

GSF 3/14/18 General Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Tami McCall, Kim Goodhope, Kyri McClellan, Katie Klesius, Cielo Kirk, Adam Treewater, Jaclyn Guelfi, Sarah Brewer, Anne Mueller, Molly Nute, Susan Jessup, Kelly Merrick, Allison Rabb, Dena Richardson, Beth Sauls, Ashley Walter, Karena Whorton, Rebecca Lapins, Heather Moore, Chris Welch, Beth McCormack, Keala Landry (22 total)

Welcome @ 6:05pm

New Voting GSF Members to Induct: Christelle Blumin

Motion to approve: Tami McCall makes a motion to approve the 2/9/18 GSF Parent Forum Meeting Minutes, Jaclyn Guelfi: approves, Kim Goodhope 2nd, all AYES.

(Kim Goodhope) Introduction: Bill Welch, School Safety Consultant.

(Bill Welch) I looked at the Districts safety plans and they were a disaster. I have prepared a document with suggestions on improvements and drills. I assist with trainings. Kim asked me to come here tonight to answer questions about Glenwood's safety plans. You should have safety containers that include non-expired food/water, and necessary emergency supplies. These should be changed out each year.

(Kim Goodhope) We have a team of parents that are helping set up our supplies.

(Bill Welch) Communicating is really important, especially when there are incidents. When parents get alerts that there is a disaster they want to immediately rush to the school. That is not helpful because the staff is trying to get everyone accounted for when a disaster happens. Try to be patient and wait for instructions. Have an emergency plan for your family so you can be prepared when a disaster happens.

(Heather Moore) Do we have cameras on campus now?

(Kim Goodhope) Yes, we have 5 cameras on campus and they monitor for 48 hours. We can review footage if there is an incident. They have caught incidents.

(Keala Landry) Can we increase cell service at Glenwood?

(Adam Treewater) District said it is a neighborhood issue. We need a cell phone tower in Glenwood.

(Kim Goodhope) We have guest Wifi parents can log on to.

(Dena Richardson) Is there anyway to have a single way onto campus?

(Bill Welch) People in California like the openness of their campuses. If someone really wants to get in, they will find a way. Schools will never be 100% safe.

(Keala Landry) Upside to open campuses?

(Bill Welch) I love campuses that have multiple ways to get out/escape.

(Kim Goodhope) Everyone on our campus is very aware and hyper vigilant. Our janitors are almost always on campus and keeping watch. We also have parents sign in and out when they are volunteering so we know who is on campus.

(Kyri McClellan) We get communications before we have drills at school, I am curious to know if we are working on something for parent expectations? I think it would be helpful for parents to know what they can expect from the school during an emergency and what the school expects from us as parents.

(Kim Goodhope) Bill provided me with a letter for parents that we will be sending out. We can send out "all calls" and school wide texts.

(Bill Welch) Two major issues you can likely expect here at Glenwood are wildfires and tsunamis. Intruders/active shooters are much less likely. Glenwood needs to be prepared to manage during an emergency for at least an hour before help arrives.

(Rebecca Lipins) At our preschool we have a card to call during an emergency that rings in Utah. Then they coordinate a plan for us.

(Kim Goodhope) First relocation point is Victor Jones Park, 2nd is Fire Station. We are actually the relocation point for people in the neighborhood in a disaster.

(Bill Welch) Teachers and parents input is really important. Tell Kim if you have a concern or suggestion.

(Adam Treewater) Based on what happened in Florida, has the protocol changed for fire drills?

(Bill Welch) No. He was the only shooter that pulled the fire alarm before shooting. It may have actually saved lives since kids could run away. No kids have died in a school fire in the last 100 years. Schools have zones and should be able to determine where a fire is located on campus, and perhaps check it out before evacuating all the students.

(Chris Welch) Have there been lock down drills here?

(Kim Goodhope) Yes. Last one was a few months ago (on 11/2/17.) We looked for deficiencies, including the fact that we don't have blinds on the windows. The District is going to provide us with blinds soon.

(Bill Welch) Another issue is suicide. It happens at Elementary Schools. Check WebMD for a list of signs to look for. Signs: outgoing kids that suddenly become isolated, they start asking about death, start becoming withdrawn, 180* change in personality, etc. Signs are similar to

those shown by kids that become active shooters. Look for major changes in behavior. If we don't help these kids at the Elementary School level, they can "feel worse" as they get to Middle School and High School. We are starting to "track" these kids to try and intervene and get them help.

(Kim Goodhope) Once a kid has been identified, a SST (student study team) is put together with staff, parents, and the student to develop an intervention plan.

(Kyri McClellan) Thank you Bill Welch! Introduction of Mr. Duffy our Music Teacher

(Mr. Duffy, Music Teacher) Background: I'm a musician/singer/songwriter. I got into recording school music programs. My friend's school was looking for a music teacher and I told her I was interested. I had no teaching experience but I just went for it and I loved it! One thing I have learned is that music is too often a chore for the teachers and students because it is underfunded. So I have taken a different approach and chosen modern music in addition to classics and focus on performance too. Kids that thought they couldn't sing can realize they have talent. Bob Marcucci hired me. Some schools just play recorders and I just don't do them. We do lots of different instruments and learn music appreciation. My approach is to make music fun and I aim to have them leave here with a love of music and a willingness to explore it further.

(Chris Owens) What is the allotted music time for each grade each week?

(Mr. Duffy) K/1/2 have 45 mins/week and 3/4/5 have 1 hour/week.

With the Kindies it is mostly rhythm game playing/dancing/movement, we wrote a song this year. 1st and 2nd are similar. Since they have a hard time reading, it is a lot of memorization at that age. As the kids get older we have in class "talent shows" to get the kids comfortable performing in front of people. I love working with 3/4/5 the best. Kids are really receptive to what I am teaching. Kids get so focused on the popular pop music, but it's important to expose them to good, "protest" music too.

(Kyri McClellan) We need help for Spring Sing.

(Mr. Duffy) I understand I came in here and completely changed the music program. Now we put on a big production. It requires a lot of help to put it on. We are hiring Tom Holmes to help us with the sound. We need parents to help with the production side of things...coordinate and organize art/decor and day-off logistics. Nicole Good is the Teacher Liaison for Spring Sing. Teachers direct the kids on and off the stage. Love and Peace is the theme. We also need programs made. It's on Friday, June 1st. 4-8pm-ish.

(Dena Richardson) We have to get creative. Maybe there is a local art college student that could intern for credit? We are having a volunteer issue so we need to think outside of the box.

(Cielo) - Spring Sing is amazing. I will help organize it this year. Please connect me to Caroline Jensen, who did it last year and has the binder.

(Kim Goodhope) Will reach out to SRHS to see if they have a program and/or students to intern.

(Anne Mueller) We have hit our THRIVE goal!!!

(Kyri McClellan) Finance Update: Dine & Donate's are doing a good job. Read-A-Thon raised almost \$13,000 (\$1,000 over budget). Birthday Books and Spirit Wear have raised more than budgeted. Auction needs to make \$108,000 to make our budget. Expenses are on track.

(Keala Landry) We've seen a lot of new faces helping. That's just as important as donating.

(Kyri McClellan) We talked about parent participation and trying to come up with strategies to get more parents involved with volunteerism. We have a parent engagement group working on this. We will be meeting again in May.

(Jaclyn Guelfi) We are trying something new this year....BINGO (Friday, March 30th)! May 11th is Son Fun Night.

(Mr. Treewater) Teacher Update: K is going to Windrush Farms and preparing a garden. 1st going to Muir Woods. 2nd wrapping up hero unit. Safe Routes to Schools came to visit. 3rd Native American Dance performance tomorrow and poetry reading. 4th Oakland Museum and Cooking With Heart. 5th Davidson Middle School tour and Shakespeare Plays. We're all working on Digital Citizenship. Mrs. Reed won the Golden Bell Award. Next Friday the Pacifics Baseball Team will be visiting Glenwood.

(Kim Goodhope) SBAC and ELPAC Teacher training today. Testing begins in May. Science week is coming up April 3-5th, with Lawrence Hall of Science. GSF funded staff changes: Erica Guagenti was funded by the GSF but is now being funded by the District (since she took over Christina's position). We have found someone to take on the IA position.

(Kyri McClellan) I want to update the Board on the Superintendent's forum regarding the search for our new Principal. It was a robust conversation. We welcome your ongoing participation with this process.

Next meetings:
April 18th@ 5:30pm
May evening
June morning

GSF Meeting ended @ 7:42pm