

Glenwood Middle School PTSA meeting, January 4, 2017

Attendees:

Jane Carstea	Tracey Heller	Beth Winters	Robert Motley	Kristine Viens
Dena Gallagher	Debbie O'Byrne	Steve Kimos		

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

Principal: Robert noted that scheduling and staffing for 2017-18 has begun. As a new approach, a team of 6th-grade teachers will go to the feeder elementary schools for placement discussions; also, there will be a "shadow day" for 5th-grade teachers to gain insight into the GMS 6th-grade experience. Parent Orientation Night will be held January 26 at 6:30pm. Glenelg HS staff will visit GMS on January 6 to begin 8th graders' discussions about course catalogs.

Contractors finished work on the building's vapor barriers over winter break. A teacher with a historically problematic classroom space reported no more smell during rain. Allan Kittleman is scheduled to visit GMS on January 20.

Debbie reported that ACCESS testing has begun for English Language Learners. Also, Debbie wanted to spread the word that all space requests must go through HCPSS and conform to HCPSS guidance.

Teacher Rep: Kristine reported that a complaint-free challenge was soon to kick off for staff and students. The Leo Club is beginning its book drive; each student who brings in five books gets free admission to the Literature Lock-in scheduled for March 3. Planning for the 8th-grade end-of-year party will begin after the snow-day schedule is locked.

The Beyond School Hours math and language arts program is ongoing through March. Starting in the spring, Ms. Storr will be the contact for the Green Team, and Mr. Jacques will coordinate application for a Green School certification for GMS.

PTACHC: Beth presented Macqueen Parker's written report (attached to these minutes).

Treasurer/Budget: Dena reported that Intramurals continue to run well, and the Cultural Arts felting residency has been paid for. Treasurer's written report attached to these minutes.

Beth reported on the following activities:

Reflections: Per Treva Lutes, judging at the county level is ongoing.

Membership: Per Chris Chizmadia, inflow is minimal, and another Hassle-free donation push would be worthwhile.

Drama: The Little Mermaid production will be on January 20-21, with a need to coordinate whether PTSA will run a bake sale at intermission.

School Store/Spirit Wear: Susie Roberti is looking at vendors for Spirit Wear socks. The vendor previously queried about Maryland flag apparel can't do that; Beth will continue to research.

Website: Jane called for materials to post on the site.

Hospitality: Tracey is willing to coordinate an end-of-year teacher appreciation gift, maybe in conjunction with regularly planned Hospitality events.

Family Fun/Dances: Established need to follow up with student government about what GMS students might enjoy during the second half of the school year.

Beth asked whether there was a need to change any meeting dates for the remainder of the school year, which remains an open question.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kimos, Recording Secretary