

GSF General Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2016

Called to order: By Michael Mink 7:02 p.m.

Present: Michael Mink, John Dasher, Jaclyn Guelfi, Karen Russillo, Suzanne Maloney, Erica Smith, Leslie Capinpin, Stephen Roth, Sarah Brewer, Jennifer Klesius, Caroline Jensen, Tami McCall, Ramina Winton, Wilhelm Klesius, Adam Treewater, Sondra Lewis

Approval of May meeting minutes: – Karen Russillo moved to approve, Suzanne Maloney seconds. Minutes approved.

No new members to induct.

Principal's Report: A representative from Jared Huffman's office stopped by to congratulate Glenwood for winning the Golden Ribbon. It is currently in our window.

We are at an amazing end of the year. 5th grade graduation is tomorrow. For anyone who doesn't know, the 4th grade (parents) organize this whole event for the 5th graders. I am proposing something to add to budget – a grant from Whole Foods and the American Heart Association, called America Cooks with Heart. We did a trial run of this this year with our 4th graders. Chefs are sent out for a 4 week course, which is designed to promote healthy cooking. The kids prepare pre-designed recipes, overseen by the chef and utilizing parent volunteers. The students really enjoyed it. The grant has now ended, so we would now have to pay for the sessions. It is around \$5,000 for the year. If we pay for it, we wouldn't do the Jump Rope for Heart, which is their fundraiser. The teachers are hoping they can continue it in their curriculum for 4th grade. They brought in all the cooking utensils and the ingredients. Decision was made to table this and bring it to a vote at the September GSF meeting. Consideration given to bringing in Cindy Ho, the parent who organized it this year, and perhaps one of the chefs. We can develop a budget that includes this program and one that does not.

Teacher Liaison - Adam Treewater – The kindergarten classes had their moving-on ceremony today. Steve Riley fixed up the garden area and it looks great. 1st grade wants to thank GSF for quick turnaround in reimbursements. 2nd grade went to the Oakland Zoo. They had "zoo school" for the first part of the day and then wandered the zoo for the second part. 4th grades went to Sacramento. Senate was in session. 5th grade graduation is tomorrow and staff vs. 5th grade softball game was today. Standing desks – still working on these. I will be posting on Donors Choose. The stipulation is that it has to be funded in whole in order for it to be funded, and it's \$11,000. Big thank you from all the teachers for all the continued support. Per President Mink, this request should come from Ms. A.

Michael Mink thanks Adam for being a great teacher liaison this year, and happy to report that he will be returning next year to this position.

VP Updates:

Karen Russillo – Review of the proposed budget for 2016-2017 school year. As it is just a proposal at this point, some adjustments could be made over the summer. Final budget will be approved by the GSF membership at the meeting in September. If you are involved in any of the programs and have

questions about your budgeted amount, let her know. The budget this coming year looks much like the one for this past year. We now are budgeting \$135k for family parent contributions, \$170k total for Kids Thrive (down from \$190k for this year). That target might have been too aggressive. We have made up the extra \$20k by increasing the amount for the auction by \$10k and reducing the amount we spent on the auction by \$10k. We aren't making many changes in other areas. Note at the bottom of last page - \$13,150 for Special Purchases. This is paddle raise money that will be used for campus beautification projects as determined by a special committee. We try to make our net budget equal zero. We have a few last-minute expenses tricking in. Once we have closed it we will post it on the website.

President's Report – Michael Mink:

Our last agenda item – the Board for next year.

Nominees:

President – John Dasher

VP Fundraising – Suzanne Maloney, Nicole Klock

Secretary/ Parliamentarian – Sondra Lewis

VP Finance – Karen Russillo, Stephen Roth

VP Communication – Sarah Brewer

Community Building – Tami Mc Call, Jaclyn Guelfi

School Programs – Wilhelm Klesius

Mink – I move to vote on the slate of nominees as announced.

Caroline moves, Kim Goodhope seconds. All in favor, no opposed. Congratulations to the new Board! Term begins on August 1.

Mink – there is an offsite for the Board in August. Last year we held it at McNears Beach. The goal is to talk about goals for the year.

We do still have some open volunteer spots, such as heading up the Read-a-Thon, Book Fair, and some others.

Caroline Jensen – I want to acknowledge those who are leaving the Board – and to those who stepped in and made seamless transitions.

John Dasher – We want to especially recognize Mike Mink. He has been inspirational, is constantly involved in GSF and is always trying to make the school better for the kids. His leadership is a true inspiration and he deserves special recognition. The school is a better place for all you have done. We will miss your wisdom.

Mink – I have loved the school and the organization. John will do an amazing job as President.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Sondra Lewis, Secretary