

December 9, 2015

Called to Order: 7:05 p.m. by Michael Mink

Present : Michael Mink, Tami McCall, Caroline Jensen, Sarah Brewer, Michelle Pignati, Subha Kalvai, Laura Berta, Cheryl Riley, Suzanne Maloney, Adam Treewater, Angela Wood, Andrea Small, Yvette den Held, Wilhelm Klesius, Sina Canellos

Approval of November Meeting Minutes – Suzanne Maloney moved to approve, Sarah Brewer seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Induction of New Members – We have a new GSF member but we will delay until January as she couldn't attend tonight.

President's Report – Michael Mink:

Teacher Appreciation Event – We have received some thank yous from the teacher appreciation event; thank you parents for your efforts for this well-received event.

Guest Speaker – Mary Sparks, Disaster Preparedness. The goal is to prepare all of the Glenwood neighborhood to be prepared for disasters. There are 690 homes within Glenwood. The Fire Department has asked that at least 35 people be trained in CERT. We have currently 10 or 12. The training takes about 2 full days and includes learning how to triage, search and rescue, basic medical intervention, how to organize people to do search and rescue and pass info to first responders. Need to prep for earthquakes, which can be very bad. We could be cut off, PSP road could be not passable and we have to be ready. Second concern is wildfire due to the park behind us. There was recently a fire behind Falkirk. Could have been a terrible event; it's an ever-present danger. Right now we are getting ready for possible flooding. Gutters should be checked, leaves raked up, trees could fall. Need to be ready to take care of ourselves. She passed out a disaster plan (copies are available in the school office). She also noted that classes are offered throughout Marin. Please note the importance of emergency contacts. Parents and kids should have all of this info on them. Also should have out-of-area contact. Also note "grab and go" list – things to keep together to grab fast if you have to evacuate. Water – have a stash, replace it in a year. Other place to go is Readymarin.org. You can sign up for CERT classes there. Glenwood94901.org is the HOA website for Glenwood. Consider that we could lose power and you might want to be prepared with water and food. There is a \$45 fee to be CERT trained but HOA has offered to reimburse neighbors to do the training. If it has been a while, is good to get retrained.

Thanks to Kate Siegel for arranging Mary's visit.

Principal's report – Kim Goodhope:

Golden Ribbon - We finished and submitted the Golden Ribbon application for recognition of excellence. The focus was on block scheduling and add on was for music and art. It reflects GSF's participation in the school and recognizes we are parent -supported for add -ons. We will find out in January if we get it following a tour of our school.

Report Cards - Report cards go home on Friday, Dec 18. They are a bit different as the meaning of the numbers has been flipped from last year. 3s are now meeting standard. Teachers are doing comments on assessments.

Parent Reminder - We are doing a reminder that parents need to sign in when they come on campus for security reasons.

Morning gathering – We are looking at Principal’s Awards program and considering doing a principal’s breakfast where the kids get recognized with a quick stand up rather than the presentations at morning gathering.

Appropriate Clothing/Cold Weather Reminder – Please dress kids appropriately for cold weather; we are still seeing sandals and sleeveless tops. Also try to get your kids to bring their clothes home. Also make sure there are heartier meals being provided during this cold weather.

Tracking of Kids in need of Intervention – We are starting F&P, which will take over way to track intervention kids. Teachers were trained on it after Thanksgiving.

VP Updates

Fundraising – Suzanne Maloney notes that Thrive donations are over \$116,000 and we are at around 60% of goal. The classroom sign out front is up to date. Mrs. Gray’s class is leading in donations. Any donations made prior to 12/31 will be entered into a raffle for a \$250 gift card. Read-a-Thon started 11/16 and is in full swing. Parent volunteers came in and explained to each classroom about the bubble system (fill in a bubble for each 15 minutes of reading). Kids will get prizes if they fill out all the bubbles. Any child who has at least one sponsor can bring in page and get a ticket. All classes who have all students fill out 50 bubbles (one full page) will get a prize. Last day of read- a- thon is 1/11. We made \$2746 in Safeway loyalty program, which is wonderful. Crab Feed – Cheryl Riley reports date is set for Friday 1/22 at Loch Lomond Yacht Club. Posters will go up next week. Tickets will be sold after winter break. Capacity is 110 people and tickets sell out fast so people will be encouraged to buy their spot quickly.

School Programs – Tami McCall reports that Holiday Toy Drive is almost done. Snowflakes (which contained name of gift to purchase) went very quickly. We have 41 children who will be receiving gifts. Gifts are back next week and will be delivered Saturday Dec 19. Caroling has been moved to Tuesday 12/15 due to anticipated bad weather on the earlier date chosen. Interested participants to meet at 6pm in the Glenwood parking lot.

Teacher Liaison – Adam Treewater reports that he gave a training on how to use Apple TV. 30% or so of the classes have it installed and more to come. It has National Geographic, and the ability to show whatever is on your iPad on the screen. It can also show what is being worked on in class. Thanks to GSF for the new technology. Teachers also got a new subscription to Brain Pop. Field trip – Nutcracker for kindergarteners. Seeing a theatrical performance meets VAPA standards. Other field trips include the 3rd graders visiting Lawrence Hall of Science. Big thanks for the lunch that was provided to the teachers.

Old Business – Kim Goodhope

Thanksgiving Drive was a huge success. 19 kids received 2 bags of food per child.

New Business – Michael Mink

Change in School Time for Davidson and SRHS – There is a petition going around on Change.org regarding a suggestion for Dr. Watenpaugh to change school starting time for Davidson and SRHS. This petition was started by Karen Strolia and has 400 signatures so far. She is hosting a presentation at Davidson regarding the importance of extra sleep and starting school a little later.

Kindergarten yard duties – Concern was expressed that the kindergarten yard and play area needs more yard duties. There is one who is there every day but there are 90 children out there and it is a bit out of control. The thought is that 3-4 yard duties would be more appropriate. On rainy or dewy days, the benches and seats are wet. There are 5 yard duties but they are split between all the playgrounds. A suggestion was offered to make a call out for parent volunteers. Kim Goodhope noted that we also still have playground choices once per week. With rainy days, the kids have lunch in the classrooms and often the teachers just stay in the room. We could consider having Ms. A put out a blast for parent volunteers for lunchtimes. Will take this offline and bring ideas to the teachers.

New Business – Michael Mink

Co-President news - Valoree Brovelli, the GSF co-president, has given notice to the Board today that she has to step down from the position due to family commitments. We will not be backfilling the position for the rest of the year. In June we will have an election for next year.

Website - Sarah Brewer plans on working on refreshing the content on our website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Sondra Lewis, Secretary