

## GSF Meeting – March 13, 2013

- Location: Glenwood School Multi-Purpose Room
- In attendance: Julia A. Wong, Bob Marcucci, Becky Spence, Nicole Klock, David Hafner, Christi Bozic, Lisa Bordley, Sean Malone, Michael Mink, Michael Stevens, Mike Dougherty, Brad A. Wong, Craig Jensen, Jill Khashayar, Windy Baldrige, Rebecca Cowlin, Michelle Wolfe, Peter Standish, Caroline Jensen, Debbie Freed, Elise Rankin, Ramina Winton, Matt Winton, Brian Lahart, Terra Condit, Tory O’Keefe, Kelly Dupree, Amy Allen, Jackie Garcia, Stacy Thorpe, Eric Schnurpfeil, Stephen Roth, Steve Franchetti
- Meeting called to order by David Hafner at 7:05 p.m.
- New members roll call – Michael Mink
  - Mike Dougherty
  - Jackie Garcia
  - Jill Sheehan
- Approval of February meeting minutes – Michael Mink
  - Brad Wong made a motion to approve. Rebecca Cowlin seconded the motion.
    - Motion unanimously approved.
- Principal’s Report – Bob Marcucci
  - Bob visited Del Mar Middle School in Tiburon.
    - Del Mar was nominated for California Distinguished School.
    - There was a 1:1 relationship for students accessing a digital device (laptop, iPad, etc.).
      - Teachers & students equipped with iPads
    - Project-based and technology-based learning. Used technology as a tool.
    - Bob would love to have a similar instructional environment as a goal for Glenwood.
  - Glenwood has been selected as a pilot school for SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium).
    - Moving away from STAR testing.
    - SBAC includes performance tasks
      - Different method of assessment – with more open ended questions.
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking some tests in April.
      - Approximately 2½ hours total time dedicated to these tests for each class.
    - Venetia Valley, Bahia Vista and Glenwood are all pilot schools.
  - HeadsUp Run-For-Reading is March 21.
  - This week’s and next week’s instructional strategy is Entrance & Exit Questions.
    - Asking questions upon entrance to and exit from the classroom to reinforce what was just learned.
  - School Site Council working on the annual survey.
    - Will go out by email from Survey Monkey.
      - Anonymous survey

- Hooks for backpacks are in transit.
  - Bought just hooks and the hardware to save money. Purchased enough for every classroom (390 hooks).
  - Need parents to volunteer carpentry services to mount hooks on 2x4's. Rebecca Cowlin offered to donate redwood 2x4's
  - District will install them once they are mounted.
  
- Parcel Tax Measures A & B
  - Recap – Julia Wong
    - Minutes were posted on the GSF website of the March 6 meeting which was dedicated just to this issue.
    - School board members came to February 13 meeting to inform GSF of Measures A & B.
      - Questions were asked and a donation to campaign for Yes on A & B was requested from GSF.
      - Endorsement of campaign was requested (to go on campaign website).
        - Will be mentioned to local businesses when soliciting campaign contributions.
      - Volunteers requested for phone banking and precinct walks.
    - Board members returned for March 6 meeting with more information.
    - Renewal of current parcel tax measures for 8 years.
    - Glenwood's direct benefit from funds received from parcel tax:
      - 2 full-time equivalents (FTE's)
      - ½ of the library funding
      - Some technology infrastructure
    - A & B needs 66.7% approval in a mail-only vote.
    - Cost of campaign in \$115k.
      - \$80k for mailers
      - \$35k for consultant fees
      - Checked with accountant and legal counsel and a donation would not jeopardize 501c3 status if the following conditions are met:
        - Contribution no more than 5% of annual budget and donation must support education.
  - Endorsement
    - Eric Schnurpfeil made a motion to have GSF endorse A & B.
      - Amy Allen seconded the motion.
    - Discussion amongst meeting attendees of endorsement.
      - Vote taken and all were in favor of endorsement.
  - Financial Contribution
    - Elise Rankin motioned to make a financial contribution to the campaign.
      - Cari Gerlach seconded the motion.
    - Discussion amongst members whether to make a financial contribution.
      - Vote taken on making a financial contribution.
        - All were in favor with 1 opposed.
  - Amount of Financial Contribution
    - Brad Wong made a motion to contribute \$8000.

- Becky Spence seconded the motion.
  - Discussion on whether to donate \$8k.
  - Vote taken on donating \$8k (vote is based simply on show of hands. Some in the room did not raise hand for either yes, no or abstain).
    - 5 yes votes, 16 no votes, 1 abstain.
  - Elise Rankin made a motion to contribute \$6500.
    - Eric Schnurpfeil seconded the motion.
    - Discussion on whether to donate \$6500.
    - Vote taken on donating \$6500 (vote is based simply on show of hands. Some in the room did not raise hand for either yes, no or abstain).
      - 10 yes votes, 10 no votes, 1 abstain.
        - Vote does not pass on tie vote.
  - Brad Wong motioned to donate \$6000.
    - Eric Schnurpfeil seconded the motion.
    - Discussion on whether to donate \$6k.
    - Vote taken on donating \$6k
      - 13 yes votes, 11 no votes, 1 abstain.
    - \$6k donation passes.
  - Need volunteers for phone banking
    - Sign up for Glenwood phone bank nights.
      - March 26, April 16, April 30
      - 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
      - Can sign up directly at [yes4sanrafael.org](http://yes4sanrafael.org)
  - Glenwood parent community has been encouraged to have a representative on the Oversight Committee which monitors how the A & B funds are spent.
- Auction – Terra Condit
  - Need some additional volunteers (e.g. data entry)
  - Need more donated items.
- Dine for Dollars – March 20
  - Crepevine in San Rafael from 3 p.m. – 10 p.m.
  - Dine for Dollars has already met its budget goal for the year.
    - Discussion of whether to give proceeds to Mrs. Foehr (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher) who is recovering from colon cancer.
      - Some reservation expressed about whether GSF funds should be used for this purpose.
      - Also there are other cases of need within Glenwood parent community.
      - Will revisit this at next meeting.
- Landscape committee – Brad Wong
  - Update was distributed to members.
    - Guiding principles:

- Drought tolerant
  - Native plants
  - Trees with downward growing roots and not fruit bearing
  - No small patches of grass
  - Minimal maintenance required
  - Additional considerations:
    - Height of planting
    - Low allergen
    - Allow for possible educational opportunities
    - Evergreen vs. seasonal
  - Status:
    - Finalized plan
    - Finalizing sourcing of costs and materials
    - Approaching local companies for possible gifts-in-kind
    - District has donated crepe myrtles, main irrigation lines, mulch and labor.
    - District will maintain as part of normal property maintenance
    - Secured donor for 2 olive trees (non-fruiting)
    - May see some activity within the next couple of weeks.
      - Will look for parent work groups starting in April/May.
- HeadsUp Run-For-Reading – Jackie Garcia
  - Thursday, March 21
  - Need volunteers
- Teacher Liaison – Lisa Bordley
  - Volunteer luncheon – March 28.
    - 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are organizing.
    - Green Team purchased 200 dishes.
  - Teachers will be signing up for Yes on A & B phone banking.
- New business
  - Flyer for yearbook going out in hip pocket.
    - Parents encouraged to upload photos for yearbook submissions.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Michael Mink, Secretary