

Glacier Hills Elementary
Booster Club/Site Council Meeting Notes
February 1, 2016

Members in attendance: Scott Thomas, Alissa Clark, Jenica Spoor, Karen Brean, Ambuja, Goswami, Emma Holmblad, Ann Berg, Alyssa Bartosh, Kari Kleven, Janelle Wodelle, Christina Reese, Jessica Kottke, Tony Sobaskie, Mike Wagner

Members not in attendance: Miranda Noll, Cindy Johnson, Dana Wedward, Holly Mujica

We also had a parent visitor – Deena Laugan

New Business

1. **GT/YS/Other Students:** Issue brought up by Kari Kleven about programs for kids not involved in GT/YS like field trips, extra classes, etc. Kids not included in these groups are often feeling left out of opportunities. Christina gave example of 5th grade GT/YS going to Biz Town and how it effected 5th grade band practice and many families schedules that do not have GT/YS kids.

Scott Thomas mentioned that 1.3 million was needing to be cut from programs that included the Young Scholar program. There has been district wide discussion about revamping this program along with the GT program. They are hoping to include more students and give everyone access to enrichment at all levels. The new GT/YS program model is being suggested for K-8. All kids should be seen as have gifts and talents and schools should find ways to enable enrichment for those talents.

Ambuja Goswami is going to bring these concerns up at the next parent leader meeting.

2. **School Start Times:** Scott handed out three sheets to discuss the School Board's proposal to change school start times in our district.
 - a. Handout 1 was a background of school start times and the research done. It also included a list of considerations for changing these times.
 - b. Handout 2 was a chart with sunrise and sunset times throughout the school year broken out by month.
 - c. Handout 3 was a chart listing the current start times along with the three proposed plans for changing start times broken down by school.

Scott asked questions from the School Board for us to discuss and answer

1. What are the earliest and latest start times that you think are reasonable for elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools
 - a. We said 8am and 4:30pm for the elementary and middle schools. No exact time was decided on for high school kids but we discussed how later times for HS would effect after school activities.

- b. We discussed the younger kids needing to not be standing at a bus stop or walking home when it's dark out.
- 2. What are things you think the administration needs to take into consideration?
 - We listed many things including co-curriculars after school, employment after school, older kids needing to take care of younger kids, walkers getting home before dark, more need for morning childcare if school doesn't begin until 9:55.
- 3. A change in school start times would likely mean an increase in transportation costs. Where do you think cuts should be proposed to cover those costs?
 - a. We were all concerned about the cost benefit of changing start times. The research we were given said no academic outcomes have been statistically significant towards letting HS students sleep in.
 - b. Overall, our group seemed to think leaving it the way it is would be best

Updates

1. **Financial Update - Scott**

- a. There were no cuts proposed to transportation or specialists at our school. Scott was very pleased that our magnet school was valued in this way.
- b. There will be trimming to the Young Scholar program

2. **Volunteer Coordinator's Update - Janelle**

- a. Volunteer of the Month is Christine Hagman
- b. The teacher buffet for conferences will be February 9th
- c. 2nd grade won the Label Contest and will get a pizza party with Scott. We brought in over 33,000 labels this year (most ever for our school). Thank you to all the folks that helped cut and count all these labels.
- d. Science T-shirt orders are due Thursday, Feb. 4th. We have 70 orders already!

3. **Parent Leader Update – Ambuja**

They took a tour of Apple Valley High School and got to see their Fab Lab.

4. **Husky Hustle Update – Karen**

- a. There is a new chair for the Husky Hustle Committee next year, Karen Breaan.
- b. There are a group of kids working with Karen to create a fundraising video for the Husky Hustle.

5. **Carnival Update - Jenica**

- a. Save the date – the Carnival will be on April 15th, 5:30-8:30
- b. There will be lots of the same things as last year – inflatables, raffles, cake walk, games, food, etc.
- c. The money raised will go towards our school's art and science focus

- d. The Carnival Committee needs a Communications Chair (create newsletter and emails sent out to promote event), a School Experiences Chair (works with teachers and staff to create experiences to raffle off), and a Game Chair shadow (someone who can learn the ropes this year with current game chair and take over next year).
 - e. The carnival needs some serious volunteer help. Many of the parents involved have 5th and 4th graders and will not be around to run the carnival for much longer. This is a huge money maker for the school, so we need to figure out a way to involve more parents soon.
 - f. A possible Cherry Berry fundraiser was also mentioned.
- 6. School Supply Update – Ambuja**
There is someone lined up to be the new School Supply Coordinator for next year – Anita Pheey
- 7. Square 1 Art Update – Jenica**
- a. There is a new coordinator for Square 1 Art for this spring and next year – Alissa Clark
 - b. We are doing a second Square 1 fundraiser this fall. Art is due March 10 and will be available to complete on Art Night.
- 8. Script Cards – Jessica**
- a. Script cards are not being bought much anymore except at Christmas time and spring for Gerten’s cards
 - b. Only \$289 so far
 - c. There is a new chair in the works for this for next year
 - d. Issue of whether to continue this program was tabled and will be on new business for next meeting.

Principal’s Report

1. Thank you to Ambuja for going on the Apple Valley High School tour with the Parent Leader meeting
2. The school’s lottery is complete. It was the largest applicant pool ever for this school and the largest in the district.
 - a. There will be a fifth section of kindergarten next year. There were 26 applicants for kindergarten that had siblings already attending our school. Those kids and 5 1st graders were the only applicants selected in the lottery this year.
 - b. To accommodate this extra class, the computer lab will be moved upstairs to where the special ed offices are currently. The current computer lab will become a classroom for either 4th or 5th grade.
 - c. So, this means there will be 5 classes at all the grade levels next year

3. Dreambox update – have been getting really great feedback. We have had 60 minutes/week in our classrooms which is really good.
4. It is I Heart To Read month for February and then March will focus on math in preparation for MCAs which are coming up soon