



Glencairn School Association

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East Lansing, MI 48823

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GSA Meeting Minutes: September 22, 2015

**GSA Regular Council Meeting, held in Emily Dunn's Classroom (#12) at Glencairn School, 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Cathy Foster (Co-President), Amy Moeder (Co-President), Cat Schwartz (Vice President), Jen Zeman (Treasurer), Kate Burch (Secretary), Kim Ringlever (Volunteer Coordinator), Lorraine Ware (Principal), Renee Olance (Basic Classroom Teacher), Julie Bungard (ELL Teacher), Line Dore (Parent), Shannon Schokora (Parent), Karin Polischuk (Parent), Stacy Dickert-Conlin (GCASE), Emily Guerrant (Parent), Dilsia Santana (Parent), Nga Nguyen (Parent).

Principal's Report: (Lorraine Ware) Lorraine is working on a video series with Lauren Schefke to help better communicate school procedures to students and families. They will go over bus behavior, lunch room procedures, gaga ball rules, etc. Curriculum Night went well with a good turnout. Child care was an issue for kindergarten and first grade. Lorraine is hoping that the GSA will be able to offer some type of child care for the younger grades next fall during Curriculum Night. Morning Celebration is off to a good start. Julie Bungard is working with students to showcase their countries. A goal for Morning Celebration is to break down stereotypes and prejudices and to give children a sustained appreciation and value for diversity.

Teacher Report: (Julie Bungard) There are 101 ELL students at Glencairn this year (45 on her caseload). There are 41 brand new students who need to be screened to determine how much English they know. Right now, she is compiling paperwork so that she is in compliance with the state guidelines. She will start seeing students in about a week and a half. In the next few weeks, she may need parent volunteer help with bus tags to keep track of which Spartan Village bus students need to get on, and with 4th grade writing time.

(Renee Olance): She has 10 students in her classroom and 4 are new this year. All of her students have IEP's and individual goals and work with her and 3 additional staff members in her room. All of the students in her classroom are cognitively impaired and speech and language impaired in some way. Right now, the older students are working on ipads to send and receive emails. They send emails using new vocabulary they have learned in class. They are taking their learning and applying it to real life experiences. The younger students are working on beginning learning skills such as colors and letters.



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Treasurer's Report: (Jen Zeman) The 2015-2016 GSA Budget was approved. It was moved by Kim, seconded by Amy and all were in favor. Stacy Dickert-Conlin from GCASE indicated that they would like \$500 in addition to the \$500 allotted in the budget. At this time, it was decided that the GSA cannot approve an additional \$500 to GCASE without knowing how much money we will be bringing in with upcoming events. It was suggested that a Bake Sale be combined with Science or Math Night to bring in extra money. We will also revisit the playground and hopefully hear more from the Playground Committee to see where we go from here and to get new information circulated to parents.

Upcoming Events:

*Fun Run Kick-off is Friday, September 25th at 3:00 PM. The GSA decided that the proceeds from the Fun Run would benefit field trip support, and playground and outdoor activity equipment. Sarah Preisser and Becky Roberts are looking for an apprentice to take over the planning of the Fun Run for next year. The actual Fun Run will take place on Friday, October 16th. The 3rd graders will be at the Big Zoo lesson during this time and therefore they will run on a different day which will be decided by the coordinators and the 3rd grade teachers.

*Taste of Glencairn has been moved to December 9th and will be combined with Open Mic Night. Finger foods will be shared with flags behind each table. Kim will email volunteers for this event. The coordinator will check with MSU to see if the Latin dancers are available this evening as well. Marc Finger will coordinate the Open Mic portion.

*Science Night is scheduled for November 19th. The enrichment committee is meeting on October 1st at 8 PM at Stacy Dickert-Conlin's house to discuss Math and Science Nights and additional GCASE activities.

*The DPC (District Parent Council) Meeting is scheduled for October 8th from 6:30-7:45 at East Lansing High School in the Board of Education room. Heidi Phillips is still considering being the DPC rep for the GSA this school year.

*The Farmraiser Event will take place this fall with Sheryl Groden as the contact person. Orders will be due November 6, assembled November 21 and distributed November 23rd. We are in need of volunteers to assemble and distribute the items. Kim will email the general list of volunteers for help.