

## GLEBE STREET PTA—MEETING MINUTES—MARCH 8, 2010

### **PTA President (Kim Preston):**

- Call to order @ 6:32 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- The meeting minutes are now posted to the school website. No paper copies were provided at this meeting. Paula Salatel read the minutes online and approved them. Misty Houser volunteered to read and second that approval for the purpose of these minutes. Anyone who has additions, deletions or corrections should contact the recording secretary, Virginia D'Amore.

**Present:** Wendy Pedersen, Angie & Chris Clizbe, Lisa Sear, Kathy Simone, Kim Preston, Kathy Leibowitz, Kathy Perito, Misty Houser, Lisa Askew, Cathy Preston, Virginia D'Amore, Mary Jo Bush, Siobhan Wood, Paula Salatel, Bobbi Jo Haverly and Lisa Beth Adams.

### **Last Month Recap (Kim Preston):**

School Spelling Bee winners: Allyson Brando, Kalya Wesley, Nate Ackernelcht, Kelsey Johnson

100<sup>th</sup> Day of School: Thanks to Kathy Liebowitz and Sandy Vosburgh for organizing it.

Winter Ice Dance: Thanks to Virginia D'Amore for organizing it.

School Toolbox information has been submitted for school year 2010-2011.

PARP (Parents Are Reading Partners) is now complete and the forms are due tomorrow. Each child who participated will receive a gold "medal" (laminated paper with ribbon) with their name on it and a free book at a "Closing Ceremony" to be scheduled.

Pancake breakfast was held on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>: There were 50 pre-sale tickets sold, but 200 participants altogether. Thanks to Shelley Yerdon and Kathy Simone for creating a Glebe Panther costume as advertisement outside of the Masonic Lodge for the event. Paul Tonko was in attendance and made a \$25 donation!

### **Officer Reports:**

**Correspondence (Chris Gerlach):** was not in attendance so Kim Preston read thank you notes from Leslie Bosworth for the post-prom donation and from Barbara Germain for the donation of the basket for Storybook Sundae.

**Treasurer's Report (Kim Kortz and Beth Geleta):** were not in attendance. \$435.60 was made at the pancake breakfast. There was a deposit that was short \$ .05. Cathy Preston approved the treasurer's report, Lisa Sear seconded it.

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Assistant Vice President (Shelley Yerdon): was not in attendance so Kim Preston reported that the pancake breakfast did well. The artwork fundraiser came home last week and it is due this Friday. A reminder notice should be sent out tomorrow. Kathy Perito had a question about the specific artwork and can another piece of work be submitted. Kim Preston explained that Ms. Bintz works with the students and provides the sheet of paper that will be “the” artwork for this project. March 30<sup>th</sup> will be McDonald’s night. We received a \$500 grant from Stewarts. Lisa Askew inquired as to whether or not it needs to be used for a specific purpose. Lisa thought that the other schools were not necessarily aware of the grant, so she will pass that information along. It is the Holiday Matching Money Grant that needs to be applied for between Thanksgiving and Christmas each year.

**Teacher Representative (Kathy Leibowitz):** said that she had an inquiry from one of the teachers regarding the Scotia-Glenville program for this year. She said that she would let her know that program will be scheduled for next school year. Kim Preston will forward a letter to Scotia-Glenville expressing our interest so that there will be plenty of **time for the teachers to schedule it.**

**Shared Decision-Making (Siobhan Wood):** the sandwich challenge will be next Tuesday.

**Panther Parent (Bobbi Jo Haverly):** obtained approval from William Crankshaw and Kathy Sullivan to have a link on the Glebe Street website available for parent comments and suggestions. This enables parents who are not always able to attend the regularly scheduled PTA meetings and/or events to make comments and receive feedback. Bobbi Jo will offer a report at each upcoming meeting.

**Central Council (Lisa Askew):** spoke about the installation dinner (Knox is responsible for planning that), scheduled for June 16, 2010, at the Winner’s Circle. The Knox dance was discussed, dress code was discussed. They would like to tone things down a bit with regard to the formality and make it a casual and fun time for the kids. Last year it was a beach party theme. A committee is being formed to evaluate the merit of all of the schools using the same vendor for school pictures. There will be representatives from each school. Paula Salatel volunteered to be on the committee. Bill Crankshaw came to speak about arts and education and a committee needs to be formed for that so that the programs that are chosen are by a group instead of an individual.

**Principal’s Report (William Crankshaw):** was not in attendance, so there was no report.

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**Committees/Other Events:**

Academic Fair is scheduled for 3/18/10. The committee will meet again on Friday, March 12, 2010, at 3:15 p.m.

Spring Walk-A-Thon Event is scheduled for 4/24/10 (Bobbi Jo Haverly) attended the meeting. Prize donations are being obtained from local businesses currently. Parents walking will be a flat \$10 donation. Kids can get sponsors, but it was suggested that flat rate would be the easiest to calculate post-race. The next meeting will be held the Friday prior to spring break. Posters or a poster contest, possibly class-wide to decorate the fence around the track. Paperwork will be coming home soon to describe everything.

Golf tournament (Misty Houser) there will be another meeting coming up in April. A car for a hole-in-one was secured from Steet Toyota. Hole sponsors are being secured right now. Corporate sponsor = \$500. Executive sponsor = \$1,000

High School PTSA Craft Fair is scheduled for this Saturday, March 13, 2010, 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Student Council is going to do that, but the teacher representatives are unavailable, so parent volunteers are needed. Paula Salatel and Lisa Sear volunteered since they have children involved with the Student Council already.

Paula Salatel spoke about the Spring Spin \$19.99 per ticket at Great Escape for some upcoming dates in May. \$39.99 then upgrades you to a season pass. \$400 was made by Glebe Street on this program last year.

Founders Day Dinner is Wednesday, March 24, 2010, Townhouse Restaurant.

Inquiry as to whether or not we can have the anti-bullying program through BOCES in an effort to save some money.

Paula Salatel spoke about securing Tim Green (former NFL star) as a motivational speaker who has written several children's books. The \$1,500 he collects for the program he uses to give books to the people at the presentation. 80% of the cost would be reimbursed by BOCES. Reading motivation. Kim Preston will bring it to Bill Crankshaw's attention for the future.

Upcoming A/R (Accelerated Reader) Nights are March 25 and April 22 (last reading night, accrue points through the end of April). There are currently only 9 students at Glebe Street in 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade that have NOT taken at least one A/R test!

Bobbi Jo Haverly needs any newspaper pictures of students at any PTA events for the Museum Scrapbook she is putting together.

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The new track meet t-shirts will be Kelly Green with black lettering. Some information will be going home prior to spring break as soon as the sixth grade students have voted on a graphic for the back of the shirts.

Kathy Perito: Questions about the yearbook and upcoming meetings. She is on the volunteer list and has not heard anything to date. Some other thoughts about the yearbook: Paula Salatel suggests more pictures be included and less text about what the kindergarten students want to be when they grow up, etc. Club pictures have not been included (i.e. student council; safety patrol, etc.) the kids that are involved should be pictured since they went the extra mile to be involved.

Juvenile Diabetes talk/fundraiser brought up by Misty Houser on behalf of another parent who has a child with Juvenile Diabetes at Glebe.

Chris Clizbe: his daughter has come home with a couple of concerns: kids are not allowed to "run" at recess. 4 fourth graders were chosen to go on a field trip to an art museum. How did they choose those 4 students. Criteria for that choice?

Lisa Askew: Questioned the fact that yearbooks and track t-shirts are items that need to be purchased by the students. Jansen Avenue PTA provided those items to the students for free. There was a lot of discussion as to WHAT the PTA money actually buys/does for the students. Some points were made about some of our largest expenditures being on programs such as Missoula. Lisa Beth Adams stated that she is on the Board of Directors of the Glove Theatre that offers programs. There was some additional discussion about utilizing local resources such as the Glove and if the High School has a drama program using students as volunteers to put on plays in house instead of such a large expense to an outside company. The value of the program was not disputed, just added awareness of how and where our hard fund-raising dollars are best serving our students at Glebe Street. This topic will be revisited in future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.