

Glenwood Middle School PTSA meeting, May 11, 2017

Attendees:

Annie Hau-Chen	Beth Winters	Tracey Heller	Laura Sines	Robert Motley
Dena Gallagher	Steve Kimos	Debbie O'Byrne	Sheri Duclos	Melissa Bowlin
Megan Hill	Caroline Horwath	Christy Baehr	Jane Carstea	Sherri Whitsett
Pam Williams	Macqueen Parker	Catherine Carter		

Meeting called to order by Beth. Minutes of April meeting presented; Dena moved to approve, seconded by Beth.

Agenda revised to conduct election of 2017-18 Executive Committee as first order of business. No objections to the slate of officers given below. Robert moved to accept the nominations, seconded by Jane.

Effective July 1, 2017, the Executive Committee will be as follows:

Tracey Heller	President
Sheri Duclos	1 st Vice President
Beth Winters	2 nd Vice President
Dena Gallagher	Treasurer
Sherri Whitsett	Corresponding Secretary
Annie Hau-Chen	Recording Secretary

Thank you, new officers, for your eagerness to volunteer!

Principal: Robert reported that new HCPSS superintendent Michael Martirano visited GMS for the indoor environmental quality walk-through. Debbie gave details of the walk-through, to be posted on the GMS web site. PARCC testing is complete; student attendance was excellent. MAP testing has started. Staff and students are gearing up for the May 18 Enrichment Fair, which will benefit GrassRoots Crisis Intervention Center.

Robert requested spirit wear to be available for the May 23 visit from Lisbon ES 5th graders. Beth and Dena reported that Susie Roberti was working on that. Discussion followed about GMS students' community service credits. Robert established that the service credits are school-run and curriculum-based, with no need for parental involvement; he will meet with the team leads to ensure that parents are so informed.

Robert reported on behalf of Kristine Viens that teachers were very happy with Hospitality efforts during Teacher Appreciation week.

Treasurer/Budget: Dena gave a brief history of the budget for benefit of new attendees. Intramurals continues to do well. Overall, our budget is projected to be about \$2k above the year-end target. HCPSS is still gathering receipts for the insurance payout from the January 2016 fire at GMS; Dena will track this outstanding transaction. Dena has begun prep work on the 2017-18 budget, including possible provision for a 6th grade Cultural Arts program. Treasurer's written report attached to these minutes.

School Store/Spirit Wear: Beth reported on Susie's behalf that School Store items will be liquidated by year end. Dena noted that the overall proceeds will be slightly more than projected. Spirit Wear will need a tweak after minimal proceeds generated by the latest offering. Robert reiterated that the PE department was amenable to PE uniforms similar to spirit wear offered by the PTSA; this effort is worth pursuing during the coming school year.

Cultural Arts: The vendor quote for the 2017-18 Shakespeare residency is in hand and under negotiation, well ahead of the June 7 grant submission deadline. Dena has ensured that everyone involved understands the need to keep the pricetag under \$8k because of the arts council's grant-matching ratios. Dena and Beth confirmed that the final amount will be disseminated to the Board of Directors prior to submission of the grant application. Pam described some ideas that have arisen for 6th grade programs, depending on number of grant cycles available.

PTACHC: Macqueen reported that indoor environmental quality was a primary discussion topic at the most recent PTACHC meeting. PTACHC reminded local PTA units about the MD PTA conference to be held in Columbia July 28-29. There will be a contest for design of a new PTACHC logo. PTACHC decided not to raise its dues to cover support of Homewood campus staff.

Bylaws: The bylaws were revised ahead of the May 14 submission date. Two revisions confirmed by unanimous voice vote among attendees, as follows:

- Article XI, Section 4: “7 members shall constitute a quorum...” vice “10 members.”
- Article XII, Section 1.a. “...by 1 delegate or their alternate” vice “...by 2 delegates or their alternates.”

Beth and Dena identified that 2017-18 budget meetings will take place over the summer, probably during August.

Tracey related that she is excited about the upcoming year!

Beth noted that the incoming Hospitality committee will inform the GMS community about its efforts.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 on June 1.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kimos, Recording Secretary