

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

May 22, 2017, 6:30pm

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

Old Business

None

New Business

Discuss taking away recess as a punishment/ Talia C.

Something to think about over summer, it is not a huge concern on parents' part. Taking away recess is not a school policy and not all teachers use this method. This needs to be discussed as staff - What are the norms? What are some alternatives? What can be more effective? Teachers need a diverse toolbox to handle disciplinary issues.

Scott to discuss this with parents.

Request \$ for T-shirts for kids who read all Maude Lovelace Award books/Vanessa U.

The number of books to be read has been reduced to 10 (from 12). We expect more kids to read all 10 books and need additional \$400 (estimate) to cover the cost of the extra T-shirts. This year 44 students completed the program and \$350 was spent on shirts. It was moved and seconded to award \$350 (half of the \$700 requested) to Mrs. Behlmer to help subsidize the cost of the shirts. The motion was approved.

Request \$ for Art Supplies out of Carnival funds/ Ann Berg

Is all the fundraising money from the Carnival only for Art Residency/Art Experience? Can we have some for classroom supplies? It was decided to include this supplies expense within the premise of art experience. "Art experience" could be a field trip or a residency, and supplies. Ms. Utell will work with Grade level teachers to figure out the best use resources for grade level Art experiences.

Water Jugs for school/Talia

Tabled until the next meeting on Sept 11

Updates

Financial Update/Miranda N.

Financially we are doing well. Just need to keep \$5k in reserve at all times.

Carnival Report/ Jessica K.

Very successful financially and otherwise. Carnival funds surpassed the \$15k goal (we raised \$16332). Cash requested in envelopes worked very well. For Carnival related purchases reimbursement worked, but it is not a sustainable model. We have to figure out a better method. Credit/Debit card wouldn't work well when multiple people are involved but will cut down some hassle.

No more gold fishes. We could do gift certificates to get the gold fish.

We need more volunteers and additional chairs (5 committee spots).

Miranda suggested create a set of guidelines & instructions for future Carnival chairs, to help make organizing easier.

What to do with the Magnet School Award Money (\$2500)/Scott T.

Ideas: Celebration with the school. Have a kid friendly DJ in the Gym. Each class gets rotated- goes outside to play afterwards. Outside there could be a snack station, bubbles, chalk - kids out of class all afternoon.

Cool outdoor sculpture in front of the school.

Apple Valley high school band to play for the school - they cost \$150

Playground equipment, balls, jump ropes, etc

Volunteer Report/ Talia C.

The volunteer of the month for May is Dave Brean. We had both teacher and volunteer appreciation week since our last meeting. Track and field days happened and had 18-23 parents helping per grade. Need to figure out ways to engage more parents into volunteering. We need some culturally sensitive input & ideas on how to get people involved. Janelle and Talia will explore possibility of a kindergarten play date with Scott.

Yearbook/ Alissa

Extra yearbook for all grades are in the front office and can be bought until the last day of school.

Deena Laugen to be the Chairperson for the Glacier Hills Site Council & Booster Club for the year 2017-18. New members will be Ella He and Alissa Clark (returning for a second term)

Principal's Report

We feel lucky that we have a Site Council & Booster Club that is so engaged and works so hard. Thank you for being so committed to the school. Over the years there has been increasing closeness and proximity and it just feels better. Its nice to have this group around to consult, ask questions. School works best when we work together. We can navigate external pressures better when we work together.

Thank you to the carnival committee. The direction this year was great, we had a big turnout, and a very successful event.

This year we piloted a program for parents of kindergartners, "How to parent your kindergartner". 60 parents showed up. It was conducted by CE. WE will continue to offer this program from now on.

We are very proud of the Magnet School Award. We are in year 10, still innovating. It all comes down to belief that Art and Science is a thing. It takes talent and experimentation. 10 years of growing and involving different partners (School District and others). The competition was incredible and the schools were great. We have a lot to learn and share with others. It is great to be recognized for the work and effort for the past 10 years. Congratulations to all of you who make it possible.

Thank you!

Celebrations

Mr. Thomas thanked outgoing members Jess and Ambuja for the time and support they have provided to our school and their role in volunteering and chairing committees during their time at Glacier Hills.

Adjournment: 8:15pm