

Glebe PTA Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2011

Present: Bobbi Jo Haverly, Virginia D'Amore, Beth Connelie, Jamie Tallon, Misty Houser, Eric Houser, Kathy Simone, Shelley Yerdon, Kim Kortz, Dan Carroll, Sandra Vosburgh, Lisa Wager, Siobhan Wood, Kim Park, Chris Gerlach, Paula Salatel, Caroline Olszowy, Wendy Pedersen Melissa Feinour, Kim Preston, Renee Stewart, Shelley Hoyt, Andrea Minch, Tabetha Bedell, Jan Pedatella, Lesa Levin, Angie Clizbe, Chris Clizbe, Sandra Hart

**Co-Presidents (Eric and Misty Houser):**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The June meeting minutes were approved by Kim Preston, seconded by Kim Kortz.
- Eric reviewed how the appointment of Bobbi Jo Haverly as Treasurer came to be and requested a vote. All in favor, none opposed.
- With Bobbi Jo stepping into the Treasurer position, the corresponding secretary position was left vacant. Jamie Tallon was appointed corresponding secretary. All in favor, none opposed.

**Treasurer's Report (Kim Kortz):**

- Kim noted the last item on treasurer's report is the \$5K from the state for the playground. The check has been deposited in the PTA account.
- Bobbi Jo Haverly will take over treasurer's report going forward.
- Please note the items listed on the back of the report need to be spent this calendar year.
- Approval of Treasurer's report: Dan Carroll, seconded by Shelley Yerdon.
- Budget Note: The anticipated expense and income outlined is prior to the \$5k playground grant.
- Because there are no field trips (due to transportation, a school regulated decision) a line item has been added: classroom enrichments. This has been added to help bring in activities instead of field trips. Please note on the proposed budget Field Trips should be \$0, not \$1k. The Classroom Enrichments should be \$2500, not \$1500.
- Also worth noting, RALAT is not on the budget because PARP is being held this year.
- Paula Salatel questioned whether the 6th grade would be going to Great Escape this year due to the exclusion of field trips. It was noted that the PTA can supplement the 6th grade trip (examples: tickets, lunch) but can not pay for transportation. The suggestion to look into chartering a bus from Brown's was mentioned.
- Chris Gerlach questioned if each grade can fundraise individually to cover transportation cost for their grade field trips. She had been advised yes, with fundraiser approval from the parents teachers and principal.
- Paula Salatel questioned if the 6th grade ski trip to Royal Mountain would be held. She was advised by Dan Carroll that his impression was that it would be covered because it falls under the Physical Education Program.
- The Fall Festival has \$250 budgeted for the festival which will be held with Warren St. and Pleasant Ave.
- Approval of the budget: all in favor, none opposed.

**Corresponding Secretary (Jamie Tallon)** read the following thank you notes:

- From Siobhan Wood and Kim Park thanking the PTA for the apple baskets.
- From Mari-Jo Quinn thanking the PTA for the sympathy arrangement.
- From Lynne Kortz thanking the PTA for the delicious luncheon and for all the help and support for t

**Fundraising (Kim Kortz):**

- Mum money was due today. Four hundred and thirty mums were ordered.
- The Annual golf tournament is being held on Saturday. Teams were turned down this year. The committee anticipates making the same funds as in the past.

- The Panther Prowl will be held Sunday, October 2nd. Forms will be going out shortly. This year the forms will indicate a flat rate sponsorship instead of per lap since prior pledges were mostly flat rate.
- School Picture day is coming up on September 29th.

**Central Council (Christine Krempa):**

- was not in attendance, but the first meeting will be held September 28th.

**Teacher Representatives (Mrs. Vosburgh and Mrs. Wager):**

- nothing to report at this time.

**SDM (Dan Carroll):**

- The first meeting for SDM will be in October.

**Principal's Report (Dan Carroll):**

- Dan Carroll reported everyone is "back in the swing of things" for the first week.
- This year also marks Year One of the state-wide implementation of the new "common core" learning standards for Math and ELA. Teachers are required to become familiar with standards and developing instructional units. The goal on a national level would that we'd be on a national testing system. Also noted, only school-wide test grades are available, but not on an individual basis yet.
- Siobhan Wood asked how the garden progressed. Dan Carroll thanked Boy Scout Pack 69 who were here weekly to maintain the courtyard garden along with other volunteers.
- Dan Carroll also expressed thanks to the playground committee for their planning and patience for state fund grant stating the kids love the playground and appreciate it.

**Accelerated Reader Program (Virginia D'Amore):**

- Kickoff tomorrow, Sept 13th with book reports available.
- The first AR night is October 25th.
- The theme is "Read Around the World" and will consist of 7 nights throughout the school year. Each night will consist of a continent theme. North America will be the first night.
- Dan Carroll complimented Virginia on the AR wall in the library and expressed he thought it was a great theme.
- Virginia mentioned there will be no snacks provided at the AR nights and instead a "goodie bag" will be given to the children at the end of the night.
- Paula Salatel sparked the discussion if a goodie bag need to be provided and questioned on whether the money needed to spent on goodie bags. Renee Stewart suggested a map instead of a goodie bag, feeding off the geography theme of "Read Around the World". Kim Park suggested a bookmark.
- Lesa Levin asked if the link for book reports could be made available online.

**Panther Prowl (Misty Houser on behalf of Christine Krempa):**

- The prowl will be held on Sunday, October 2nd from noon to 2pm.
- Helpers are needed for the day of for registration and tally. A signup sheet was sent around.
- Dan Carroll suggested the PTA donate half of the funds raised at the Panther Prowl to our neighbor, the Fonda PTA, due to recent flooding issues. This would feed on the Community Paws program being implemented at Glebe. The Fonda PTA would be able to decide what to do with the funds; whether it is to assist flooding victims, or help to relieve some of the burden of their fundraising.
- Discussion included the possible invitation to Fonda students to join Glebe Street students at the Prowl, food donation collection, cleaning supply donations or clothing donations. It was also suggested that the form include an additional line for those who aren't able to attend but would be willing to make a donation.
- Shelley Yerdon made the motion to accept. Kim Kortz seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

**Audit Committee (Misty Houser):**

- A committee is needed to review and audit the previous treasurer's actions.
- A signup sheet was sent around.

**Reflections (Kathy Simone):**

- The theme this year is "Diversity means...."
- A chairperson needed. Said chairperson would do the planning of showcase, setting up of the judges, and present Mr. Carroll with student awards at the end of the year.

**School Store:**

- A chairperson or co-chairpersons needed.
- The store is held on Wednesday mornings but the day can be modified to suit the chairperson's availability. Must be held at 830am.

**Open Houses:**

- Two volunteers are needed for each Warren St (9/29 6pm-8pm) and Pleasant St (9/21 530pm-730pm) Open Houses.
- A signup sheet was sent around.

**Mum Delivery:**

- Volunteers are needed at 11am for unloading.
- Volunteers are also needed for 3pm-5pm pickup.

**Glebe Street Golf Tournament:**

- The tournament will be held on Saturday.

**Homeroom Parent Drawing:**

- The drawing will be held for homeroom parents on Monday, Sept 19th at 3:30pm

**Fall Festival (Kim Preston):**

- The Fall Festival will be held on Oct 15th, outside, weather-permitting.
- All three elementary schools have merged and it will be held at Jansen.
- The first meeting for the committee will be held Tuesday, September 13th at 6pm at Warren St. A signup sheet was sent around for those interested in helping out.

**Glebe Open House:**

- The Open House will be held September 27th.
- There will be an information table, along with PTA memberships available for purchase.
- A volunteer sheet was sent around.

**School Photo Day :**

- Photo day will be held Thursday, Sept 29th.
- Paula Salatel and Kathy Simone volunteered to help.
- A volunteer signup sheet being passed around for additional volunteers.

**School Lunch Week:**

- will be held October 11-14th
- Paperwork will be sent home with students

**Read A Lot A Thon (RALAT) :**

- A fund committee needs to be formed to purchase literacy material. The committee will include Mrs. Lisicki, a parent and teacher.

**Wii purchase (Bobbi Jo Haverly):**

- Last June \$600 was approved for wii systems and fitness games. The goal was 3 systems, 6 remotes, and at least 1 active game per system with that money.
- The wii fit or wii sports bundles are not available any longer. The current bundle offered is with MarioKart.
- Approval of additional funds for wii fit bundles: Chris Clizbe motioned for approval, Kim Kortz seconded. Lisa Wager, opposed.
- After further discussion about the equipment needs, the previous motion was revoked and a new motion was brought forth for a total of \$1000 to purchase new wii equipment. This motion was to hopefully include 3 systems, 12 remotes, and wii fit/sports games. Melissa Feinour motioned. Misty Houser seconded. All in favor.
- Jan Pedatella will also check pricing at BJs.
- Discussion also included reaching out to families to donate their old and unused games.

Chris Clizbe stated he was never given a reason why kids aren't allowed to run not the playground. Dan Carroll expressed "no running on the playground" is used as a general rule. There is to be no running on the wood chips, no running by the slide, and no running by the swings due to the possibility of collision. Children are encouraged to run on the grass. Chris Clizbe also questioned why the children can't wear whatever shoes they would like to wear. Dan Carroll said safety recommendations include no flip flops or heels. He defers to the safety experts on this matter.

Paula Salatel had a question for the teachers. She wondered if the currently unused water cooler in the faculty room can be purchased from the Johnstown Football Booster Club. Dan Carroll will check with the faculty. She also questioned why the kids can't play on the baseball field next to Glebe because it is chalked. Dan Carroll has inquired with Buildings and Grounds on this matter in the past. She will also look into The Great Escape free pass program.

Lesa Levin inquired to when the 6th grade trip will be decided. A general reminder was put forth that the PTA can't fund the transportation, but can assist in funding other ways. Fundraising can be up to parents, teachers, etc. to raise money for transportation.

Next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, October 11t at 3:30pm.

Jamie Tallon motioned to close at 8:06pm.