

**Glacier Hills Elementary
Booster Club/Site Council Meeting Notes**

March 6th 2017, 6:30pm

Members in attendance: Scott Thomas, Stephanie Foley, Vanessa Utell, Deena Laugen, Miranda Noll, Talia Campbell, Janelle Wodele, Alissa Clark, Jessica Kottke, Ginny Bendickson, Rashelle Redmon, Anita Pagey,

Parent's Forum

No parent visitors

Old Business

None

New Business

1. District 196's Celebration for Multilingualism/Scott T.

All booster clubs in the district are requested to donate \$75 to be used towards meals for attendees.

During the discussion Talia raised the question that if this event was to be an annually recurring event, shouldn't the district allocate some money for it?

Motion to donate 75\$ to Celebration for Multilingualism moved by Talia C.

Seconded by Alissa C.

Motion passed unanimously

2. Designation for carnival fundraiser profit/Miranda N. & Jessica K.

The money needs to be spent on something that benefits all students. There is always need for technology *or* the money could be used for fields trips, art residencies. Vanessa U. shared ideas for music proposals with \$ amounts.

An art residency could result in a student performance so parents can see the benefits of the funds raised. This can tie in to get more kids to perform during cultural night. This designation would be a nice extension to kids' to art exposure. Parents often ask about it during school tours. These field trips and/or art residency will demonstrate our focus on arts. Adding "all of this was funded by the carnival fundraiser" on permission slip will make parents aware of the outcome of this fundraising event.

The focus can be art this year, and technology next year.

Approx. cost of this designation (art & field trips) will range \$12k - 15k.

Motion to designate carnival funds towards art focused field trips/art residency moved by Vanessa U.

Seconded by Deena.

Motion passed unanimously

Updates

1. Financial Update/Miranda N.

No events in February. Taxes are done. Received yearbook money. Miranda is in the process of resolving issues with Amazon Smile (account issues, it seems like the account was flagged by Amazon) and Thomson Reuters (TR has a new charitable giving system and no success yet accessing the administrator). Ginny B. will follow up with TR and help sort this out.

2. Volunteer Report/ Talia C.

Volunteer of the month is Prachi Shah. She will get a Caribou gift card.

Volunteer appreciation will be scheduled in April & Teacher appreciation will be scheduled in May.

3. Booster Club Website/ Janelle & Jessica K.

The website is paid for another school year. To decision to change the platform can be postponed until next year. Blog seems unsustainable and therefore the front page will be made more informational. It could be a list of upcoming events or perhaps tabs for the same. Limited people will get access to update content on the site.

4. Parent Leader Update/Deena

If attending ReImagine Minnesota on 3/8, please use the link shared by Ambuja:

https://docs.google.com/a/apps.district196.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUmb3o2ZoByJiu9b4WEZ8pEOci5jsCKvc-MAI-HN1Uv6y_RQ/viewform?c=0&w=1

5. Carnival Update/ Miranda N. & Jessica K.

Soliciting companies for donations and have contacted about 300 companies. Working on a range of amount to request from the ones who have expressed interest. A letter will be sent out to families asking for monetary donations in Friday folder, this Thursday.

Whole new carnival this time based on learnings from past experiences. Brainstorming is in progress. The plan is to stay out of the hallways, keep everything upstairs and outside. There are outdoor and indoor plans and back-up plan in case of rain.

No theme basket this time for classrooms.

In silent auction there will be grade level art projects, 2 per grade, and each kid will participate in creating these art pieces. Teachers will not be responsible for doing this, instead volunteers will get 2-3 kids out of class at a time to do their part. It'll be timed so as not to cause any disruption during class.

Scott T. requested one piece for the school.

A parent is donating some original art for the auction (Katie Pearson)

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Not sure how to pull off the wine raffle. Concern about using (parents') money for alcohol without permission. We could add a "OK to use towards wine purchase" check box to the form requesting donations.

6. Yearbook/ Alissa C.

About 400 ordered so far. The office orders 20 extra. Alissa will be meeting with teachers to discuss ideas for the extra 5th grade pages.

7. Square 1 Art

Not doing this Spring.

Principal's Report

Staff development day this Friday. During this time teachers will be looking at 21st Century learning. Not so much technology, but mindset. And try to understand how the school can set itself and the kids apart in these times.

Reimagine MN: GH is partnered with Burnsville-Eagan-Savage. The discussion will be about what education would look like in MN in the future with special focus on integration. Open to all. RSVP via Ambuja's link - GH will get credit.

Capital budget is being submitted (abt 24k). Plan to replace the current lunch room drinking fountain with a drinking fountain that has a water bottle filler and some additional repairs around the building like tiling, replacing sinks, building some walls in some classrooms, repair lunchroom tables etc.

District approved a new lawn tractor replacing our 23 year old tractor.

Recd. Magnet School of Excellence Award (keeping fingers crossed for top 5) - this information has not been shared with teachers yet, will be shared Friday.

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A big thanks to all (Booster Club, Site Council, Volunteers) for all the hard work.

Celebrations

None

Adjournment: 7:37pm