

GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO

Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2019

In attendance: Kristen Kern-Beaver, Janet Romyak, Laura Zervic, Tommy Regis, Kai C Worm, Jenny Martin, Jill Piwko, Shauna Carr, Sharon Heikka, Ashley Vert, Kendall Wank, and Dr. Carmen Maring.

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Kristen Kern-Beaver called the meeting to order at 9:16 am, in the GLMS Media Center.
- II. Secretary Report - Janet Romyak
 - A. Motion to approve the October Minutes made by Laura Zervic and seconded by Jill Piwko.
Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Student Senate Report
 - A. Ashley Vert and Kendall Wank came to update us on Student Senate activities. The feedback from the November 1st Fun Night was that it was good. One change this year was having the parents/teachers ref the volleyball games. They also made larger courts and a warm up area. All in all, it was a good time for all. Next, our students are starting to plan the Holiday Fest for December 20th, 1-2:30. Ashley Vert said they will need parent help to run the event. Mrs. Schacher and Mrs. Carroll will be in contact about sending out a list for volunteers.
 - B. Jill Piwko asked if parents could volunteer without having a volunteer form on file? Kristen Kern-Beaver said no, parents would need to have a form on file. Therefore, we need to follow up with Dr Maring on whether forms were sent this year and getting them out so more parents can volunteer.
- IV. Principal's Report - Dr Maring
 - A. Parent advisory meeting - November 8, 2019 at 7:45 am. Drew Bordner, Director of Instructional Technology and Curriculum, will be visiting to update and answer questions related to technology integration at the middle school level. If interested please RSVP to Dr. Maring at cmaring@gulllakecs.org.
 - B. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Conference Meal.
 - C. Dr. Maring is looking for feedback on conferences. Did we meet parent's goal for conferences? What works out better for parents? The Food Trucks were not utilized this year and no one showed up for the childcare.
 1. Kai C Worm mention to Dr. Maring that it was a strange conferencing experience with the dates changed due to the Luke Bryan Concert. One school offered to conference on Tuesday and therefore her family went on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. So, perhaps there wasn't a good turn out because of all the changes.

- D. Exams will be at the end of the month, November 22, 25 and 26. No exams will be allowed to be taken early. Even with the 25th and 26th being half days, all are encouraged to attend!
 - E. Dr. Maring said she hasn't decided on their holiday gift, but is checking on prices for a short sleeve shirts and will get samples to make sure the staff will like them.
 - F. Lastly, Dr. Maring has mentioned that we are having problems specifically in 7th grade with behavior and academics. The administration is supporting the teachers on trying to influence a large group of students who tend to follow the negative and positive students. Dr. Maring encourages parents to talk to all our students, including 6th and 8th graders about behavior and academics.
- V. President's Report - Sara Blow
- A. Not Present; counting money for the fudge fundraiser.
- VI. Vice President's Report - Kristen Kern Beaver
- A. Will discuss under Fundraising.
- VII. Treasurer's Report - Laura Zervic
- A. Income for the month of October was returnables of \$20.20 from the teacher's lounge and \$1.26 from interest in our account. So far for the month of November we have had a total of \$202.41 in donations and \$13.56 from Hardings. Laura Zervic has paid the deposit for the 6th and 8th grade field trip charter buses of \$500 each, the PTSO purchased a new microwave for the lunchroom for \$75.29 and reimbursed Mrs. Ditto \$76.11 for the "Be Your Best Selfie" supplies.
 - B. Laura Zervic met with the bank and discussed the promotional savings account rate. Since we have \$29,587.13 in our savings account, Laura Zervic recommended taking \$15,000 and putting it into a money market fund to have our money "work" for us. Sharon Heikka asked if there will be additional fees or restrictions regarding withdraws. Laura Zervic responded that there will be no fees and if we do move money, it is usually one time a year. Plus that is why we would leave some money in the savings account and not move all of it.
 - C. Motion to approve the moving \$15,000 from the savings into a Money Market made by Tommy Regis and seconded by Sharon Heikka. Motion passed unanimously.
 - D. Motion to approve the October Financial Report made by Tommy Regis and seconded by Jill Piwko. Motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Committee Updates
- A. Homecoming Float - Thank you Turf Works who has once again loaned the middle school their truck and trailer for the homecoming float.
 - B. Staff Appreciation
 - 1. Laura Zervic said the taco bar went well. We received many thank yous for a delicious meal from our staff!

2. December - Milk and Cookies is schedule for December 19th. Laura Zervic will send the sign up link to Janet Romyak who will then send it out to our parent distribution list and post on Facebook.
3. We will also support Dr. Maring's Christmas gift up to \$800.

C. Book Fair

1. Meredith Alspach communicated that we made our goal and ended up getting many books into many hands. PLUS a ton of new books for the library! The next Book Fair will be held February 3-7 both during school hours and conferences!

D. Fundraising

1. Mackinac Island Fudge Co. Fundraiser counting was going on during the meeting. Sara Blow is planning to place an order next week after all the orders trickle in. Then we will distribute the merchandise on November 21st and 22nd.
2. The T-shirt and Towel online site is up and running. We plan to send the link out next week after the fudge order has been placed. Remember this fundraiser is no cost to us, we are given a percentage of what is made.
3. Grab Bag Fundraiser will be on December 5th and 6th. Janet Romyak sent out a request for Halloween Candy as bag filler. We will continue to take other items that our families and community members would like to donate. Laura Zervic is going to start working on the sign up genius link for more specific items and Janet Romyak will send it out to our parent list and post on Facebook.

E. Field Trips

1. Sharon Heikka has booked both of the field trips that will be using the charter bussing. The 6th graders will be going to the John Ball Zoo and Imax Theatre on May 28th. The 8th graders are scheduled for MI Adventures on June 4th. The 7th graders will be going to the Kellogg Biological Station as blue and white teams on school buses, dates are still being confirmed.

IX. Appropriations Requests

- A. Mrs. Fulling's Class Thanksgiving Lunch: The PTSO received an appropriation request from Mrs. Fulling for her students to provide a Thanksgiving lunch that they do every year. They will go shopping for the meal, prepare and host teachers, family members, and members of the community. Motioned to approve Mrs. Fulling's Request made by Sharon Heikka, seconded by Jenny Martin, and approved by all for the \$250.00 for the Thanksgiving lunch.

X. New Business

- A. None at this time.

XI. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am.

UPCOMING DATES:

Early Release - November 6

Parent Advisory Meeting - November 8

School Board of Education Meeting - November 18

Half Days for Exams - November 25 and 26

Thanksgiving Break - November 27-29

First Day of 2nd Trimester - December 2

GLMS Band Holiday Concert - December 3

*** Next Meeting - December 4 ***