

Glebe Street PTA –Meeting Minutes –November 8, 2010

Present: Chris Gerlach, Kathy Simone, Chris & Angie Clizbe, Jess Bump, Paula Salatel, Pat Robinson, Kathy Leibowitz, Kathy Perito, Siobhan Wood, Melissa Hansen, Mary Jo Bush, Wendy Pedersen, Misty Houser, Christine Krempa, Renee Stewart, Kimberly Brownell, Bobbi Jo Haverly, Shelley Hoyt, Kim Kortz, Kim Preston, Dan Carroll, Virginia D'Amore

President (Kim Preston): Welcome to Mr. Carroll; Pledge; the meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Recording Secretary (Virginia D'Amore): Kathy Leibowitz made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October, Kathy Perito seconded it.

Treasurer (Kim Kortz): said we owe \$900 to John Brandt for the golf t-shirts, so the current balance is about \$900 more than it should be. Otherwise, things have been pretty quiet. Christine Krempa inquired if the Benjamin Moore sponsorship was received and it was. Mrs. VanSkiver purchased some Nerf equipment for the children, listed as a line item. Chris Gerlach made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Paula Salatel seconded it.

Corresponding Secretary (Chris Gerlach): read a thank-you note from Maddie Connelie, who won the scarecrow contest at Fall Festival.

Assistant Vice President (Shelley Yerdon): was not in attendance, so Kim Preston explained that the reason the Shopping Day Fundraiser was cancelled was that only 5 vendors responded. Kathy Perito inquired as to whether the change from a weekday evening to Saturday morning had an impact. Paula Salatel suggested a spring event (to align with Mother's Day). There is an upcoming Poinsettia sale in the works.

Public Relations (Bobbi Jo Haverly): said the Face Book page has been very useful. There has been a "friend" request of a non-PTA Member. Bobbi Jo stated that she believes it is a tool used by the PTA members to exchange information. Therefore, it should remain as such. Bobbi Jo made a motion to only include friend requests from PTA membership, Chris Gerlach seconded it. All were in favor, none opposed.

Central Council Representatives (Angie Clizbe, Lisa Askew): did not attend the meeting or were not present at the Glebe PTA meeting. Misty Houser attended and reported that most of the meeting was information about bullying. Mrs. Sullivan was there trying to get a clear view of individual school programming. There was also discussion about coaches/parents informational meeting about sports injuries. Dr. Richard Solby will be presenting a program for coaches/parents on how to prevent sports injuries. That will be held on November 17, 2010, at the High School, 7:00 p.m. Angie Clizbe answered a question as to why Knox Junior High and the High School use Life Touch for their school pictures. Life Touch is the company that processes employee identification badges. All Central Council meetings will be held at the High School. February will be the meeting in which the Glebe Street PTA President and Mr. Carroll need to attend. The date and time of that meeting is yet to be determined.

Reflections Program (Kathy Simone): said that November 15, 2010, is the deadline. The District-wide showcase is on November 22, 2010, in the Glebe Street Library. An invitation will be included to all those who participate. Bobbi Jo will post a deadline memo on the Glebe Street Face Book page.

Teacher Representative (Kathy Leibowitz): said that the Glebe Street logo zipper bags will be sold again for the children’s winter gear. There were inquiries as to who would send the letter last year regarding the bags.

Shared Decision-Making (Daniel Carroll): stated that the first meeting was held today. He reviewed that the SDM is a stakeholder group to bring multiple perspectives about school issues. The group began this year reiterating what the purpose of SDM is. The main goals of the group are being formed. Glebe’s “DNA” consists of messages and statements related to what this school and community believes in. They read the core values together, spotlighted some points and discussed those points in the meeting. They came up with the following:

1. Personal Development of the Students (through Character Education; Motivation; Self-concept; Communication).
2. Community Building (through outreach to those groups who have not participated in the past; Greater Dialogue).
3. Academic Skills (focus on academics with focus on energy for the future).

The SDM group recognizes the major work that has been done in the past. We want to articulate how we are using panther points; how they will be given; what constitutes earning them and working them around the character pillars as a basis. There is a spectrum of interpretation of how they are used. It is worth examination and how it will continue to be used, with clarity to both children and parents.

Principal Report (Daniel Carroll): said that this is a transition, information gathering phase. Much of my day is about meeting with all of the Glebe Street staff—everyone—teachers, support staff. All the same questions are asked of them: What we do well? How we can improve? What are the foundation Glebe cultural events that are important to the students and to the community? There has been a degree of consistency that has helped me to evaluate things. Report cards will be coming out next week. Grades 3-6 are now computerized (Glebe is the pilot school for this). Last year’s ELA results will be released with the report cards. If there is anyone at this meeting that I have not met, I’ll introduce myself personally after the meeting.

Other General Reports:

School banking is open and Melissa Hansen & Paula Salatel are heading that up. There will be prizes earned for so many deposits being made. Siblings are able to bank for one another. If a child was enrolled at another school, simply bring in the account number.

School store is open each Wednesday morning. The schedule was circulated by Kim Preston to obtain volunteers.

The book fair is coming up December 8-10. Chris Gerlach and Jess Bump will volunteer for that. Books are buy one, get one free.

PTA purchased a digital camera which is kept in the front office. Kim Preston made a motion to buy a memory card for the camera, seconded by Kathy Perito. Kathy Perito gave a nod of thanks to Mr. Frenyea, who went home on his lunch in order to retrieve a memory card that would work in the camera so that pictures could be taken at the Lunch with the Principal.

Bobbi Jo Haverly made a suggestion about seeing if there was enough money in the account to treat the whole school to some kind of special event. (i.e. a Show at Proctors, etc.). Daniel Carroll is now the Director of Arts and Education. Christine Krempa has experience with Children's programs. Kim Kortz will explore how much money will be available. There will be an exchange of information and further discussion will occur to see if this can happen.

Holiday Parade: The theme will be a Hawaiian Christmas "Mele Kalikimaka." Paula Salatel will Chair the event, drive her vehicle and pull the trailer. Thank you, Paula. The holiday parade volunteers will be Bobbi Jo Haverly, Kimberly Brownell, Chris & Emily Clizbe, Melissa Hansen and Virginia D'Amore. There should be many decorations available in the PTA closet for the float.

Parent Comments and Questions:

Renee Stewart had a concern with why coats are worn during lunch. She suggested if they could just be hung on the back of the chair that would be helpful. Mr. Carroll said this is something he will address.

Kathy Perito and several others had a concern with the way lunches are monitored by the lunch aides. The noise level escalates and there being a necessity to observe a silent lunch or the threat of a silent lunch. Chris Clizbe noted that as an educator he would want the students to expend a bit of energy and talk during lunch so that they would return to the classroom ready to learn. Mr. Carroll noted that there are a lot of things to accomplish in the 20 minutes of allotted time that the children have. This may necessitate silence for the delivery of directions to incoming and outgoing students.

Santa's Workshop Volunteers: Kim Brownell, Chairperson. Renee Stewart, Bobbi Jo Haverly, Paula Salatel, Melissa Hansen and Virginia D'Amore.

There was a motion made by Chris Gerlach to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kim Kortz at 7:55 p.m.