

GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO

Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2019

In attendance: Sara Blow, Kristen Kern-Beaver, Laura Zervic, Janet Romyak, Dr. Carmen Maring, Claire Flynn, Kai C Worm, Kristine Fluker, Carolyn Glaspie, Beth Marsh, and Sharon Heikka.

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Sara Blow called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.
- II. Student Senate Report - Claire Flynn
 - A. Claire Flynn said that Penny War on Leukemia is going well. Student Senate Leaders are passing out weekly prizes, the first week was cookies, second ice cream sandwiches and they are coming up with other prizes, such as letting students out a minute early out of class. Student Senate will be interviewing candidates for next year's officers. Students are also working on teacher appreciation and looking forward to the big fun night in June.
- III. Secretary Report - Janet Romyak
 - A. Janet Romyak said the previous meeting minutes have been downloaded to the GLMS PTSO tab. Also, please like the Facebook Page, GullLakeMSPTSO.
 - B. Motion to approve the February Minutes made by Laura Zervic and seconded by Kristen Beaver.
- IV. Principal's Report - Dr. Maring
 - A. Protect Young Eyes (PYE) presenter Chris McKenna spoke to the GLMS students on March 6th. Parents can go to protectyouneyes.com/blog to find out more information.
 - B. 7/8th Grade Choir received straight "1" rating from judges at the District 11 Choral Festival on March 5th. 7/8th Grade Band Festival on March 7th. End of the Trimester next week, exams Monday through Wednesday and the half days on Thursday and Friday.
 - C. STEAM Fest on Friday March 15th. Kristen Beaver asked if the turn out from the community is hurting due to the Robotics Competition on the same day? Dr. Carmen Maring felt that we are in a good place for an inaugural program. Kristen Beaver thought that asking earlier may allow more community members to be involved.
 - D. Thank you in advance for pie day!
 - E. Laura Zervic asked about the Parent Advisory Meeting on February 27th. Dr. Maring said that it went well. As a result of the meeting, she has created one more for the 8th-9th grade transition for parents or any other who might want to learn more about the GLHS. Mr. Don Eastman will be at the GLMS on April 26th at 7:45 am for a meet and greet, as well as, to answer any questions. Kai C Worm mentioned that it is hard to make those early morning meetings with children in other buildings. Dr. Maring said that it's tough, she alternates between drop off and pick up times. Kristen Beaver mentioned that maybe a lunch hour would be good, too. Dr. Maring said that there isn't really a good time but, the different times have brought in a different population of parents. Next year she plans to have meetings regarding safety, a parent panel for new to GLMS parents and a question and answer meeting. They will be at alternating times in hopes for more to attend.
- V. President's Report - Sara Blow
 - A. Please See Under Fundraiser Section.
- VI. Vice President's Report - Kristen Beaver
 - A. Nothing at this time.
- VII. Treasurer's Report - Laura Zervic
 - A. Laura Zervic said that we had made \$1,441.05 from the Grab Bag Fundraiser, after expenses of \$155.94, we netted \$1,285.11. Laura Zervic said that she has the \$180 allocated to Science for the Spinner Bait for the 6th grade Salmon Release trip (See Appropriations Request section below). Lastly, the Book Fair proceeds do not come to the PTSO; all money will go directly to the school for use by the Library.

- B. Motioned to approve the February Financial Report made by Kristen Beaver, seconded by Sara Blow.

VIII. Committee Updates

A. Staff Appreciation - Laura Zervic

1. March: Pie Day will be on March 14 (3.14) which is a half day. The donations will need to be dropped off in the morning. The sign up went out on March 4, there is still an opportunity for pie donations.
2. April: Conference Meal will be catered probably by Up North, but may look at other local options.

B. Fundraising - Sara Blow

1. Grab Bag Fundraiser went great! We sold just shy of \$1,500. However, we had to buy some filler items, so we made a total of \$1,285.11. We had parents say that they didn't know about the fundraiser and would have donated since the kids had so much fun. So, we are thinking about selling Grab Bags again in the spring since we sold out the first time. Potentially looking to do it around the Fun Night in June with a theme! This time we will do a Peachjar Flyer and share with Carmen for her Parent Update in hopes of letting more parents know about the fundraiser donation.
2. Menchie Fundraiser - We had an offer for a fundraiser with Menchie on April 17th, an early release day. Some parents were concerned that people would not drive all the way out to Kalamazoo. So, we were thinking that maybe if the sales night didn't work out well, that maybe we could get coupons to go into our Grab Bags.
3. Additional Spring Fundraiser - Sara brought in towels to see if maybe we could sell them this spring for spring break and summer. They cost \$10 and we will sell them between \$16-\$18, with an opportunity to round up to \$20. It was also brought to our attention that parents want to have another opportunity to just donate and not have to buy anything. So, we would present this as an option while selling the towels.

C. Field Trips - Sharon Heikka

1. 6th and 7th grade forms have went out this week and they have a spot for donations! Sara was wondering if we could just do a round up, too. So, if someone didn't want to do the full amount, they could just give lets say \$2.

IX. Appropriations Requests

- A. Motioned to approve the \$180 for Mrs. Clancy to purchase Spinner Bait for the 6th Grade Salmon Release trip, made by Kristen Beaver, seconded by Sara Blow, approved by all.

X. New Business

- A. A request by Laura Zervic to post information on the Richland Community Library 2nd Annual Art & Writing Contest.

XI. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

UPCOMING DATES:

Half Days - March 14 and 15
S.T.E.A.M. Fest - March 15
Robotics Competition - March 15-16
Early Release - March 20
No school - March 29
Spring Break - April 1-5

Next Meeting - April 10, 2019