

GSF 12/13/17 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Kyri McClellan, Katie Klesius, Tami McCall, Keala Landry, Jaclyn Guelfi, Adam Treewater, Cielo Kirk, Anne Mueller, Kim Goodhope, Molly Nute, Kathryn Elia, Sarah Brewer, Kelly Merrick, Mike Mink, Christelle Blumin, Kim High, Nicole McAuliffe, Ashley Walter, Karena Whorton (19 people)

Welcome @ 6:01pm

New Voting GSF Members to Induct: Dena Richardson, Kelly Somer, Ashley Walter, & Kim High

Motion to approve: Tami McCall makes a motion to approve the November GSF Meeting Minutes, Jaclyn Guelfi: 2nd, all AYES.

(Kyri McClellan) Introductions.

(Kristen Comnesso, Tech Teacher) Create a 21st Century learning environment. Uses ISTE, International Society for Technology in Education. 99% of things we do are group projects. 3rd Grade starts using Google Drive. Using Scratch for coding. Tools: PC Lab, iPads, Chromebooks, projector, microphones, digital cameras. Has grant money to spend... programmable robots? 3D printer? Taking a vote! Eagleupdates.yolasite.com website this year, password is: gl. 5th Grade field trip to the Apple Store to do some coding in January. We talk about digital citizenship too. Making eBooks and podcasts on GarageBand. Use Kid Pix a lot.

(Bob Marcucci, Davidson Principal) Eliza Gould (7th) and AJ Thorpe (7th) are former Glenwood students visiting from Davidson. 20th year in SRCS. 4th year at Davidson, after being Glenwood Principal for 5 years. Amazed at all the opportunities kids have in school these days.

(Kelly Merrick) What is the biggest change in the past 4 years?

(Bob Marcucci) I'm a climate and culture guy and I believe "kids don't care what you know until they know that you care." It is so important to build the relationship between the kids and the teachers. All staff trained in "Capturing Kids Hearts". Much more positive, caring culture in the past 4 years.

(Cielo Kirk) In the classrooms, with kids that have more emotional needs, is there enough support?

(Bob Marcucci) One of the challenges is that kids don't have that one person that is their main point of contact. We have 2 Assistant Principals to help with that too. We do the best we can with the diverse needs. Davidson is a diverse school with extremes. It is representative of what San Rafael looks like.

(Kim High) How was it going from Glenwood (400 kids) to Davidson (1200 kids)? Pretty well mixed with other kids now?

(AJ) At first I was overwhelmed, but after a couple weeks I started hanging out with other kids from other schools.

(Eliza) Same. I have made really good friends with kids from other schools now.

(Bob Marcucci) After the first month you see the kids start to separate from their elementary school friends and mix with kids from other schools. WEB helps kids meet.

(Cielo Kirk) Do you try to engage with the kids when you are walking around school? Make connections with them?

(Eliza) At lunch he circulates.

(Bob) I make an effort to do that. We try to get into lots of classrooms each week. I try to shake kids hands, make eye contact, etc. I hate the question "what's my name?" though, LOL. The whole Admin Team is out at both lunches each day. 6th graders have the 1st lunch, then 7th & 8th graders have lunch afterwards.

(Eliza) I think it's good to have 6th grade lunch separated. It's a good transition.

(Kyri McClellan) What is a typical day schedule? Can you talk about the bus? Parent component/PTA? Discuss choosing to send your kids to a school where they are not the racial majority...

(AJ) You can feel overwhelmed at first. I started to get to know them and I think I like going to a cultured school.

(Eliza) At Glenwood everyone has a lot of things in common, and at Davidson you get to meet a lot of kids that are different and it is cool.

(Bob Marcucci) I do think it is often seen as a deterrent, but I see it in the opposite way. It's a reason to go to Davidson. They will be more prepared for the world. We are doing them a service. We are working to bring these communities together.

(Bob Marcucci) Yes, there is a bus.

(AJ) You can take the bus to and from school. I take it both ways. After school it leaves like 7-8 minutes after school is out.

(Eliza) In the morning we get on the bus at 7am.

(Bob Marcucci) Buses have multiple routes so school start time is scheduled around that. Elementary schools could shift earlier and then middle school could shift later. That would involve parents voicing their opinions to the District. School starts at 7:55am, and is out at 2:15pm.

(Bob Marcucci) We do have a PTA. They do some community building, fundraising, parent education, etc. They support our reward programs. It's not as robust as at the elementary school level. We want you to get involved! We also have ELAC for Latino families.

(Bob Marcucci) A typical day: 6th grade english and social studies are CORE, math, science, PE/skills wheel (A/B schedule), elective (music, language, or exploratory wheel).

(Kathryn Elia) Cell phones on campus?

(Bob Marcucci) Cell phones can physically be in the classroom but have to be put away until after school. We have a strict policy. Yearbook does have kids with "press passes" take pictures for yearbook sometimes. For many kids cell phones are their one and only device (some write essays on their phones at home).

(Kim Goodhope) Tell us more about band...

(Eliza) 6th graders start in beginning band. We memorize music, march in the streets, and have competitions against other schools. We got 1st place! At Davidson there is a test you can take with sounds to see what instrument you would like to play.

(Bob Marcucci) The Davidson community is really proud of our music program. We also have steel pans.

(Kim Goodhope) Tell us about electives....

(AJ) 6th grade: woodshop projects, 7th grade: robotics projects, 3D printing, laser cutting

End of Davidson presentation with Principal Marcucci

(Katie Klesius) Regarding school start times, at a district parent group it was brought up and will be discussed at our next meeting in January, so let me know if you have ideas.

(Anne Mueller) Thrive Update. 2 days left. 75% participation now. Mr. Treewater has already hit 100%! 313 children's families have donated. \$161K raised so far, out of \$175K goal. People can continue to donate after the Thrive campaign is over. I am going to suggest a shorter Thrive drive next year.

(Kathryn Elia) Budget looks good. Thank Kim High for taking on the Dine & Donate program this year. We are ready to vote on Flipcause; the all encompassing web based program we can use for our events and fundraising. Each kid can have their own Read-A-Thon page for fundraising. Flipcause will charge GSF 1.5% fee on donations. Cost is \$100/month (year long subscription), and you can cancel anytime. They build your whole website for you. They will respond within 24 hours if you need help. (Sarah Brewer) Regarding Flipcause. It is going to be different but I have seen what it can look like and it looks good. I think it is going to help out in so many aspects. Will not replace MailChimp. (Kathryn) It is built and ready to go if we are ready.

(Kyri McClellan) Motion to approve purchasing Flipcause. Kim Goodhope; 2nd, all AYES.

(Jaclyn Guelfi) Darrah Maclean is running Read-A-Thon this year. Week before mid-Winter break until the week after Winter Break (3 weeks).

(Molly Nute) Heather Moore is doing Yearbook this year. Andy's said this year we only get 2 days to sell raffle tickets for the Auction. Andy's said they need more Glenwood support.

(Keala Landry) Auction kick-off party 1/11/18 at the LLYC.

(Kelly Merrick) 1/17/18 Extreme Pizza Dine & Donate. Crab Feed 2/2/18. Tickets go on sale after Xmas Break.

(Kyri McClellan) GSF meeting on 1/10/18 will be Board only. February will be a morning meeting with a budget workshop. March 14th evening meeting, then April 18th and hopefully May 9th will be our last meeting of the year (assuming budget is done).

(Adam Treewater) 5th: explorer reports, 4th: Buck center field trip and mission reports, 3rd: Marin Sanitary Service field trip, 2nd: learning about the government, 1st: SEAL language arts training, Kindie: gingerbread man is missing. Report cards are going home before break. 12/21/17 is matching day.

Next GSF Board meeting is 1/10/18 (Board only). Next Parent Forum on 2/9/18 @ 9am. Next full GSF Meeting is 3/14/18 at 6pm.

GSF Meeting ended @ 7:43pm