

## GSF General Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2017

**Called to order: 7:03 p.m.**

**Present:** Bret Goldman, Tami McCall, Cielo Kirk, Sarah Brewer, Nicole Klock, Stephen Roth, Dan Lyons, Katie Pohl, Jake Thompson, Jaclyn Guelfi, Chris Owen, Wil Klesius, Kim Goodhope, Adam Treewater, Karen Russillo, John Dasher, Michael Mink, Sondra Lewis

**New members:** No new members to induct this month.

**Approval of February 2017 Meeting Minutes:** Jaclyn Guelfi moved to approve, Dan Lyons seconds the motion, minutes approved.

**President's Introduction of Special Guests – John Dasher:** We welcome Dan Zaich, Senior Director of Capital Projects, and Wally Gordon, our architect, who will be showing us plans for new MPR and answering questions.

**Dan Zaich:** This is a meeting about appreciation. We have exciting new construction here, Davidson, and San Rafael HS. We have a lot in the pipeline. Schools haven't had opportunity to do this in over a decade. The teams at each school have been amazing. School site design committees have gone around to see most innovative technology, able to present to some of best architects. Our site design committee is comprised of John Dasher, Bret Goldman, Tami McCall, Jenni Conte, Adam Treewater, Ramina Winton, Nicole Cibellis, and Kyri McClellan. We have a cross-section of community, teachers, neighbors and parents to get large perspective. It has been a lot of work and we appreciate the work that's gone into it. Right now it's still conceptual and nothing has been solidified. Want to get some feedback to tell us we are on the right track. Next steps are to move the work forward to board of education for approval of schematic design process. Process of getting architects on all follows a heavy /California compliance for public schools. Started with 30 submissions from architects, put a team together to review. Selected 4 firms to work on the projects across elementary and high school. We are seeing the best of the best.

**Wally Gordon –Review of Master Plan:** “None of us is as smart as all of us” is my favorite saying – the group that volunteers all their time make this a great process. We looked at Kent, Bahia Vista, Coleman to get some ideas of what the MPRs look like.

We have had 5 meetings and are at point of breaking out. (Walk thru of schematic). Existing is 3300 sq. ft., and we are looking at 4600 sq. ft. We are about 20-25% larger than Coleman. The bond budget allows \$2.5M in construction. We were able to get rid of having to do new construction on bathrooms and food service areas which are expensive by figuring out a way to use the current location of these items. We have left room to have a music and an art classroom. We can also add on a serving kitchen later as well. We made the decision to optimize by leaving room now for things to be added later. We will also have a fixed stage. Discussion of the existing MPR included talk of using it as some type of music “Exploratorium” for elementary grade science. It could also be used as music area. We are putting

in an addition to the blacktop. Our target date to begin is spring 2018. For the size of the court size, we want to make sure we could put in as much as we could. It is an elementary school size. High school court size is 50x84, middle school is 45x74, and elementary school is 64x36. It is a good size elementary school court. We also have the ability to have 2 "cross courts". We will have one electric backboard that will raise up above the stage. Lights and sound for the stage. While it would be great to have a court big enough to handle the CYO games and generate some money for the school, this is the best court size we could get and still have a true MPR (with a fixed stage).

Tami McCall points out that the District itself has certain things they expect of an MPR....stage, bathrooms, ability to feed people. By moving the MPR room, we were able to retain the current larger bathrooms and the current kitchen area. We were able to add on the square footage.

Additional notes include is that the flooring is Teraflex, there is money in the budget for acoustics, fire sprinkler system is not required. The height will be 25 feet. We are still determining the ceiling/roof structure, but will probably keep the same look as the rest of the school. It should be high enough for volleyball, and big enough to hold the whole student body.

A question was asked - What is longer range plan if other classrooms are built for the baseball fields? The answer is that the baseball field would probably be reoriented. This is a problem that wouldn't have to be dealt with for another 10 years or so.

Completion date will probably be summer 2019, possibly earlier. Should take about 12 months start to finish.

Thank you to Dan and Wally for attending and for the great information.

#### **Other items of business:**

**Principal's Report - Kim Goodhope:** Board recommendations on March 13. They love to have community members there so feel free to go. New business – I have been approached by San Pedro principal with the idea of doing more pen pals activities, maybe picking one grade-level field trip together, get to know each other a bit before Davidson. Bret Goldman suggests having the students walk to each other's schools and do a combination class, maybe art and/or music. Kid Power coming up, April 18. This involves helping your child navigate through difficult situations, expressing opinions, not giving in to peer pressure. Awareness of "stranger danger." 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be getting a one hour class similar to what the parents are going through. Funded by GSF.

Campus Beautification is in place – benches are here, weigh 1330 lbs. Need forklift to get them off truck. The benches will be up hopefully over conference week. Evan Sims, president of the Glenwood Dad's Club, is having a dads work day March 19, part of process will be building the benches. "Dashboards" are coming --Dashboards will give a look into state scores. They track progress and growth trends and are being pushed by the state onto our website. Schools Rule Marin – funds 30% of Heads Up. We get a lot of money from SR City Schools.

**Teacher Liaison - Adam Treewater:** Kindergarten is starting gardening unit by Mrs. Gray's class. They will also be enjoying Dr Seuss Day and Windrush farms. 1<sup>st</sup> graders will go to Davies Symphony Hall by school bus (to help avoid the parking issues there). 2<sup>nd</sup> grade had Safe Routes to School come, where they discussed street safety. Next week we will walk around town and cross some streets. Bear from

Steve and Kate's Camp did a Lego Animation with the kids. They had pictures taken with an iPad and will make a movie. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be working on a Native American Unit for and will visit Kule Loklo on March 28. 4<sup>th</sup> graders are going to pan for gold, and the wax museum project is coming and will be shown to parents at open house. April 28 is the day presentation for the wax museum. 5<sup>th</sup> graders are working on dam projects, which are engineering project where they create and build. They have a mime coming in for drama. They are also working on computers, doing some macro photography and writing poems. In music, we are preparing for the Spring Sing on June 2, and the theme is "flora and fauna". April 7 is Rock-n- Run.

**President's Report – John Dasher:** Two big things. 1) From the district, we have learned that there are upcoming budget cuts coming to the elementary and high school districts, more severe at the high school level. The hope is that between already vacant positions and increased funds, that cuts at elementary level won't be so severe that we feel a huge impact. February 27 was the last Board meeting and it was contentious. March 13 is next meeting and will be important. 2) An idea is being developed that involves doing some resource-sharing between the PTOs at the various school sites. When something like these budget cuts come up, collaboration allows a shared voice at our level. This will also help ingratiate Glenwood into the community and foster relationships as we go forward toward Davidson.

**New Business:** Bret Goldman – There is an 80s prom fundraiser for Davidson coming up. Also want to share that feedback from the families from Coleman/SV regarding Glenwood families and involvement at the middle school level isn't very good. East SR doesn't have a lot of representation and it is a bit of a battle. I have been trying and reaching out and it is difficult to get people to attend. Would love to see some Glenwood and surrounding neighborhood involvement at Davidson. Cielo Kirk — I would like to bring up the idea of promoting sunblock and appropriate clothing for the sunny weather.

**Tami McCall** – Our own Glenwood Auction is coming up... please donate big ticket items! Tickets on sale tomorrow. Daughter Dance theme is "Under the Sea" April 21, 6-9. We will have a photo booth and a DJ. Will give more info next month.

**John Dasher** – Our next meeting will be April 5, a week earlier than usual because the next week is spring break.

**Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.**

Submitted by Sondra Lewis, Secretary/Parliamentarian