

Glenwood Middle School PTSA meeting, December 7, 2016

Attendees:

Troy Marty	Sherri Whitsett	Beth Winters	Robert Motley	Treva Lutes
Dena Gallagher	Steve Kimos	Macqueen Parker	Heather Aitken-Cade	Traci Spiegel
Kristine Viens	Debbie O'Byrne	Lorraine Lawrence-Whittaker		

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

Principal: Robert described the county-wide comprehensive indoor environmental inspection that recently took place at GMS. The findings were of very fine detail, in some cases down to specific ceiling tiles. Staff had some concerns about stringency; one finding was that appliances should be shared at team level instead of in individual rooms. Spirit Week will take place the week of December 19-23. Concerts will take place December 13 and 14. Planning for the 2017-18 school year has begun; preliminary student count is at 498, lower than prior-year counts in the 520-540 range.

Debbie reported that MAP testing will take place in seven classes. Various emergency drills were successfully carried out during the past week.

Teacher Rep: Kristine reported that Intramurals are going well. Chess Club did not go forward due to limited interest. One Math Club session had to be closed because too many students signed up. The Leo Club will hold a book drive, with donations accepted during January and February.

Treasurer/Budget: Dena reported that the fall dance was successful—lighter on proceeds than anticipated but great fun for the students. The School Store budget line item is doing well. Overall budget goals remain on track. Dena expressed the hope that sponsorship events will negate the need for a staff-coordinated fundraising event. Treasurer's written report attached to these minutes.

Dena introduced Lorraine to the group, with enthusiastic welcome. Lorraine looks forward to coming sponsorship efforts.

School Store/Spirit Wear: Following discussion, Beth will look into GMS/Maryland-themed socks for sale in the School Store as a fundraiser.

PTACHC: Macqueen reported several items from the most recent PTACHC meeting. PTA membership numbers had been down overall but are now increasing somewhat. Treasurer phishing-scam emails have continued among PTA units. A digital education policy is under discussion at HCPSS.

The school start-time question is a major point of discussion. Surveys are out via email; a public hearing is scheduled for February 7. PTACHC is waiting for the outcome of public input to determine its stance; more info to come at January meeting. Macqueen will take collective GMS input to PTACHC. The BoE votes on school start time on February 23.

PTACHC issued a call for support of the Homewood campus, which has no PTA unit. PTACHC is considering a dues increase to cover Homewood; more to come at January meeting.

Family Fun/Dances: Given widespread support of fall dance among 6th graders, Traci asked if school government could coordinate 7th/8th grade feedback about what students might want for Family Fun. Spring event is TBD.

Beth presented reports on various committees, as follows.

Hospitality: American Education Week went well, photos posted on the PTSA's facebook page.

Membership: Beth will confirm any new inflow.

Box Tops/Scrip: Caroline Horwath is collecting and organizing Box Tops. Amazon Smile reminder promulgated.

Reflections: Treva reported that the Reflections program was going well, with a good amount of submissions. Judging decisions will be made the coming week, with results to PTACHC by December 16.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kimos, Recording Secretary