

GSF Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2015

Called to Order: 7:05 p.m. by Michael Mink

Present: Michael Mink, Wilhelm Klesius, John Dasher, John Rooney, Karen Russillo, Adam Treewater, Caroline Jensen, Erica Smith, Sarah Brewer, Michelle Pignati, Amy Marrino, Yvette den Held, Nicole Cibellis-Andrews, Sondra Lewis

Approval of October Meeting Minutes – Caroline Jensen moved to approve, Karen Russillo seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Induction of New Members – Sondra Lewis welcomed Will Klesius and Nicole Cibellis-Andrews into GSF membership.

Principal's report – Kim Goodhope:

Golden Ribbon – We are applying for a Golden Ribbon award, which is recognition of California schools from the state. We are currently a Blue Ribbon school and Gold Ribbon is the next designation. The application is due on November 20 and, if awarded, will be announced in January.

District Funds – The district is looking at \$400,000 for low socioeconomic status as well as English learners. **(WHERE DOES THIS MONEY GO?)** We are currently trying to revert the instructional assistant costs back to district office.

Master facilities planning will start now that Measures A and B have passed. Site leadership team and teachers and parents will be asked to participate in the project. Want to push for MPR renovation.

IAS – Ericka Guagenti and Tami McCall are doing a great job and getting rave reviews from the teachers. We likely will be looking for another Instructional Assistant in January if anyone knows of someone who might be interested.

Professional development days – Next scheduled date is Monday, November 30. There will be no school that day, and the teachers will be receiving instruction on Common Core.

Google Summit – A representative from each grade level went to the Google Summit on Education at Tam HS. Instruction was given on how to use Google products (Docs, Forms, and how to use Chromebook). Great ideas to take directly back to the classrooms.

Mix it Up Monday (which was actually Tuesday) – Kids were seated according to their birthdays and were provided conversation starters prompted by “would you rather.” The kids’ responses were great. The plan is to do this once per month.

PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) meeting - Scheduled for December 9. Parents are invited to discuss the LCAP, which is how we are funded.

Outdoor Ed – The 5th graders just got back from Walker Creek and it was great. We came in under budget at \$15,150.10. We have collected \$9640.00 from the parents.

VP Updates

Treasurer's Report - Karen Russillo presented YTD P&L as of 10/31/15. Kids Thrive - With corporate matches, checks and credit cards that have been collected, we have just under \$65,000. Bocce Ball was last big fundraiser, bringing in \$7,300. We net approximately \$5,500 from the event after expenses. The Birthday Books program has brought in over \$2000 for the school library. Total income so far is \$66,000. Scrip is negative because we have inventory. No big expenses to report. Overall net operating income is negative \$32,000, which is normal for this time of the year.

Fundraising - John Dasher reported that for Kids Thrive we are at 57% of our goal and \$6,000 over where we were last year. Special thank you going out to parents in Erlich, Davies, Reed, Bordley and Osorio classes. A third hard copy letter is going home in hip pockets tomorrow with another request for donations. We are hoping for an uptick in December. Will publically thank donors in December. If you haven't given yet and want to see your name there, do it now. We are in pretty good shape overall.

The Bocce event was held on October 24 and was a big success, in part due to streamlining the event. All alcohol was donated – huge thanks go out to Noelle Haley, Steve Franchetti, and Cheryl Riley. The event net \$5,680. Ciao Bella team won again. Best dressed was Sons of Bocces, with honorable mention to the Chewboccies. Bocce Girls who run the event should also get special thanks – Becca Mink, Rebecca Cowlin, Adrienne Collet, and Sara Mullen who have run it the past few years. This event is now being handed over to Jane Kurz and Kristi Gamble. We would love in upcoming years to get more people to come out as spectators because it is a fun event and we make money from spectator purchases of food and drinks.

The Read-a-Thon is a huge fundraiser. It is going to start next Monday at morning gathering. We have revised the format this year. Last year the focus was on counting pages or number of books read, which was how sponsors and pledges were based. This year instead of books or pages read, the kids will be counting the time spent reading. The idea that kids will feel it's an even playing field. Instead of prizes to the best readers or most pages read, there will be prizes for those who read each day. We want to encourage kids to keep reading over the holidays. There will be many prizes and class parties for the best participation. We want to strive for 100% participation. Last year the Read-a-Thon brought in \$12,000. Kids can visit the library during first recess on Mondays and Wednesdays to replenish their book supplies, and there will be some cross-promotion between the Read-a-thon and the Used Book Sale. Raz Kids reading also counts. The plan is for teachers to not give out reading logs during that time, but the kids will log their reading on the Read-a-Thon form.

School Programs - Erica Smith reported that the Thanksgiving Food drive started Monday. Between November 9-20, there will be big tables in MPR in food service section and kids are encouraged to bring in non-perishables. Cash donations should go to the office. Classroom liaisons will communicate to the parents. Janet Ryan and Jo Pocock will write blast to go out to parents.

Kim Goodhope reported that some deliveries were made last year. The food stays local to this community. In addition, Kim and Tami McCall will be running the Toy Drive. Parents will be contacted for recommendations for toys the kids would like. It's all done anonymously to make sure privacy is maintained. This is also kept in the Glenwood community.

Dad's Club – John Rooney reports that most recently we put up the new basketball backboards and nets, all through GSF dollars. Special thanks go out to Brian Nute, Mauro Alencar, Nick Guelfi, Allan Jensen, Chance Thorpe, Dwight Paulsey, and Jake Thompson

for all of their work getting them constructed. The other item for consideration is fixing the twisted backboard on 1st and 2nd grade playground. Mike reports that this will likely be in the PE budget so if we want to do it, this would be easy to do not expensive and not as much a hassle to install. Considering putting this off until next year as it isn't seen as a priority, or at until after El Nino.

John Rooney also noted that the Poker Night is Saturday. We have a Full House. Hoping to get around 60 people and we are at 50. Have pro poker tables and pro dealers. We will also be going for additional funds when they come in the door with purchases at the cigar bar, blackjack table, and a 50/50 raffle, which is \$10 for a ticket and at the end of the night, half goes to a lucky winner and the other half goes to the school. We are hoping for around \$3000 for GSF. Future events include glowball in early spring, a mom appreciation event, and possibly another poker night in the spring (possibly 3/19). We also have a Facebook page – like us on Glenwood Dad's Club.

Teacher Liaison – Adam Treewater reported that for School Programs, Nico Van Exel is heading up classroom community projects. Each grade level will pick a project and a parent from each class will head it up. As an example, the 2nd grade has a heroes unit so we will go to Guide Dogs for the Blind and may have someone come visit. We are also establishing something called Restorative Practice, which is a tribe/circle feel for the class and has a focus on how to make people feel more included, how kids communicate, and how teachers communicate. More trainings to come on this concept. It has been implemented at Davidson. There are some upcoming field trips to report, including the 2nd graders going to the City of San Rafael to learn about government, the kindergartens going to the Nutcracker, 1st graders to the Planetarium, 3rd to Lawrence Hall of Science, and 4th to Cline Mission Model Museum.

New Business - Michael Mink

Community Building – Caroline Jensen reported that a gratitude lunch will be held for the teachers on November 18. An email should have been sent by the liaisons announcing it and requesting assistance. Tami McCall has proposed a new event – caroling on Knight Drive. It would be a non-religious winter theme. We could provide hot cocoa in the parking lot followed by the singing. December is hard to schedule but we were thinking Thursday, December 10 for an hour or so. We are considering sending something out to check interest in this idea.

Schoola - Amy Marrino reported that they are going to do a pick-up tomorrow. We have about 60 big bags full of clothing, and they will do another pick up on Thursday. There is a link on the site to see how much money is coming in. It is doing better than anticipated.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. by Michael Mink

Submitted by Sondra Lewis, Secretary