jen Zeman) On the budget up for review, the current net position for the end of the year is \$7,139.25. Jen proposed instead, having a proposed end of year net at \$5,500.00. \$1,639.25 would be moved to "miscellaneous" and would give us more of a cushion in our checking account. Our eventual goal is to add money to savings each year, but for now, Jen suggested that we keep this money in checking. Sarah Holden moved to vote on this budget with these two changes, and it was seconded by Cathy Foster. Jen will update the official document to reflect these changes. We will revisit the budget after the Fun Run and any other fundraisers (probably in February) to evaluate where we stand. Jen proposed taking the "cash payment" instead of the books this year only for the Scholastic Book Fair to bring in some additional revenue. Sarah proposed making a final decision on this when we go over the budget again in February. Jen has set up an Amazon Smile account through Amazon.com. Any money earned will be sent to the GSA in quarterly checks. Jen is checking into money making options at Target and Kroger as well. Jen mentioned that the new Federal Regulations will no longer allow for us to sell popcorn during school hours. We can give it away, but we cannot sell it until 30 minutes after school is dismissed. She proposed asking for donations for popcorn to offset the cost if we still want to have popcorn Fridays. Additional fundraising ideas have been discussed (themed classroom baskets for silent auction, poinsettia sales, Book Bingo, etc.), we will talk further about fundraising at next month's meeting. We may also want to include Mark Fisk and Kim Ringlever from the Glencairn Neighborhood Association in this discussion.

GCASE Committee Update: (Stacy Dickert-Conlin) GCASE is the Glencairn Committee for Academic Support and Enrichment. Their first meeting was held September 15th. A Science Night has already been scheduled for November 20th, as well as a Math Night on January

15th. The Garden/Beautification Committee headed by Jen Lathom will combine with GCASE to pool resources and ideas. GCASE provides community learning opportunities and enrichment. The committee is interested in helping with March is Reading Month as well. GCASE requested \$1,500.00 from the GSA. At present, \$600 has been allotted in the budget for Math/Science Nights with \$500 allotted for school beautification. The GSA has opted to keep the budget line items "as is" until the budget is revisited in February.

Principal's Report: (Lorraine Ware) Curriculum night was successful and well attended. The teachers enjoyed having two sessions and having the children supervised elsewhere. Lunch monitors are still greatly needed at GC. There are currently only 2 or 3 lunch monitors. Ideally, once there are more, experienced monitors, the playground will be completely open to all kids during lunch recess. Teachers are working on routines and proper school behavior, emphasizing safety and expectations. The Fire Marshall came to visit on September 15th. For fire drills, students will line up along Northlawn. The first drill will be Wednesday, September 17th. Bucket filler cards are being given out by all staff and go home at the end of each week. The staff has decided not to give prizes with bucket fillers and instead want to give students the recognition and praise that goes along with getting a bucket filler card. Teachers have started sending "good news" postcards to children in the mail. Lorraine had a meeting with Seth Martin about the playground and playground fundraising. They have decided to move forward with a "quick fix" solution instead of an overhaul at this point to address the current playground issues as quickly as possible. At the forefront is raising money for an additional swingset, removing the unused green zipline, and putting in another play structure. A "Buddy Bench" is also a possibility and appears to cost around \$500 online. Lorraine would like to have the benches along the perimeter of the school removed and possibly relocated as they are a distraction to children learning while others are having recess. Ideally buying new benches made of a different material that will not splinter. Lorraine will come up with a budget for Seth.

DPC Report: (Sarah Holden) Sarah attended this months DPC meeting and reported on key points. Mindy Emerson gave details about ELEF. She said that playgrounds cannot be funded by ELEF. There was an update on the technology bond, with information going out to parents in the near future. New "Magic" boards have been installed in classrooms throughout the district.

Miscellaneous: The Fun Run is ongoing and will be collecting funds through October 3rd. So far, 45% of our goal has been met through donations. The GSA and Glencairn Neighborhood Association meetings will both be held on the third Tuesday of each month. This meeting was adjourned early so that the members of the GSA could attend new Superintendent Dr. Thompson's Listen and Learn meeting in the Glencairn Library for an hour and a half.