

GSF General Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2017

Called to order: 7:05 p.m.

Present: John Dasher, Suzanne Maloney, Sarah Brewer, Stephen Roth, Adam Treewater, Jaclyn Guelfi, Sondra Lewis, Kim Goodhope, Keala Landry, Kim Evans, Katie Pohl, Dan Lyons, Sondra Lewis

Approval of December 2016 Meeting Minutes: Jaclyn Guelfi moved to approve, Wilhelm Klesius seconds the motion, minutes approved.

Principal's Report – Kim Goodhope: February 1 is our global play day. The kids get to self-select to play with what is around them in the classrooms. They can bring things in from home, but no electronics. It tied into our PBIS teachings and helps the teachers see how they interact while playing since parents don't often get to see this. It is a way to explore the child as a whole. The kids really enjoy it. It is a Wednesday, and they will still have Encore (so it really ends up being about 2 hours). Kindergarten registration is coming up on February 16. We are going to full-day kindergarten next year. Kindy classes will open at 8:45 and will go until 3:15 and will have the same early release day as the other classes on Wednesdays. They will have some unrestricted play or rest time, which they are still ironing out. Lawrence Hall of Science week is coming – please ask your teacher when your time will be for your student as they will need some volunteers. K-1 classes are doing Wizards lab, 2nd – 5th are doing Math Around the World. We fund this thru GSF to supplement Tracy's science program. Support Staff are really thankful for the presents and feel appreciated.

Teacher Liaison Report – Adam Treewater – In Kindergarten they are loving the intervention aid (IA) which lets them assess and work with the students. They are getting 6 new iPads. Mrs. Gray had her iMac's replaced and she has 5 new ones. Looking into smart boards for the portables. 1st grade is studying biographies, and they will go to the symphony and Muir Woods. 2nd grade is starting hydroponic grow and each kid is getting his or her own plant and we are starting a new unit on heroes. The stand-up desks are going well. 3rd grade is working on poetry units and are working on earthquakes and weather. 4th grade started Cooking with Heart and will be visiting the Civic Center. 5th grade is preparing for Colonial Day and colonial reports. Money from book fair is being spent by the teachers. We had 100 percent of staff and support staff donate towards GSF. We are getting new websites for each class. Donors Choose funds the standing desks and is not affiliated with GSF. We get donations from Nextdoor, companies, some school families, and even from some strangers who want to support the cause. Mrs. Delzeith's 4th grade class has different level desks and some exercise balls that the kids can sit on.

VP/Program Updates

VP Fundraising – Suzanne Maloney – Crab Feed tickets went on sale yesterday. \$75 per person which includes a drink, all you can eat crab, pasta, and wine with dinner. There is also a corresponding movie night at the school. Raffle tix will be sold starting this Friday with some great packages. Will also be outside the school Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of next week. A volunteer sheet will go out for help with set up, clean up and desserts. Also, the Read-a-Thon ends next week.

School Programs – Wilhelm Klesius – Daughter Dance will be April 21 and Open House will be April 28. There will be a school bus that will take the Green Team to the Rafael and to see recycled arts as we did last year. Per Kim Goodhope, we are partnered with Zero Waste. They recognize three levels of garbage and recycle plastics, cans, papers, and paper towels. They are giving us 4 recycling centers as well within the next few weeks. Per John Dasher, we are continuing to see broken bottles on campus. We should be getting security cameras shortly which should help to stop this. May 12 will be Sons' Night. Used book fair is March 20-24. Please go through your books at home and see what you can provide. Year-end BBQ is June 8. This Friday is PJ and stuffy day for the whole school. Per Kim Goodhope, we have a speaker for parents later in February on "kid power." The kids to find their inner strength to deal with peer pressure and so on. 4th and 5th graders will have a few classes to discuss these topics.

VP Community Building - Jaclyn Guelfi – We finally caroled and the feedback was good. We broke into groups and everyone seemed to have a great time and the neighbors were welcoming.

VP Finance - Stephen Roth – Report on the scrip and gift card program. At the end of November, we received almost \$3000 in requests for gift cards and so we got about \$200 for GSF – minus shipping, so we netted about \$183. Need to discuss whether the work is worth the \$183 because it is a lot of work. We got about \$400 from United and money from Andy's as well. We also have some pre-purchased cards available in the office with Ms. A.

John Dasher – We want to be aware of all the asks we make and do we want to eliminate the gift card program, or should we be noisier and build it up.

Suzanne Maloney – Seems that it may not be worthwhile since the holidays are over; however, some schools have a very robust program where parents are buying loads of cards and use these for their purchases. It would need to be a created culture.

President's Report – John Dasher – For the gift cards, we may want to continue for the next few months and see how it goes, and we can reassess then. Multi-Purpose Room – My hope is that by the meeting the week of Feb 13 we have something we can present to the parents and can have the architects come out. There will be a need for the GSF to fund various additions, such as some audio/visual equipment. The budget we have isn't as high as we would like so we will figure out what that means for us. It would be good to have a meeting to include the Site Design Committee and allow the architects to introduce themselves. We need to keep in mind that we don't want too many February meetings, and next month we have Bob Marcucci from Davidson to present at the February GSF meeting. The project may start this summer or summer 2018 and since classrooms aren't impacted, the work can go through the school year. We have checks and balances to make sure we stay within our budget. Plans have to be approved at the state level as well. There is wait time built in. We are the farthest along of all the schools. At the last district meeting, we learned the district is moving towards a solar master plan but we don't know what that means for financing it. We are looking at ways of making Glenwood more energy-efficient. Finally, the district is working with the Local Control Accessibility Plan (LCAP). I went to the parent advisory meeting last night with parents, teachers, students about how they can best serve the constituencies as they work out the budget for the next 3 years. LCAP will be finalized in June.

Want to give a follow up on the fundraising forum we had last month. We are acknowledging all we heard last month. It is an ongoing conversation and we want to continue to hear from the parent body about how we fundraise. We want to continue having avenues for feedback. We will have a survey

specific to parent participation. We don't want to direct the feedback but we want to give a way for parents to give feedback as a stand-alone email. Discussing how we can engage the parent-body – how we can get participation and feedback.

Katie Pohl – Heads Up – We want to remind everyone to donate to Heads Up. This organization allows for the provision of many special opportunities and benefits to the schools. At the recent retreat, the conversations were around kindergarten going to full-day, after-school programs for middle schoolers, and how to provide music programs for kindergarteners. Happy to bring anything up to Heads Up on behalf of Glenwood.

John Dasher – To add to that, want to mention how fortunate we are to have Stephen Duffy. Heads up pays 2nd-5th and we supplement it. Also, the four Whole Foods locations in Marin gave 5% of sales one recent day and \$21,000 was raised for Marin schools.

New Business - Keala Landry – We are looking for help for the auction – donations, decorations, fundraising calls. The theme is “Prom: Oh What a Night!” Let me know if you know people who might want to help.

Meeting Adjourned 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by Sondra Lewis, Secretary/Parliamentarian