

Glacier Hills Elementary
Booster Club/Site Council Meeting Notes
October 3, 2016

Members in attendance: Scott Thomas, Alyssa Bartosh, Mike Wagner, Stephanie Foley, Ambuja Goswami, Miranda Noll, Talia Campbell, Janelle Wodelle, Alissa Clark, Jessica Kottke, Ginny Bendickson, Deena Laugan, Rashelle Redmon, Anita Pagey, Angie Cameron and Vanessa Utell

Members not in attendance: Cindy Johnson, Emma Holmblad, Tony Sobaskie, Ann Berg

We also had two parent visitors – Andrea Seitz and Jenny Kasper

Parent's Forum

1. We discussed the email sent out by the district with regards to the stranger in the area approaching children. Mr. Thomas let us know that those types of emails are requested to be sent out immediately by the district after the police have investigated and considered it to be legitimate and have asked the district to notify families.
2. Mr. Thomas also discussed the 5 lockdown drills that the school is required to do throughout the year.

Principal's Report

1. The school's driveway will be repaired very soon – hopefully this week.
2. The school's website will be going through an overhaul in the near future. Right now there are district-wide protocols that will need to be followed. The district is currently testing out a new website format and student information system. Once those tests have been completed, a redesign of our own website will take place. The district is down to the final 4 vendors for this and they hope to have a decision soon. Since we want our website to follow these upcoming protocols and mesh with the new system, our redesign will happen after that, hopefully by the new year.
3. Conferences are coming up early next month. Sign-ups will go up on the website next week.
4. Reward Status – the state of MN has decided to discontinue the current form of reward status for schools. They are planning to do something different but we aren't sure what that is yet. So, if our school does not receive reward status this year, it is because the state ended that program and not because of our school.
5. No school this Friday for staff development day. Staff will be doing professional development around guided reading groups and a new app called Seesaw for teachers to use to keep parents informed and in touch with what is going on in the classroom.

Old Business - None

New Business

Election of a new chair for the Site Council and Booster Club took place. After discussion, Jessica Kottke was selected and will begin her duties right away.

Updates

1. Financial Update - Miranda

- a. There was \$28,900 check that went out this month. That was the check to Glacier Hills to be split among the grade levels and specialists for their use. There was also a \$30K check that went out last month and that was used to buy the new computers and new security camera. This new camera is being installed this week.
- b. The finance report will change a bit because Miranda just transferred \$9,000 over from paypal from the Husky Hustle donations and also has a few more donation checks to deposit.
- c. Our nonprofit 990 tax form is due Nov. 15. This form needs to be completed by a CPA and the firm that has completed it for us in the past has had their services paid for by an anonymous donation. We do not have that donation this year, so Miranda asked the Council for approval to pay their \$900 fee. Approval for these funds was motioned by Talia and seconded by Deena and then was passed unanimously.

2. Volunteer Coordinator's Update - Janelle

- a. Volunteer of the Month is Kerry Bullen (she helped in the STEAM room).
- b. New science shirt order forms will be coming out next week with the same logo but some additional color options.
- c. Sign-up for the teacher dinner for conferences in November will be coming out soon.

3. Parent Leader Update – Ambuja

- a. The district is up 388 students from the end of last year.
- b. The next 2 years of school calendars were approved and there is only one week for winter break both of those years.
- c. There was a bond update from Mark Parr. They discussed parking lot situations at the schools.
- d. There is an electronic sign-in system in place now for visitors to the middle and high schools in the district.
- e. They discussed the new school. They are working on attendance reconfiguration right now and hope to have that done by Nov. 14. They will then hire a principal by the end of December and around March start hiring teachers. They are still not certain on the name of the new school. The reconfiguration will not affect our students at Glacier Hills, but it could affect teachers throughout the district depending on how many decide to teach at the new school.

4. Husky Hustle Update – Jenny Kasper

- a. The Husky Hustle was a huge success. We made \$30, 130, with the net profit still to be determined.
- b. 357 students donated this year, up from 300 last year.
- c. There were about the same number of racers as last year, 510 racers and 40 volunteers.
- d. \$9,000 of the donations came in online
- e. Teacher encouragement really helped with participation this year.
- f. The “vintage” t-shirt table earned \$50 and cleared out some stock.
- g. Prizes are being handed out to students this week and pizza parties for classrooms are happening this week. The duct taping of teachers will likely happen the Wednesday prior to MEA.

5. Carnival Update – Jessica and Miranda

- a. Jessica Kottke and Miranda Noll are co-chairing the carnival this year.
- b. The goal is to have information about the carnival out in November and then really ramp up after winter break.

6. School Supply Update – Anita

none

7. Square 1 Art Update – Alissa

Forms for fall have been sent out and they are due at the end of this week and will be accepted through Oct. 10. Artwork and order forms are due mid-November and final products should be in mid-December to go out to kids prior to break.

8. Script Cards – Jessica

Turning script card duties over from Jessica Kottke to Jenny Kasper

9. Fall Dance - Jessica

- a. It is scheduled for October 28th.
- b. Jessica asked for a \$750 budget. This request was motioned by Talia and seconded by Alissa. It passed unanimously.

Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who planned Skateville, who planned and helped with the Husky Hustle and who volunteered in the lunchroom the first two weeks of school.

Thank you to Scott and Alyssa during School Administrators week for all that they do to make our school the great place that it is for our kids.