

Glenwood Elementary School PTO Open Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2018

In Attendance: President Jen Barbarino, Vice President Jessica Gregorczyk, Treasurer Jennifer Plank, Secretary Briar Panagakis, Principal Dr. Karen Cappucci, Lisa Santimore, Megan Ryan, Venessa Tod, Sheila Dibb, and Angela Bouley.

Welcome

- President Jen Barbarino began the meeting at 7:07pm and thanked everyone for coming. Everyone introduced themselves.

Approve March minutes

- A motion was made by Jen Plank to approve the March meeting minutes. Venessa Tod seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Jen Plank shared the Treasurer's Report with the group, noting that the PTO currently has \$6,670.01 in usable funds. Briar Panagakis made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jessica Gregorczyk seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Principal's Report

- Dr. Cappucci shared that she had recently become a certified ALICE instructor, one of only four in WRSD. She suggested that perhaps one PTO meeting next year could be a parent training about the ALICE program, as it appears that the district is heading in this direction. She shared that, after the training, she realized that most students can escape out of windows at Glenwood, with the notable exceptions being the third graders. She purchased fire escape ladders for these classrooms so that they, too, can escape via classroom windows if necessary.
- Dr. Cappucci also shared that next year's school focus will be on bullying and racism/diversity. She is currently looking into programs that address these issues specifically.
- She also requested that all parents read the Glenwood News carefully, as a lot of information is in there every week, including important dates. The Glenwood News is sent out via email every week, but is also available on the Glenwood website.
- Field Day has been moved to June 20th. Dr. Cappucci is also hoping that the PTO will fund some sort of entertaining assembly for the afternoon (magician, etc.).
- Many field trips are coming up soon-- all dates are listed in the Glenwood News!
- Dr. Cappucci also brought up the topic of the gaga pit for the playground. She priced out premade kits versus just buying the raw materials. She also noted that the gaga pit needed to be ADA accessible. To purchase a pre-drilled, ADA compliant kit made with composite wood, and including a game rules sign and a set of balls, it would cost roughly \$3400, with shipping. Briar Panagakis made a motion to approve an additional \$1000 for the purchase of the gaga pit (\$2500 was approved previously), bringing the total to \$3500. Jessica Gregorczyk seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

- Finally, Dr. Cappucci thanked Cub Scout Pack 141 and the Rutland girl scouts for helping to clean up the Glenwood nature trail as part of their Earth Day community service efforts.

Old Business

- **Dairy Queen fundraiser:** Jessica Gregorczyk shared that Glenwood earned \$290
- **After School Movie:** Tomorrow is the last PTO-run movie of the year. We still need volunteers. High schoolers will be running another movie on May 18th, to benefit local animal shelters.
- **Bravehearts Game:** Order forms went home. All forms and payment are due back by May 1st.
- **Appreciation Days:**
Secretary's Day: was yesterday. The PTO brought goodies for Mrs. O'Coin and Mrs. Gridley.
Principal's Day: May 1
Nurse's Day: May 9
Teacher Appreciation Week: May 7-11 (luncheon will be Thursday, May 10)

New Business

- **Golf Tournament:** We have a good number of hole sponsors so far, but we still need eight more (sponsorship is \$125 per hole). Fee to play is \$100 per person, which includes greens fees, cart rental, lunch, snacks, and water.
- **Fundraiser Events:** Jen Barbarino has arranged for group tickets to see the Bravehearts play on June 3rd. This is a joint fundraiser with Naquag. Deadline is May 5th to purchase tickets (\$10/ea). Each ticket includes a free hat. Seating is on the third base line. In addition, we have a Dairy Queen fundraiser night on April 11th from 5-8pm.
- **BizWorld:** Dr. Cappucci asked the PTO to fund the 5th grade BizWorld program. Briar Panagakis made a motion to approve \$825 for this program. Lisa Santimore seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.
- **Field Day:** June 20th. The firetruck is scheduled to come at 9:30 and will soak children for about 10 minutes. The remainder of the stations will stay the same as last year. Volunteers will be needed.
- **Board Elections:** Elections will be held in May for next year's PTO Board. All interested individuals should attend.

Open Session

- Jen Plank suggested maybe putting up some murals around the school to promote kindness/inspire kids. She also asked Dr. Cappucci to define bullying.
- Dr. Cappucci shared that someone from the DA's office would be coming to talk to students about cyberbullying on May 3rd.

Adjourn

- Jen Plank made a motion to adjourn at 7:48pm. Briar Panagakis seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.