

**GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 6, 2019**

**In attendance:** Kristen Kern-Beaver, Laura Zervic, Sara Blow, Janet Romyak, Dr. Maring, Claire Flynn, Beth Keller, Carolyn Glaspie, Desiree LaDuke, Beth Marsh, Sharon Heikka, Julie Garside and Katherine Schacher.

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Sara Blow called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.
- II. Secretary Report - Janet Romyak
  - A. Motion to approve the January Minutes made by Laura Zervic and seconded by Desiree LaDuke.
- III. Principal's Report - Dr. Maring
  - A. Dr. Maring started off saying that she appreciates the support for the lunch and learn and thanks us in advance for the conference lunch. She also mentioned to make sure to look over the conferencing schedule for Thursday and Friday.
  - B. Since we had an unscheduled winter break, no worries, the administration had built in extra days during the second trimester, plus there is the option for the waiver through the state.
  - C. The GLCS Foundation is supporting literature circles during the month of March which will be ran similar to a "lunch and learn" format, during advisory and lunch hour for students who are interested in this opportunity. Desiree LaDuke has offered to coordinate and has several other parents willing to support this project. The students will meet once a week during the month of March with a parent facilitator.
  - D. Beth Marsh asked Carmen if we could have a supply list for parents to donate at open house/beginning of the year.
  - E. The next and last parent advisory committee meeting will be on February 27, at 7:30 am to 8:15 am. Please RSVP to [cmaring@gulllakecs.org](mailto:cmaring@gulllakecs.org) if interested.
  - F. Gull Lake has been getting a lot of attention in our county and statewide for our project lead the way and new interventions. Dr. Maring said that compared to other districts around, we are doing well.

IV. Beth Keller - update on Lunch and Learn and MS STEAM

- A. Beth Keller wanted to continue on what Dr. Maring was talking about and started with the STEAM project that is going to be offered on March 15, half day, for our middle school students. The students will go to advisory for 10-15 minutes, go to a keynote speaker, Zack Constantine from MSU, a nuclear physicist. He will give a 45 minute presentation and then the students will get to select sessions that will appeal to them. Most will be 40 minute long sessions, but could potentially be a double session, just depends on the presentation selected. Also, this project will allow the grades to be mixed since it is totally based on interest.
- B. Some teachers will be hosting community members who are interested and passionate about a part of the STEAM acronyms.
- C. The goal is to have this become a tradition at the GLMS. The district as a whole is starting to look into more opportunities, especially with the expansions and updates to our physical buildings.
- D. The lunch and learn staff sessions have been going well. The first one was reimbursed from the PTSO, the other two the GLCS Foundation paid for the lunches. Beth Keller was wanting to know if she could use the rest of her money from the PTSO to go towards the STEAM project materials since the money has been allocated? Laura Zervic said that would be fine and everyone agreed.

V. Student Senate Report - Claire Flynn

- A. Fun Night next Friday, February 15. Lots of fun and new ideas, such as Mario Kart, photo booth and Scavenger Hunts, as well as, the normal basketball tournament and other activities.
- B. Student Senate will be selling advance tickets on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for \$3 and at the dance will be \$4. Concession stand will be selling pizza, drinks and candy at various prices.
- C. Claire mentioned that she would like the parents to get to school earlier than the last Fun Night. Beth Carroll will be customizing an email letting the parents know about arriving a little earlier.

VI. President's Report - Sara Blow

- A. Will discuss on the Fundraiser section

VII. Vice President's Report - Kristen Beaver

- A. Nothing at this time

VIII. Treasurer's Report - Laura Zervic

- A. Laura Zervic said that we had income of \$35 from the extra fudge sales, received \$9.39 from Hardings rewards and earned \$1.34 in interest. We paid out \$754 towards to spiritwear for staff appreciation.
- B. Motioned to approve the January Financial Report made by Kristen Beaver, seconded by Sara Blow.

IX. Committee Updates

A. Staff Appreciation - Laura Zervic

1. February: Conference Meal, has everything needed except for help to setup and clean up. Janet Romyak will send out an email and Facebook post asking for help.
2. March: Pie Day, Laura Zervic will create a signup genius and Janet Romyak will send out on March 4, 2019.
3. April: Conference Meal, could be catered by Up North, same as last year. We have the funds remaining in our staff appreciation budget to cover.

B. Fundraising - Sara Blow Fun Bag Fundraiser Update

1. The donations for the Fun Bags are going great! We will continue to collect until February 22.
2. The plan is to pack the bags on Monday, February 25, 2019.
3. We will be selling the bags Tuesday, February 26 - Friday, March 1 during school lunches. A sign up genius will be sent out for volunteers for sales.

C. Field Trips - Sharon Heikka Update

1. WMU trip payment was due today, February 6th. Sharon Heikka and Laura Zervic will be working on counting the money and preparing for deposit.
2. Janet Romyak and Carolyn Glaspie noticed that there was not an option to donate for scholarships on this field trip form. Sharon Heikka said that she will ask and try to make sure that the future forms have that option.
3. Sara Blow and Kristen Beaver suggested to give a summary of our finances at the end of the school year. They think that it is important for our parents to understand how much we spend on the transportation for

field trips. Then we will make a slide for the beginning of the next school year in hopes that fundraisers will get better parent support.

X. Appropriations Requests

A. None at this time.

XI. New Business

A. Katherine Schacher stopped by to say thank you for giving the GLMS students the opportunity to become leaders. She is very thankful of what the PTSO, volunteers and the community does for the school.

B. The March 6th meeting will start at 9:30 am.

XII. Adjournment

A. The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

UPCOMING DATES:

Parent - Teacher Conferences - February 7 and 8

Fun Night - February 15

Early Release - February 20

\*\*\*Next Meeting - March 6, 2019\*\*\*