

## **GSF 2/9/18 Parent Forum Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Tami McCall, Kyri McClellan, Cielo Kirk, Kathryn Elia, Jaclyn Guelfi, Shannon Myers, Kim Goodhope, Kelly Somer, Heather Woollen, Keala Landry, Heather Moore, Rebecca Lapins, Allison Rabb, Ashley Walter, Adam Treewater, Cristelle Blumin, Leslie Capinpin, Kathy Brown, Gina Hagen, Katie Pohl, and Fatai Tokolahi (21 people)

### **Welcome @ 9:11 am**

(Kyri McClellan) Welcome/Intro. We're going to discuss our budget; where we spend our resources. There are so many fundraising efforts at this school that raise money for us. Everyone with a kid here at Glenwood is a stakeholder in our GSF organization. We want to make sure we spend the money we raise on things we all want included at Glenwood. Expenditures are inline and we are in good financial shape. Our total expenses are \$331,738 this year and  $\frac{2}{3}$  of that are encore teachers.

(Kim Goodhope) We have a Kindie Intervention Specialist that pulls from all 3 Kindie classes. We also have a 3rd-5th Intervention Specialist that pulls kids for extra help. These positions are funded by the GSF. Special Ed Teachers are funded by the District.

(Kyri McClellan) There are some changes coming down the line. Our Science Teacher Mrs. Price is retiring at the end of the year. Her departure at the end of the year gives us the opportunity to decide if we want to hire another Science Teacher or possibly include another "subject" (maker-space, language, mindfulness yoga, etc.). We could also not rehire and not have a fifth encore (would save money). We have contracts with all of the encore consultants, they are not employees.

(Kim Goodhope) We will need to all work together to decide what to do. Your child is getting science in the classroom, but Mrs. Price focused more on the hands-on/messy experiments.

(Kyri McClellan) GSF provides basic school supplies and pays for all of the field trips for all of the kids (only covers about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the 5th Grade Outdoor Ed costs). GSF also covers all the basic school operating expenses.

(Kim Goodhope) Teachers get a budget from the GSF and a budget from the District. It is enough for what their needs are.

(Kyri McClellan) Considering a budget line item "mini-grants" for things outside of the normal budget needs.

(Katie Pohl) Heads Up has mini-grants too.

(Cielo Kirk) Would like to have a Family Night in place of a Son Fun Night and Daughter Night. Idea for the future...

(Kyri McClellan) GSF covers the grade level experiences, has a technology fund, and pays for the GSF operating expenses. All of these items discussed cost \$331,738. We have almost one year's reserves. Organization is in good financial health! Thrive raises about \$175,000 and the Auction goal this year is \$136,000 (usually nets about \$100,000). Other fundraising events raise about \$36,000. The Bocce event will be changing since the Bocce facility is under new leadership. We need to take a real honest look at events we have always had and see what makes sense to still have and maybe some new ideas that could engage more/new families. Consider "what are some of the barriers to participation?" We can/should put our resources to good use.

(Kyri McClellan) MPR should be starting later this Spring; being built with Measures A & B bond money.

(Kim Goodhope) MPR would be able to be rented out but the money would go to the District. District would also cover costs of repairs. We will be repurposing our current MPR room.

(Kyri McClellan) It is helpful for us to understand what brought new people to the meeting. How do we get new people more involved?

(Gina Hagen) Helping with PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) this year. Discussing how we get community buy-in at school. In order to have a stronger sense of community buy-in, we need to create a bridge with everyone from different backgrounds.

(Kyri McClellan) There will not be a single strategy that gets people to participate. We have discussions at our meetings about how to create opportunities to be involved (in the classrooms and financially). One of the suggestions has been have a paid part time Volunteer Coordinator that works with each family to see how they can be involved at Glenwood. Another idea is leveraging the Room Parents. What we have seen is that people participate more when they are personally "invited". We have discussed having a buddy family (especially for Kindergarten). Part of it will be finding volunteers.

(Kim Goodhope) Our Kindie Potluck was amazing. We have talked about doing a potluck for each grade level. We have a lot of new people that need to be pulled in and get to know each other.

(Heather Moore) I prefer the morning meeting time. I think Thrive is great about making everyone feel like they can be involved by making any donation amount. At the

beginning of the year we should “train parents” that they need to participate and give them the opportunities and expectations.

(Ashley Walter) Discussed the work our Parent Focus Group is doing to try and figure out ways to engage new/more families. They are working on a document that will be included in the “Welcome to Glenwood” folder for new incoming families.

(Kyri McClellan) Considering having a larger Thrive team, maybe one person per grade level. Shorten the time frame and raise the suggested donation amount to \$750.

(Gina Hagen) I think our messaging has been very positive and Kyri has done an excellent job of thanking people for their help.

(Kyri McClellan) We will find a time to have another morning Parent Forum before the end of the year. Before then we will have a meeting that is focused on these parent participation strategies. We have to hit people in 10 different ways to get the message across. We have a suggestion box for people to put their ideas in for the encore position. We will also ask the School Site Council for their recommendations about the best use for the encore position. We will want to make sure we are meeting all the Common Core Standards.

(Kim Goodhope) CDE website has links for everything.

March Agenda: discuss who wants to stay on the Board next year.

#### NEXT MEETINGS:

March 14th

April 18th (3rd wed as the 2nd wed is during spring break)

May 9th (we may change this and make it later for a combined May/June meeting).

**Board Meeting ended @ 10:20am**