

Glenwood Middle School PTSA meeting, February 1, 2017

Attendees:

Jane Carstea	Troy Marty	Adaeze OKorie	Treva Lutes	Cynthia Williams
Dena Gallagher	Debbie O'Byrne	Steve Kimos	Sherri Whitsett	Susie Roberti
Macqueen Parker	Heather Aitken-Cade	Dylan Marty		

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

Principal: Debbie offered congratulations to the GMS students who won Verizon's best innovative learning app challenge for Maryland, and for those who progressed to the state level in the PTA Reflections competition. County Executive Kittleman's January 20 visit will be rescheduled; meanwhile, he wore GMS Spirit Wear during a Polar Challenge. Report cards will be issued February 3. The high school registration process is ending. The Little Mermaid drama production was successful—congratulations to all who participated!

Debbie reported that GMS has its first-ever math competition team, GMS MATHCOUNTS, led by Mrs. Cornelius. The competition will take place this coming Saturday at McDonogh School. For Valentine's Day, the student council will run a lollipop fundraiser to benefit the school's courtyard space.

Susie asked how 7th-grade Related Arts course determinations are made. Debbie replied that required courses were determined first, then individual requests were factored in per each student's schedule without a school-wide formal offering of Related Arts choices.

Treasurer/Budget: Dena reported that one more fundraiser or sponsorship drive might be needed to meet the year's budget. Treasurer's written report attached to these minutes.

Heather suggested selling flowers at the upcoming spring drama production. Cynthia noted that a flowers-for-teachers worked well at Bushy Park ES. Heather noted the large logistical effort of that program. No determination at this time.

Jane identified the need for change in the bulletin board effort. She called for ideas to inexpensively refresh the bulletin board, which she will carry out. Jane noted the need for a "bible" for future Web administrators, as well as for committee chairs in general.

Family Fun/Dances: Troy reported that the February dance was canceled. An alternate social activity could happen for spring. Per Traci Spiegel, the kickball idea was not well received at student council, who expressed interest in a "spring fling." This would constitute a major logistical effort. Some discussion followed about a possible talent show, with no determination at this time.

School Store/Spirit Wear: Susie reported that the school store is proceeding okay; volunteers are still sparse, and it might make sense to open the store two days per week next year. Susie asked whether puffy paint could be offered for Midnight Madness shirt decoration. Debbie noted that puffy paint is messy and permanent. Susie asked if there might be interest among adults for Midnight Madness shirts sold in the school store. No determinations made at this time.

Spirit wear sales did well when offered earlier this year. Discussion followed about offering it again, including discussion about GHS spirit wear for GMS students and offering GMS spirit wear to current 5th-graders. Consensus was to extend another online spirit wear sale to GMS students and staff as well as 5th-graders in time for their orientation visit to GMS. Susie will look into the details of Under Armour sales as a non-online vendor.

PTACHC: Macqueen noted that the monthly PTACHC meeting has not yet occurred.

Troy stated the need to assemble a Nomination Committee for next year's officers. He will send an email blast calling for volunteers.

Sherrri moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Treva, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kimos, Recording Secretary