

GSF Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2015

Called to Order: 7:07 p.m. by Michael Mink

Present: Kim Goodhope, Michael Mink, Valoree Brovelli, Karen Russillo, Ramina Winton, Tami McCall, Caroline Jensen, Adam Treewater, John Dasher, Suzanne Maloney, Andrea Small, Sondra Lewis, Sarah Brewer, Nicole Cibellis-Andrews, Wilhelm Klesius, Stephen Roth, Keala Landry, Stacy Thorpe, Amy Marrino, Jane Kurz

Approval of September Meeting Minutes – Suzanne Maloney moved to approve, John Dasher seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Principal's report – Kim Goodhope:

21st Century Learning environments – We are working with ILT (Instructional Leadership Team) as well as other teachers to see what this looks like in the classrooms along with the Common Core. Goal is to take last year's stuff to the next level. Master facilities team is a group that will be working on Measures A and B, getting messages that there will be a huge process once A and B pass that will allow parents, teachers and others to be part of the planning process. Initial plans are in the office. First meeting will be tomorrow.

Spelling Bee – Was held on Monday with four Glenwood kids, who were all amazing! Harita Kalvai came in first place, Malia Louie came in third place, and we are also proud of Hayden Leardini and Chiqui Diaz for their participation. Congratulations to all of them.

Student Elections – These were held today for Student Council. 3rd graders can run for Sergeant at Arms, 4th and 5th get to run for Secretary, Treasurer, VP & President. Chosen were Alina Franchetti for Sgt at Arms, Hayden Leardini for Secretary, Willie Swain for Treasurer, Ben Brooks for VP, and Harry Pocock for President. Jackson Garcia had a great idea in that 45 will lose but 5 will win, so let's do something for everybody, so we called everyone in for an ice cream party and did the announcements. It was hard this year because they were all amazing.

Internet Safety – Davidson Middle School had a presentation at their school. Becca Mink took notes for the teachers and wants to know if we can pass these along to parents if Becca is ok with it.

Parent Teacher Conferences - These are next week. We have a tip sheet for parents (passed out). Conferences are a great way to get to know the families as well as for the parents to learn about the teachers. Keep your time-allotted schedule and if you can't, reschedule.

VP Updates

Fundraising – John Dasher and Suzanne Maloney – We have raised \$74,853 so far for Thrive. This includes pledges for payments and actual payments. We are roughly where we were last year. If you haven't donated yet, please do. All Encore teachers and Mr. Beeman have donated so a huge thank you to all of them. You should have received a thank you if you have donated and we will be publically thanking our donors shortly. Our Bocce tournament is Saturday, Oct 24, and is sold out, but you can still attend and you can still buy raffle tickets.

Community Building – Tami McCall and Caroline Jensen – Working on a couple ideas for nearer the end of the year. Used book sale boxes will be going out. Sale is over conference week.

School Programs – Ramina Winton – We are having our first speaker in the Speaker Series here on November 5 in the evening. She is Diane Provo, a therapist, and her focus will be mindfulness. Snacks and FREE childcare will be provided by the GSF. Announcement will go out. Also, the community service arm of school programs is working hard and has met with instructional leadership and the teachers and is working to have each class pick a community project. Nico Van Exel is helping with this. Classroom Projects and Acts of Kindness are the two arms. Example of Acts of Kindness is toy drive at Xmas. Green Team – Will Klesius has volunteered to take over the Green Team. Thank you, Will!

Teacher Liaison – Adam Treewater – Teachers have all donated to the GSF, many are ready to play some bocce, and many teachers are going to Google for Education training. We thank the GSF for the common core units, field trip to Slide Ranch, books. We will be participating in phone banking to support Measures A and B.

Old Business – Michael Mink

VP of Communications - Usually if we have a new member to induct we do it at the beginning of the meeting....but we have a vacancy for VP of Communications so we are accelerating the process in this circumstance since as of tonight, Sarah Brewer has fulfilled the criteria for membership of attending two consecutive meetings and a Thrive donation. Sarah Brewer was inducted as a member of the GSF.

Call for a motion to elect Sarah Brewer as VP Comm. Tami McCall moved to elect her, Caroline Jensen seconded. Motion passed; we have a new VP of Communications.

Donation to Measures A and B – Last June we approved a \$5k donation to the campaign with a potential to make a subsequent contribution. Want to put that up for discussion now. In full disclosure Michael Mink is the treasurer of the campaign, Tami McCall is co-chair so they recused themselves from the vote. They will answer questions but won't vote. There is no budget for it, so a vote would be for an unbudgeted donation. We want to see the measures passed, but we need to determine pros and cons of giving more. Around \$82k has been raised so far, and about \$46,500 has been spent. A mailer is going out shortly.

Discussion held on voting on contingency, based on what happens; e.g. we could agree on an amount that the Board could ok at a later date if we think we need that money to augment the \$100k. The contingencies would be if the fund runs out of money and we need to pay a bill.

John Dasher makes a motion for a contingency-based donation. Kim Goodhope seconds the motion. All ayes, and two abstentions (Mink and McCall). Motion passes.

Also suggested that we could offer a matching donation; if another school gives \$1k, we give \$1k, up to a \$2k match from any new donations from other schools PTOs by Nov 3 if needed by the campaign.

Caroline Jensen makes a motion for a matching donation. Andrea Small seconds. 4 ayes, 8 opposed, 2 abstentions. No's have it. Motion not passed. Rationale given that we have already donated \$5k, we shouldn't donate contingent upon other donations, and we have gone above and beyond.

Ramina Winton noted that if we want to invest we should do so regardless, and what others are doing shouldn't matter. This measure will mean a lot to our kids and will have an impact on classroom size, and if it doesn't pass there will be ramifications for our kids.

New Business – Michael Mink

Schoola – Amy Marrino and Jane Kurz have been doing a great job with e-Scrip, and Amy is presenting another way for us to make money. “Schoola” is online clothing sales. Bags will be delivered for donations of clothing in good shape. If we approve this, a bin will be put on the school campus, which gets picked up when it’s full. They donate \$2 for every \$5 sold.

Concern was raised about another bin on campus and how they often get used for garbage. Other options discussed were going online to schoola.com and ordering bags, or we could get some in the office, or perhaps having both a bin and available bags.

Karen Russillo moves to start Schoola bags, Keala Landry seconds. Motion passes.

Organizational Chart - Goodhope – There is confusion over who is doing what and we need an updated org chart. Becca Mink will be updating this.

Spirit and Community Building - Goodhope reports that Michele Dugan and Michelle Franchetti are working on building spirit in the whole community, such as having cheerleaders and other athletes from middle and high school coming to morning gatherings.

Next Meeting - Next month’s meeting will be Nov 4 rather than Nov 11 due to Veteran’s Day. (UPDATE AFTER MEETING – NEXT MEETING WILL ACTUALLY BE ON NOVEMBER 12).

Meeting adjourned 8:28 p.m. by Michael Mink

Submitted by Sondra Lewis, Secretary