

GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2020

In attendance: Kristen Kern-Beaver, Janet Romyak, Laura Zervic, Sharon Heikka, Kai C Worm, Beth Keller and Dr. Maring.

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Kristen Kern-Beaver called the meeting to order at 9:18 am.
- II. Secretary Report - Janet Romyak
 - A. Motion to approve the February Minutes made by Laura Zervic, seconded by Kristen Kern-Beaver and approved by all..
- III. Student Senate Report
 - A. Not present
- IV. Principal's Report - Dr Maring
 - A. Thank you for support of the Fun Night, Steam Fest and Grab Bags. The school benefits from the work of many parents who support our school activities.
 - B. Exams will be next week for the 7th and 8th grade students. Dr. Maring did say that some teachers are not having exams, but rather a final project.
 - C. The spring conferences will be set up by appointment only with sign ups via technology. This new method is due to the positive feedback from fall/winter 6th grade conferences.
 - D. Dr. Maring asked if anyone has been contacted about PTSO Board Positions for next year? Kristen Kern-Beaver, Janet Romyak and Laura Zervic all responded that they have not been contacted. Laura Zervic spoke with the PTO President at the Ryan Intermediate to see if she could mention it at the Ryan PTO meetings and plans to visit their April meeting.
 - E. The last Parent Advisory Meeting will be with GL High School Principal, Don Eastman, regarding the transition of 8th graders into the High School. More information to come regarding day and time.
 - F. Please post that we are in need of disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer bottles and facial tissues. Also, looking for a couple parents to help change out some bulletin boards throughout the school with a spring touch!
- V. President's Report - Sara Blow
 - A. Not present
- VI. Vice President's Report - Kristen Kern Beaver
 - A. Please see under Fundraising
- VII. Treasurer's Report - Laura Zervic
 - A. Laura Zervic reported the income for the month of February was the following: Bottle Deposit \$19.80, Book Fair Overage \$9.98 and \$1.53 interest from our bank account. No February expenses. The GLMS PTSO fundraising net balance is still \$9,808.93.
 - B. Motion to approve the February Financial Report made by Sharon Heikka, seconded by Janet Romyak and approved by all.

VIII. Committee Updates

A. Staff Appreciation - Laura Zervic

1. Thank you to everyone who donated for the Conference meal. During the month of March, we will be celebrating Pie Day on March 17th. Laura Zervic has created a sign up and Janet Romyak will send out an email, as well as, post on facebook.

B. Fundraising - Sara Blow

1. We did not get an update, so Janet Romyak will email Amy Evans to see the status of the T-shirt/Towel Fundraiser. Kristen Kern-Beaver and Sharon Heikka discussed selling towels at different events and possibly making another flyer to put on Dr. Maring's email.
2. Laura Zervic will be creating the sign up genius for the Grab Bag Fundraiser and Janet Romyak will send it out. We plan to sell Grab Bags on Wednesday, March 25th through Friday, March 27th unless we sell out.

C. Field Trips - Sharon Heikka

1. All present at the meeting discussed what the \$1,000 allocated to the grade level field trip is to cover. This year the 7th graders have two field trips, one to the Holocaust Museum and the other to the Kellogg Biological Station. The PTSO did not pay anything towards the Holocaust field trip and the Kellogg Biological Station field trip is less expensive because it is local. In the past the \$1,000 has been paid towards the transportation cost. The PTSO decided that the grade level coordinator could apply the \$1,000 where needed, but will only receive \$1,000 from the PTSO.

IX. Appropriations Requests

- A. Motioned to approve up to \$1,500 for 8th Grade Recognition, made by Kristen Kern-Beaver, seconded by Sharon Heikka, and approved by all.
- B. Motioned to pay \$227.38 for District Choral Festival transportation, made by Laura Zervic, seconded by Kirsten Kern-Beaver, and approved by all.
- C. Motioned to approve the \$180 for Mrs. Clancy to purchase Spinner Bait for the 6th Grade Salmon Release trip, made by Laura Zervic, seconded by Kristen Kern-Beaver and approved by all.
- D. Motioned to approve the \$2.20 copier expenses paid to the Gull Lake Community School Central Office, made by Kristen Kern-Beaver, seconded by Sharon Heikka, and approved by all.
- E. Motioned to approve up to \$250 for Lunch and Learn sessions with Beth Keller made by Laura Zervic, seconded by Janet Romyak, and approved by all.

X. New Business

- A. We do not have officers for 2020-2021 yet. While there are a couple people interested, no one has made the commitment. Laura Zervic is going to speak to the Ryan Intermediate PTSO Board and plans to attend their April meeting.
- B. Beth Keller said the STEAM Fest link has now been corrected, bit.ly/GLsteamfest. The Keynote speaker this year is from the Air Zoo and will present to each grade level in the cafeteria. There will be four, forty-five minutes sessions, with one session listening to the Keynote speaker. More information will come as everything gets finalized.

- C. Beth Keller also wanted us to be aware that March isn't just reading month, but also Middle Level Education Month! Beth Keller asked us to put a thank you for being a Middle Level Educator when we do our Pie Day. Next year, Beth would like to do something more.

XI. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 am.

UPCOMING DATES:

District Band Festival - March 5
Half Days for Exams - March 12 and 13
Start of 3rd Tri and School Board Meeting - March 16
Pie Day - March 17
Early Release - March 18
Grab Bag Fundraiser - March 25-27
No School - April 3
Spring Break - April 6-10
GLMS Musical - April 23

Next Meeting April 1