

GSF Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2015

Called to order: 7:06 p.m.

Present: Michael Mink, Kim Goodhope, Tami McCall, Caroline Jensen, Adam Treewater, John Dasher, Sarah Brewer, John Rooney, Erica Smith, Karen Russillo, Suzanne Maloney, Jaclyn Gueifi, Christina Ramos, Keala Landry, Wilhelm Klesius, Stephen Roth

First item of business: approval of March meeting minutes. John Dasher makes a motion to approve, Caroline Jensen seconds the motion, everyone else agrees. Minutes approved.
New member to be inducted: Camille Williams (not here tonight).

Principal's report – Kim Goodhope:

Glenwood has received the Golden Ribbon Award! It took a lot of time and work (5 years) to get this. Our school site council worked tirelessly to help make it happen. May 5th is the ceremony. We have done a lot with our "Green Team" working on making it more student run and more educational, and will go out for the "Green Ribbon" award in the future. We are one of 772 schools that have received this. 9 are in Marin, 3 are in San Rafael City School. Blue Ribbon is national and we already have it.

State testing is starting next week for 5th grade, 4th grade the week after that, and 3rd grade the week after that. No other testing currently planned.

Our Site Council is made up of Teachers and Parents. They work on safety plans, approve job shares, etc. Every decision that goes through the District has to go through our Site Council first. We will have two open seats on this council for next year. Requires: 2 monthly meetings, field trips sometimes, etc.

Teacher's report – Adam Treewater:

Grade level highlights -

Kindergarten - had a Windrush Farms field trip, Wildcare next. A Kindergarten Teacher, Mrs. Rogers gave her iPads to the other K classes so they each have 6 and can use them for centers. Thanks Mrs. Rogers!

1st Grade - Marine Mammal Center field trip coming soon.

2nd Grade - Heritage Reports are underway, Oakland Zoo field trip coming soon.

3rd Grade - iTeams working on bird nest building, and had a mosquito man came out.

4rd Grade - had a Oakland Museum field trip (gold panning), Wax Museum field trip soon.

5th Grade - Ben Franklin actor coming for an educational visit.

Volunteer Tea was great! 1st Grade put it on.

Standing Desk presentation yesterday. Speakers were convincing that it's the way to go. Lots of stats that were hard to argue a negative. Next step is visiting Vallecito Elementary School to see standing desks in action. After that, we'd create a Donor's Choose page. Cost is about \$7K per class. They recommend the whole class go all in at once, instead of spreading a few desks around each class. Desks can have wheels, so they can be reorganized. They say after 6 weeks the kids adjust to the desks. Stat is kids sit for 11 hours a day right now! Technology is not going away, so standing desks help them get up

and stay focused. Chairs are made to be stacked right now and not to be comfortable for us. Desks can adjust for each kid. Treewater is pretty sure his class will be moving forward with it. Takes 3 to 6 months typically to get them funded through Donor's Choose. More info to come...

VP Updates:

John Dasher- Kids Thrive is at 81% of goal, \$154K+ to date. We are going to target specific families that have not participated. 65% participation right now. Participation is up but donation amount is down.

Suzanne Maloney- Auction: some people were upset we didn't have it at Peacock, but we saved \$12K having it at Embassy Suites. Thanks to everyone that supported the Auction! Goal is to make everyone feel like they want to come and be a part of it. John Dasher: "If Peacock expresses being a good neighbor then maybe we'll go back."

Upcoming Events...

Karen Russillo- Daughter Dance: It's completely funded by GSF. DJ FizNik Rick playing again. Open to everyone who has a daughter. Photo booth and desserts too.

Tami McCall spoke on behalf of Kathryn Elia regarding Son Fun Night: DJ coming, Coach Jim running games, food trucks on site. Outside fun for everyone with boys!

John Rooney- 1st Annual Mom's Wine Limo Tour! Bus is set to arrive at Glenwood on May 7th at 10am, they'll visit 3 wineries, while enjoying champagne and snacks on the bus! Tickets are \$125. If we don't have all 25 spots sold then we'll have to postpone or cancel (will make a decision this Saturday).
UPDATE: Event has been cancelled. May look to reschedule for the fall.

Master Facilities Plan Update!!! Glenwood is going to get our new MPR in Year 3 of the Master Facilities Plan (2017-2018 school year). There are going to be design meetings with the architects, and parents & staff are encouraged to attend. We're going to push for a gym. Then it could be rented out and make some money for the district. Michael Mink: "I want the record to show a sincere thanks to everyone who helped make it happen...Kim, John, Sarah, Ramina, and TAMI!!! Lots of Glenwood people helped pull it off!!!" The April 18th District Meeting was mostly Glenwood people. We're getting about \$3.6 Million! We will continue to go to the District Meetings! Huge victory for us! John Dasher: "Mike was a huge part of this too and needs to be recognized!" *lots of clapping*

Board nominations are happening at our May meeting. Several positions to fill, and we've had some interest expressed (Will and Jaelyn!) John Rooney is in for Dad's Club next year. If you know anyone, or have a close friend, it would be great to send them our way. Everything is technically available each year. They do have to be a member thought to join the Board. Induction process: attend two consecutive meetings and made a donation to the GSF. Then we vote on them. About page on our website shows the "org chart" and all the positions that we need volunteers for.

New Business:

Kim Goodhope: "Glenwood Beautification" team. We need a committee to finalize our plans and order items.

Anyone who needs to register for Kindergarten needs to register ASAP if they want to attend Glenwood. We currently have 3 full classrooms now and may have a 4th.

Michael Mink: Bob Marcucci is coming to our next meeting on May 11th to talk about Davidson. We should get pizza for that meeting.

Suzanne Maloney: GSF is funding Mr. Treewater's party for winning the Auction Raffle Sales.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Tami McCall, substituting for Sondra Lewis