

## GSF Meeting Minutes

**February 10, 2016**

**Called to order: 7:05 p.m.**

**Present:** Laura Berta, Nicole Cibellis, Caroline Jensen, Brad Wong, Amy Marrino, John Rooney, Michelle Pignati, Ramina Winton, Tami McCall, Erica Smith, John Dasher, Andrea Small, Suzanne Maloney, Michael Mink, Karen Russillo, Kim Goodhope, Adam Treewater, Kate Siegel, Julia Wong, Sarah Brewer, Wilhelm Klesius, Camille Williams, Sondra Lewis

**Retirement and thank you note – Michael Mink:** Before we get to approval of minutes, we have a thank you note – from Maria Orendorff, we will miss her as she is retiring.

**Approval of January meeting minutes:** Brad Wong moved to approve, Suzanne Maloney seconds. Minutes approved.

**No new members to induct.**

### Principal's Report – Kim Goodhope:

Global Play Day – Was held on February 3 and was a success. It was amazing to get to interact with the kids. Varied activities in all the classrooms, including games, arts and crafts, collections, hair styling, dolls, stuffed animals, forts, dancing. The teachers loved it as well, as they got to see things in the kids they don't usually get to see. Each teacher received a checklist about behaviors of 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. They checked off behaviors they observed – regulating emotions, positive motivation, grit and motivation, respecting others, listening skills, determining how others feel, interpersonal conflict, cooperative learning, giving help to those who need it, being assertive and persuasive. Now that they have this input, they will have some additional info for conference week. After the meeting was over, they shared the positives and ideas for the future. Opportunities for changes in future play days were noted, such as encouraging children to play with children they don't normally interact with. One notable child quote from the day was "Best day ever!" 80 of 91 said totally loved, 9 said somewhat enjoyed it, and only 2 said they didn't like it. Ideas for the future for play day included making it a "global theme" – looking at play around the world. Some parents not sure how it relates to Common Core so those connections should be noted, and some parents and children may need more assistance on how to pick out toys to bring.

Tenured teachers – Natalie Corsini, Leslie Weis, Rachel Erlich and Michelle Woodbury are newly tenured by SRCS.

Golden Bell - The recipient is Tanya Osorio for her contributions and amazing teaching.

Gold Ribbon Designation – The Site Council went out and wrote our application for Gold Ribbon and we got word we are moving to the next level. We will be recognized for our music, art, and intervention programs if we receive it. This designation comes from the California Department of Education.

Teacher Liaison – Adam Treewater - 5<sup>th</sup> graders are participating in Colonial Day this Friday and all parents are invited. GSF purchased a stand up desk for me and it is working out great. I am looking into getting more. The only classes not ready for these desks are the kindergarten classes. The teachers will

be piloting an online math program similar to RazKids. America Cooks with Heart is here in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms for four cooking classes, once per week. Whole Foods has donated a blender to the teachers' lounge. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders went to Guide Dogs for the Blind. The Green Team had a field trip downtown which was successful.

### **Presidents Report – Michael Mink:**

#### **Measures A and B –**

The issue:

The SRCS Board meeting regarding the Master Facilities Plan was a month ago. It was an initial presentation from the architect and included a proposal about the timeline. This took Glenwood by surprise because it had Glenwood at the end of the line for facilities upgrades (the Multi-Purpose Room, starting in year 2022). We contacted the Board and Dr. Watenpaugh and we went and expressed our concerns about the timeline. This is all public info and was on the website. The original plan was for \$24M worth of work, which we knew we wouldn't get all at once, and there would likely need to be another bond in probably another 5 years. \$108M was allocated for middle and high schools. Trying to allocate the money is quite a task; Venetia Valley and Davidson need a lot of work, and there are total rebuilds needed at Short and Laurel Dell schools. We were hoping to get \$12M in the initial phase. Most concerning though was timeline as it was pushed out until 2022 and that was for the MP room only. We were also told that they don't expect enrollment to go up much, which we have concerns with for a variety of reasons. The purpose for our meeting tonight is to hear from parents and to determine how to hear from our broader community so we can be united in our efforts to express to the Board our opinion on the proposal as it is laid out currently and the revisions we would hope they would make to suit our needs.

General comments about the proposal:

- Glenwood is scheduled to get \$3.3 M out of that \$108M which, in terms of equity (one of their guiding principles) doesn't seem balanced
- We need to determine what will benefit the most kids, and this will help us to frame our presentation.
- One issue at the Board meeting was sustainability and how many people are available to do the projects and that something else would have to be put on hold if our work was done first.
- The process is a lot about timing. They have to submit to the state the architect who approves all of this and it probably won't come out until early summer. If they don't do it now they won't be able to do it in the time frame they want. The second issue is that they have to get it in and have a firm commitment on what they are going to do before they float the bond and they have to float the bond this month. The shape of what they are thinking isn't open for a lot of discussion because they need to have it done fast.
- In discussing enrollment, the Board projects we will go from 4 kindergartens to 3. They don't see this as an immediate need. They feel we are starting to flatten out.
- Part of the vision is more community-based schools so bussing kids in isn't an ideal scenario; in other words, kids who live nearer Bahia Vista would go there rather than be bussed here.
- The Board realizes there's a good community of parent volunteers here. If we have to go out for another bond in 5 years, these people will not be voting for this next time.

- This bond is not going to be the silver bullet that is going to fix the schools problems (i.e. Venetia Valley) – more is needed to make parents who live nearer other schools want to send their children to those other schools vs. Glenwood.

Advantages of advocating for a new MPR with a more immediate work start date:

- The MPR is the greatest desire of the teachers. A big concern is whether there will be money left in 2022 when ground is broken.
- The Board can ensure they are using the right contractors for the bigger projects if they start with our MPR
- Our MPR has never been renovated and it is too small. If parity is important to the Board, they should consider that all the other schools have or will have MPRs that fit the entire student population.
- Lack of large enough MPR means that our kids are sitting on gravel every morning for the morning gathering with a substandard sound system.
- Without a larger MPR, we can't have the same type of meetings, or talent Shows, or other types of gatherings we might want and need to have.
- Lack of an MPR impacts rainy-day lunchtimes, as, the kids are stuck in the classrooms with the teachers. This creates safety issues and concerns with allergens. When it rains, the kids go to the MPR for and they are playing non PE games during PE because there's no room for PE games in the MPR.
- Eating outside attracts bees and the children were terrified
- Eating outside means children with allergies who have a reaction may not be noticed and assisted as quickly because people (and volunteers) are more spread out
- Lack of an MPR means we had to turn away families for parent-child dance due to lack of space.
- Parents/members of our community who voted expected changes to happen while their kids were still at the school, not in year 2022.

The plan going forward:

- The consensus is that we are going for the MPR and we want it moved up and we have compelling reasons. The kindergarten rooms are not a top priority. This is a political issue and we need to mount a campaign so that the Glenwood community gets its fair share.
- We need to have a strong showing at the next Board meeting.
- The messages that Sarah has been sending out have been great. This is the time to use the classroom liaisons to generate support.
- We need to show up at the meeting and speak for the 5 minutes but we also need to decide what we need to do between the meetings to maintain momentum.
- We also have to explain merits on why the timing needs to be moved up. Why should Glenwood go first? We need to make sure our messaging is engaging.
- Our GSF Board will discuss how to put this forth.

**New business – Camille Williams (parent of Sarah Williams-Govorchin, 4<sup>th</sup> grader)**

Discussion of diversity and how to further promote this at Glenwood. February is Black History Month. Every year, Sarah has given a voluntary black history report. She has noticed over the years she is the only one doing this kind of report. Kim offered extra credit to Sarah for doing this report and we would

like to see more kids doing this. I am proposing that kids be allowed to research on diverse individuals and subjects and be allowed extra credit by their teachers for doing this kind of report. We also want to propose having a display in the MPR and having interactive games with prizes. Also, because there are other cultures that people are proud of and want to share, we could have a lunchtime or after school “culture club” to discuss the cultures. I would like the GSF to think about this. There are many examples of diversity in our current and past culture that could be highlighted, and in pop culture. The display could highlight some of these, including a mystery game called Top Secret that requires a “hunt” through various countries and cultures, the Buffalo Soldiers at Yosemite, Zendaya as KC Undercover on the Disney Channel, and other actresses, inventors and other notable historic figures who represent other cultures.

Kim Goodhope – These all sound like great ideas and we would like to discuss a written proposal to the board. Some of the ideas would also involve the teachers. The funding is simple and once we have a proposal, it could be built into the budget automatically.

**Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.**

Submitted by Sondra Lewis, Secretary