

GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO
Meeting Minutes
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

In attendance: Sara Blow, Kristen Beaver, Laura Zervic, Janet Romyak, Carmen Maring, Kai C Worm, Carolyn Glaspie, Beth Marsh, Kristine Fluker, Sharon Heikka, Thomas Regis and Mrs. Schacher.

I. Call to Order

- A. Sara Blow called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.
- B. She welcomed everyone and had introductions of all who were in attendance.

II. Student Senate Report

- A. Mrs. Schacher came to the meeting and discussed the Student Senate. This year she is looking to have more parent support during the school year. Some of the activities that the Student Senate will be apart of includes; homecoming float, fun nights, tutoring, yearbook, game night, karaoke and newspaper. Currently there are 37, 7th and 8th graders in Student Senate. At the end of the 1st trimester, 6th graders will be able to apply and join the other students. Yearbook will have a meeting on Thursday (9/20) and the newspaper will start after Homecoming (9/28). The Homecoming activities are the following: Monday- Pajama/Comfy Day, Tuesday- Tacky Tuesday, Wednesday- Biker vs. Surfer Day, Thursday-Throwback Era Day and Friday-Spirit Day. The Homecoming Float theme will be the 50s- "Back in Time."

III. Secretary Report - Janet Romyak

- A. Nothing to report at this time.

IV. Principal's Report - Dr Maring

- A. M Step results were good, but they are not published yet. GLMS scores went up and were above the state average, while the state average went down from last year's scores.
- B. Parent Adversary Meeting set for Wednesday, September 26 at 7:30 am. This will be helpful for the new parents/6th grade parents regarding networking the middle school. Officer Adam will also discuss school safety. Please RSVP if interested in attending.
- C. Volunteers/Help – Dr. Maring would like to have a Beautification group to help improve the look of the school, starting in the bathrooms. Ideas such as quotes suited for pre-teen, paintings, etc. Laura Zervic asked if the Art Club and the GLCS Fine Arts Foundation could work and support each other. Kristen Beaver also suggested to create a committee to make suggestions to get the GLCS FAF to support. She stated that the High School had received money to purchase tapestries.
- D. Communication- Parent Update, Remind app, Peachjar
- E. Dr. Maring ended with saying that the start to the school year has been smooth. The Students have been kind, helpful in which the staff states is an obvious cultural shift this year! She gave an example of a 6th grade student's pencil case falling and three 8th grade boys helped pick up the belongings!

V. President's Report - Sara Blow

VI Vice President's Report - Kristen Beaver

- A. Kristen Beaver discussed different ideas regarding fundraising for the middle school. Don't make me sell anything was the first topic. A few parents liked the idea of writing a check and being done. While another stated that she has three kids and she

can be spread to thin with all the fundraising. Another said that grandparents/extended family like to see kids working for the money that they give.

1. Maybe asking money twice, but the suggestion of making sure the timing was good. Not too far into spring.
2. Use payschools like the Ryan Rally.

B. Several ideas for smaller fundraisers included selling candy bars, duct taping Dr. Maring or another staff member.

C. We need to gather a master list of all the fundraisers occurring throughout our community. Dr. Maring suggested that all the PTO/PTSO Presidents talk to each other. So, we are not competing/taking away from other organizations.

VII. Treasurer's Report - Laura Zervic

A. Laura Zervic stated that the fundraising goal for this year will be \$10,000, which is \$4,000 less than last year. We underspent last years budget, and only made around \$2,900 overall from the raffle last year. If we consider doing the raffle again, we should look into the prize being donated!

A. Unfortunately, the budget will need to be reviewed again before being approved.

VIII. Committee Updates

A. Homecoming Float - September 28

1. Turf Works has once again loaned the middle school their truck and trailer for the homecoming float. Travis Gambie will be driving the truck.

B. Staff Appreciation

1. Laura Zervic will chair. Sharon Heikka has offered to help.
2. Laura Zervic discussed what staff appreciation looks like for the middle school. Dr. Maring stated that the staff loves food, spirit wear and wearing jeans!
3. Sharon Heikka is planning to call Gull Meadow Farms to get prices for Carmel Apples. Dr. Maring is looking to see how much spirit wear will cost this year and we will vote on it later if the budget permits.
4. Reminder for Conference Meal donation on October 26

C. Book Fair

1. Meredith Alspach to chair
2. October 25 and 26, during conferences

D. Fundraising

1. Sara Blow to chair. Carolyn Glaspie and Laura Zervic to help.

E. Fun Nights

1. Dates – November 2, February 15 and June 7.

IX. New Business

A. No new business

X. Adjournment

A. Meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Spirit Week - September 24-28

Early Release - September 26

Homecoming - September 28

Conferences and Book Fair - October 25 and 26

Next Meeting - October 3