



Glenwood Elementary School – PTO Meeting – October 11, 2011

- The meeting opened at 7:03 pm
- Staff present: Mr. Gasbarro and Mrs. Dennis
- Co-Chairs (Greta Gridley and Stacy Lemoine) and Treasurer (Ana Fawal) were elected to their board positions. This election took place tonight because the Co-Chairs that were elected at the May meeting both resigned before the start of the school year. The Treasurer position then became available when Greta (who was elected as Treasurer in May) offered to be a C-Chair. A motion to elect Greta Gridley and Stacy Lemoine as Co-Chairs and Ana Fawal as Treasurer was made by Liz Craine and seconded by Katie Wittkop. All but 3 voted in favor of the motion. The other 3 abstained from the vote.
- Minutes from the May 18, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by Mrs. Dennis to accept the minutes and Katie Wittkop seconded it. All present were in favor.
- Treasurer's Report: The report was reviewed and approved. Greta Gridley spoke about current deposits: memberships, Ice Cream Social, the 1st movie night and a surprise check from St. Gobain. The St. Gobain check was for a previous request in which a company audit recognized that the check was never issued. Ana Fawal also stated that additional membership monies were received prior to tonight's meeting. A motion to accept the report was made by Katie Wittkop and Nicola Clark seconded it. All present were in favor.
- Membership Report: Nadine Gillis reported that there are currently 45 families that have donated approximately \$800.
- Business:
 - Playground (basketball hoops): Greta Gridley suggested that the PTO purchase basketball hoops and stencils for the playground area with the unexpected money received from St. Gobain this fall. St. Gobain is in receipt of a pending grant that was filed in the spring for additional funding for playground expenses. The unexpected money received would be a great way to get the project started soon. The cost would be no more than \$2,000. Wendy Eovacious made a motion to approve up to \$2,000 in playground expenses for basketball hoops and stencils for the playground. Nicola Clark seconded it. All present were in favor.
 - Past Events:
 - * Ice Cream Social
 - * Spirit Wear: Katelyn Wojnarowicz stated that there was a good response. She said that merchandise is expected to be delivered by the 1st week in November. The school will be receiving a check for \$34 for merchandise ordered last spring. The fall order was much larger and she expects the fall check to be larger as well. Katelyn will contact Lisa Benoit requesting volunteers to sort the orders.
 - * Welcome Back breakfast for the staff: Positive feedback and appreciation was received.
 - * After School Movie: Approximately 130 students attended the movie and \$586.50 was raised for the PTO. Stacy Lemoine requested that the PTO vote to approve the purchase of a movie license with a cost of \$375. Liz Craine made the motion to purchase the movie license for \$375 and Katie Wittkop seconded it. All present were in favor. Liz noted to the board that if the PTO wishes to not

renew the license for next year, the board will need to cancel it otherwise it will be automatically renewed.

- * Magazine Drive: The drive is off to a great start! On the first day 186 post card booklets were submitted!

- Committee Chairs: There has been a great response for filling the chairperson positions of the committees. There is an opening for a chair for the Scholastic Book Fair. The chair of the book fair will be responsible for placing orders for books when the inventory gets low, submitting the financial information online and for setting up and packing up the books.
- PTO Website: The website is in great shape! A big Thank You goes to Liz Craine for her hard work!
- SIMCO applicants: Mr. Gasbarro stated that all open positions have been filled! They were filled by Chris Mulry, Katelyn Wojnarowicz, Eva-Marie Cerynek and Nikki Borges.
- PATHS: (Parents And Teachers Helping Students) Nicola Clark is chairing this. She will be sending a communication letter to teachers this week and a letter will be going home to families in the communication envelopes on Friday, October 21, 2011.
- Mini-Grants:
 - * Scholastic News: The 3rd grade teachers requested a mini-grant for Scholastic News for \$637.50. This publication contains current news articles and is used to enhance the curriculum. Katelyn Wojnarowicz made a motion to spend \$637.50 for a mini-grant for Scholastic News for the 3rd grade. Nicola Clark seconded it. All present were in favor.

- Upcoming Expense:

- After School Movie: An after school movie for the 2nd Friday in December is going to be scheduled. The time is 3:30 – 5:15.
- Ladd's Restaurant Night: This night will take place on Oct. 19th from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. The restaurant will donate 20% of their profit from that time to the PTO. Families will not need to bring a flyer into the restaurant.
- Papa Gino's Nights: There will be 2 nights this year – one in January and one in March. The nights will be shared with Naquag. The PTO's from each school will split the profit 50/50.
- Still Four Corners: A night in May will be announced at a future meeting.
- After School Movie: The next movie will be played on Friday, Nov. 4th from 3:30-5:15.
- Community Food Drive: Mr. Gasbarro reviewed the school calendar and suggested that the PTO hold the food drive from Nov. 1-9.
- Community Reading Day: The scheduled day is Wed., Nov. 16th. Patty Inwood is hoping to use Scholastic money to purchase books for the classrooms. The books will stay in the classrooms. If unable to the board suggests paying for the books with a cost up to \$260. Katie Wittkop made a motion to approve up to \$260 for the purchase of books for Community Reading Day. Wendy Eovacious seconded it. All present were in favor.
- Square One Art: This fundraiser will be held in the spring for orders to come in for Mother's Day. Mrs. Coner is in charge of this.
- Box Tops: JoAnne Bedard reported that 5,395 Box Tops were submitted during the September collection. After the October collection, Box Tops will be submitted to General Mills and a check will be issued to the school by mid-December.
- Price Chopper points: Stacy Lemoine stated that Price Chopper requires families to re-enroll in this program yearly. The current points balance is 1,074 points.
- Capri Sun pouches: The Student Council will be collecting, counting and submitting the pouches. The program accepts all juice pouches. The school receives 2 cents for each pouch and the Student Council will donate all funds raised to Be Like Brit.
- Elmer's: The school will receive 2 cents for each glue stick or glue bottle donated. Greta Gridley spoke with Ms. Paulson about having the Student Council manage this. Greta is going to look into whether any glue stick and glue bottle can be submitted or if they have to be Elmer's brand.

- Ink Cartridges: Barbara McMahon researched this fund raising program. The school will receive \$4 for each ink cartridge donated.
- Principal's Report: Mr. Gasbarro stated that the school year is off to a great start!
 - MCAS scores: Positive motion was achieved in each sub-group (special education, free lunch and white). The special education group had a strong increase in their Mathematics score (up 21%)! The school made AYP in all sub-groups! Mr. Gasbarro praised everyone's hard work!
 - Princeton students: Due to the issues at the Thomas Prince School, 6 classrooms were relocated to the downstairs of Glenwood with one class relocated to the main floor. The Princeton school day starts and ends 15 minutes before the Glenwood day. The students, staff and administration are blending well together. The Princeton students will be involved with the holiday concerts scheduled for December 8th.
 - Magazine Drive: As stated earlier, the drive is off to a great start! Mr. Gasbarro stated that the school receives 40% of the sales. The expenses are the toys and the luncheon. It is a really great fundraiser!
 - 21st Century Program: The Superintendent will be holding a program at the high school on Thursday, October 20th at 6:00 pm. Mr. Gasbarro invites all parents to attend. The program will speak about our kids today competing for jobs with kids from all over the world. Mr. G. also spoke about the PISA scores and where the United States falls in relation to other countries. The PISA scores were first recognized in 1983 and are the push behind the No Child Left Behind Act and the MCAS tests.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tues., Nov. 8th at 7:00 pm in the Art Room.
- Liz Craine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm and Katie Wittkop seconded it. All present were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:
JoAnne Bedard
Glenwood PTO Secretary

