

GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2019

In attendance: Sara Blow, Kristen Kern-Beaver, Janet Romyak, Laura Zervic, Rachel Wilks, Ashley Vert, Kendall Wank, Dr. Carmen Maring and Kim Ditto.

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Sara Blow called the meeting to order at 9:19 am, in the GLMS Media Center.
- II. Secretary Report - Janet Romyak
 - A. Motion to approve the September Minutes made by Laura Zervic and seconded by Kristen Kern-Beaver. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Student Senate Report - Ashley Vert and Kendall Wank
 - A. Ashley Vert (President) and Kendall Wank (Treasurer) came to update us on Student Senate. At that moment, we were told that there would be no parade this year due to the EEE virus making the football game being played earlier. So, the student senate members were going to have students decorate doors throughout the school and compete based on spirit, completeness, creativity and originality.
 - B. UPDATE: After the meeting we found out that the “parade is on.” So, the students voted on Thursday, October 3rd and have planned for a Ghostbuster theme float, as the overall theme for the homecoming floats is Halloween. They reached out and was able to get a truck and trailer through Turf Works.
- IV. Principal’s Report - Dr Maring
 - A. Conferences will be on October 24th and 25th. In trying to make conferences a better experience, this fall there will be food trucks for the night conference and drop in child care. Dr. Maring will be sending out a survey and would like EVERYONE to take the time to fill it out. Not sure if the results will be used on the fall conferences, but will be used later on. Some of the concerns, one teacher has 120 students and not easy to see all their parents. How parents feel about team vs. individual conference, gym vs. room, etc. Overall, to answer what the goal of the conferences are and what it accomplishes for our community.
 1. UPDATE: On October 3rd, it was announced that the Luke Bryan concert is being rescheduled for October 24th. Therefore, parent teacher conferences will now be the evening of October 23rd. The conferences scheduled for Friday October 25 will be as originally planned.
 - B. Dr. Maring said that we are down a microwave in the lunchroom. Sara Blow made a motion to purchase a new microwave and Janet Romyak seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - C. Thank you for Caramel apples last week.

- D. Looking forward to December, Dr. Maring was wondering if we will be able to partner with her again for a holiday gift for the staff, something to wear or eat!
- V. President's Report - Sara Blow
 - A. Will discuss under Fundraising.
- VI. Vice President's Report - Kristen Kern-Beaver
 - A. Nothing at this time.
- VII. Treasurer's Report - Laura Zervic
 - A. Income for the month was \$30.06 from Hardings and \$1.24 from interest in our account. Laura Zervic purchase caramel apples for \$260.00 for staff appreciation.
 - B. Laura Zervic mentioned receiving a promotional rate for a savings account through our credit union. We agreed that it would be a good idea to check it out. Laura Zervic will explore with our bank.
 - C. Motion to approve the September Financial Report made by Kristen Kern-Beaver and seconded by Sara Blow. Motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Committee Updates
 - A. Homecoming Float - October 18
 - 1. UPDATE: Since the Homecoming Parade is on, the student senate was able to get a truck and trailer from Turf Works.
 - B. Staff Appreciation
 - 1. Caramel Apples from Gull Meadow Farms were delivered to our teachers on Sept 26th and the staff loved them! Thank you Laura Zervic.
 - 2. We are planning on a Taco Bar for our teachers on October 25th. Laura Zervic will send the sign up genius link on October 16th for Janet Romyak to send out to our parents and put on Facebook. We ask that donations arrive at school by 10 am on Friday.
 - C. Book Fair - Meredith Alspach
 - 1. The Middle School Book Fair will be October 21st - 25th, during school and conferences. Meredith Alspach said that she will need a couple volunteers during the early morning hours (7:15-8:45) Tuesday-Thursday.
 - 2. The loose change drive will start October 1st that raises funds to buy books for underprivileged kids.
 - D. Fundraising
 - 1. Mackinac Island Fudge Co. Fundraiser was launched on October 3rd, forms due back November 5th and we will send home fudge/brownies on November 21st and 22nd.
 - 2. T-shirt Sales and towel website should be finished in the next couple of weeks.

3. We are planning to do the 1st Grab Bag Fundraiser on December 5th and 6th. Sara Blow and Kristen Beaver are creating a donor letter for businesses and people willing to donate.

E. Field Trips

1. Dr. Maring and Sharon Heikka met with grade field trip coordinators. The 6th graders will go to the IMAX Theater and John Ball Zoo, 7th graders will go to KBS and 8th grade class will go to WMU and potentially Michigan's Adventure. We are waiting to hear back from Michigan's Adventure since they are restructuring their fees and they want to make sure that the trip will be affordable. During this meeting they also discussed streamlining the field trip forms.
2. Sara Blow wants to try to get donations specifically for field trips. Laura Zervic has created a PayPal link for this in the event we launch a campaign drive. We will create a separate line item for this.

IX. Appropriation Request

- A. Advisory Club - Kim Ditto came to the meeting to discuss advisory club. She and other staff members have used their own money for different projects and she was wondering if it would be possible to get funding since it impacts the students. The latest project was, "Be your best selfie" with phone advisory posters that our students drew pictures on. Other activities include, U-Rock Tickets and "fun" activities. On Wednesdays advisory's read, give time for homework and organize. In 2015-2016 school year, 32% of our students had E's, since doing these club projects the 2018-2019 school year 16% E's. We decided that we will transfer \$400 from the PTSO Appropriation line (\$1,375 to now \$975) to create a new line for Advisory Club. Mrs Ditto will fill out an Appropriations Request form and submit receipts from the Be Your Best Selfie project.

X. New Business

- A. None at this time.

XI. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am.

UPCOMING DATES:

Spirit Week - October 14 - 18

Homecoming - October 18

Book Fair - October 21 - 25

Conferences - October 24 and 25

Fun Night - November 1

Early Release - November 6

*** Next Meeting - November 6 ***

Parent Advisory Meeting - November 8