

Glenwood Middle School PTSA meeting, March 1, 2017

Attendees:

Troy Marty	Beth Winters	Katie Wolven	Robert Motley	Macqueen Parker
Dena Gallagher	Steve Kimos	Sherri Whitsett	Kristine Viens	

Meeting called to order by Troy. Minutes of February meeting presented; Dena moved to approve, seconded by Sherri.

Principal: Robert asked if the Hospitality committee would have dinner for teachers during parent conferences (Thursday break 4:20-5:20). Beth will follow up. On the preceding Monday, Verizon presented its \$5k check to the student winners of the app challenge.

Robert reported that the BoE voted to change the school schedules starting in the 2018-19 school year; specific starting times TBD. For 2017-18, staffing changes include the reinstatement of media paraeducators and the need to reduce teachers by two positions. The GT program is being revamped at elementary schools county-wide; parents can push inclusion of their children in GT programs despite teacher recommendations.

For Midnight Madness, staff might re-think the traditional baskets, instead focusing on auction of talent-based services. Given the lack of snow days used so far, all grades will hold their picnics/field days on Friday, June 9. The 8th grade transition ceremony will be on Monday, June 12.

Leadership at GMS has succeeded greatly with ownership of school activities, especially development of a school-wide service project.

Teacher Rep: Kristine has met with Cathy Percy about 8th grade year-end activities, which will incorporate a beach theme. On March 13-14, 8th graders will take the new MISA science assessment. Sign-ups for 3rd quarter Intramurals sessions are on par. Kristine reminded teachers about the availability of reimbursement funds for classroom supplies. One teacher asked about reimbursement for a mandatory HCPSS course, to which no one present objected.

Treasurer/Budget: Dena projected about a \$3.7k surplus above the budget for the remainder of the school year, with no need for additional fundraisers. Dena and Lorraine had met to plan for next year's fundraising efforts such as corporate sponsorship. Treasurer's written report attached to these minutes.

School Store/Spirit Wear: Per group discussion, Susie Roberti will move forward with her plans to coordinate spirit wear sales through Under Armour as opposed to recent online vendor partners, including the possible need for deposit/seed money. Robert will visit elementary schools in April, and he thought it would be good to have samples to show in an effort to inspire spirit wear sales from 5th graders. Motion to add \$300 to budget for Under Armour by Dena, seconded by Beth, no objections.

PTACHC: Macqueen described the February PTACHC meeting, which focused on HCPSS policy 1060 (bullying) and other topics as shown in her report attached to these minutes.

Discussion took place about PTACHC's call to raise its annual dues by approximately \$30 in order to benefit the Homewood campus, which does not have a dedicated PTA local unit. Motion by Beth, seconded by Troy, for Macqueen to vote in favor on behalf of our Board of Directors.

Due to various schedule conflicts, Troy proposed a change in upcoming meeting dates: April 19 and May 24, with a June meeting only if needed.

Troy stated that he would recruit at Bushy Park ES for volunteers among next year's officers and committee chairs.

Dena moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Sherri, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kimos, Recording Secretary