

Glebe PTA Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2012

Present: Kim Kortz, Shelley Yerdon, Kathy Simone, Christine Krempa, Trisha Bobowski, Kim Preston, Virginia D'Amore, Lisa Wager, Chris Gerlach, Beth Connellie, Paula Salatel, Misty Houser, Jamie Tallon, Eric Houser, Dan Carroll, Renee Stewart, Danielle Beck, Kathy Perito, Bobbi Jo Haverly, Siobhan Wood

Co-Presidents (Eric and Misty Houser):

- Meeting called to order at 6:34pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- December meeting minutes approved by Dan Carroll, seconded Paula Salatel. All in favor, none opposed.
- Reminded, in order to encourage attendance, we'd like to keep the meeting to an hour time frame, with topic discussion not exceeding 10 minutes.

Treasurer's Report (Bobbi Jo Haverly):

- Highlighted items:
 - Mrs. Bintz supply reimbursement was not in the budget, but was paid out of misc funds.
 - Mrs. Lakata's reimbursement was combined with Mr. Frenyea's.
 - Mrs Flanders was for Mrs Jones' supplies.
- Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Kim Preston, seconded by Kathy Simone. All in favor, none opposed.

Corresponding Secretary (Jamie Tallon)

- Thank you for the reimbursement for supplies from Kim Park.
- Thank you for the funds and support for flood victims from the Fonda Fultonville PTA via Angela Yetto.
- Thank you for the reimbursement for supplies from Mary Jablonski.

Fundraising Report (Kim Kortz):

- Upcoming fundraising:
 - Artwork, will be delivered the week before Mother's Day
 - Mulch, paperwork will be available in March
 - Great Escape, registration was placed for tickets
 - Pancake Breakfast, at Applebees, will be held in early May
 - McDonald's night, scheduled for March 27th

Membership Report (Kim Kortz):

- Currently have 130 PTA members
- Those who have not paid as of current are encouraged to do so

Central Council (Christine Krempa):

- There was no December meeting.
- Nothing to report.

Teacher Representative (Lisa Wager):

- After discussion, many teachers agree that School Tool Box has run it's course. Some teachers inquired if the PTA might be interested in purchasing general school supplies for new students who arrive during the school year.
- Per Misty, School Tool Box was contacted and advised Glebe would not be participating.
- Bobbi Jo Haverly motioned to spend \$50 on general school supplies (since Mrs. Healy didn't spend her \$50 in classroom supplies). Seconded by Kim Preston. All in favor, none opposed.
- Lisa Wager will put up a wish list for the teachers. Mrs. Ermie will place an order. Siobhan Wood

suggested yellow communication folders be ordered.

- Dan advised Mrs. Vosburgh wanted to note she's working on the 100th day recognition for February 9th.

Principal's Report (Dan Carroll):

- Everyone is working really hard, students and teachers alike.

SDM (Dan Carroll):

- The committee reviewed the initiative to bolster the return and response of free and reduced lunch forms. The forms will be sent home tomorrow.
- Health and Wellness Day is scheduled for March. Committee members will contact presenters.
- Discussed the goals for a balanced Valentine's day (less sweets, more healthier snacks). Look for messages on Facebook and in the newsletter.
- Asks that Eric and Misty contact room parents and inform them about the balanced Valentine's Day initiative
- Preliminary talks of modeling a Math Night

Lunch with the Principal (Dan Carroll and Kathy Perito):

- Lunch continues to be fun and thank you to Kathy for organizing this monthly event.

Founder's Day Committee (Mr Carroll):

- Recipients include:
 - Mr. Pollack, our custodian, who is retiring this year after 30 years.
 - Laura Lakata, her work and dedication puts her above and beyond on the faculty team.
 - Kim Kortz, served on this board, an instrumental member of the golf committee, playground committee, among others.
- City-wide nominations will be send forward for:
 - Scott Petrie, recognized for his coaching
 - Chad Kortz, for his work with children in the community as well.

Accelerated Reader (Virginia D'Amore):

- Next AR night is Jan 19th.
- Atlantic and Pacific Oceans is the theme.
- Children will be asked to wear blue.

Winter Dance Committee (Trisha Bobowski):

- DJ is booked, Richie Duross
- Children must be accompanied by an adult
- A suggestion was made for parents to sign-in due to some parents dropping their children off and leaving the property.
- An anti-bullying presentation will be held concurrently for parents to attend.

Other Notes:

- Request of funds for recess materials:
 - Misty received a call from recess staff for a request for Nerf balls. Mrs. VanSkyver has purchased some things on her own. Bobbi Jo Haverly motioned to spend \$100 on recess supplies. Chris Gerlach seconded. All in favor, none opposed.
 - A line item of \$100 was requested to be added to next year's budget.
- Schools for Tools need to be registered! If you were registered before, please re-register. There was a system error with Price Chopper. Currently, only 49 cards are registered.
- Mimiovotes discussion (Dan Carroll):
 - Jim Westman presented Mimiovotes to the PTA at the December meeting.

- Mimiovotes allows a student to use a remote to answer questions. Answers can be kept track of on software by the teacher. Dan has heard positive things about the equipment. There is teacher excitement about potential access for lesson planning, grading, and student participation. Additionally, something like a math night challenge would be great use for the equipment.
- Christine Krempa motioned to buy four of 32 set units, recommending using surplus money and most of the classroom enrichment budget. Discussion from the group regarding total cost and using the entire surplus and most of the classroom enrichment budget commenced.
- Christine altered her motion to buy three of the 32 set units, using the surplus and \$700 from classroom enrichment.
- Siobhan Wood suggested the traveling planetarium be brought in as part of the classroom enrichment budget.
- Kim Preston felt an invitation, or notice, that Jim Westman was presenting was warranted due to the financial commitment and the change in the teaching practice that will be presented in the classroom with the mimiovotes. She questioned if they are realistically going to be used, if the building has the technological capabilities, and if there are BOCES or grants available.
- Siobhan Wood doesn't use the mimioboard all the time. She uses both the scanner and projection function. She feels she would utilize the mimiovotes everyday, noting reading comprehension. She feels two units with an update from teachers is appropriate at present.
- Lisa Wager questioned how much training is involved and how fast would and could the training happen. She would dislike it if we spent too much money on the mimiovotes.
- Renee Stewart voiced concerns about how the students will adapt, especially with upcoming testing and the changes to the core.
- Dan Carroll, addressing Kim's comment about the timing of Jim Westman's presentation, noted that Jim presented the mimiovotes to the BOE at their November meeting. He asked the principals if he come to present to their schools as well.
- Kathy Perito asked if there was a money back guarantee.
- Bobbi Jo Haverly amended the motion to purchase two of the 32 set units. Misty seconded. All in favor, none opposed.
- Dan advised he would provide a report in 2 months with the progress and update on usage.
- No school on Monday, January 16th
- AR night : Thursday, January 19th, 6:30-7:30pm
- Central Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 24th, 6:30pm, hosted by Glebe
- Golf Tournament Meeting: Thursday, January 26th, 6:30pm
 - New committee members welcome
- Early dismissal: Tuesday, January 31st, 11:45am
- Lunch with the Principal: Thursday, February 2nd
- 100th day of school: February 9th
- Glebe winter dance: Friday, February 10th
- Next PTA meeting: Monday, February 13th, 6:30pm
- Additional Comments:
 - Paula Salatel asked how the wii stations were going for inside recess. Dan Carroll noted the 4th alternative (computer, library, gym, now the wii) helps with child dispersement.
 - Eric thanked Misty Houser and Kim Kortz for cleaning out the PTA closet.
 - Eric thanked Chris Clizbe and Lisa Brown for calling BINGO night. The event was well attended.
 - Thank you to Mrs. Vosburgh for her assistance with obtaining access to the safe for school store days.
 - The Green Fiber community recycling dumpster has really seen increased activity. A reminder that items are to be placed in the dumpster and not in front of the dumpster. If the dumpster is full, please take the paper home and try again later in the week.

Jamie Tallon made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm. Seconded by Misty Houser.