

GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL - PTSO
Meeting Minutes
SEPTEMBER 9, 2022
9:00 am Room 103

In attendance: Mary Kay Pederson, Kai C Worm, Nikki Pfennig, Nitasha Dominowski, Sarah Avink, Emily Dixon, Stacie Helgesen, Deanne Austin, Jill LeBeau, Kristin Brown, Dr. Maring

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Mary Kay Pederson - Welcome MaryKay called to order at 9:06 am.
 - B. Introduction to GLMS PTSO - new projects and vision. Mary Kay explained what she feels the Middle School PTSO looks like. She explained the areas of need for help and volunteer opportunities.
- II. Secretary Report - Kai C Worm
 - A. Approval of May Meeting Minutes. Mary Kay motioned to approve. Kai C Worm seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. Principal's Report - Dr. Maring
 - A. Was happy to see so many parents at the meeting this morning.
 - B. Looking to start Student of the month. This is a new program for the middle school. Hoping to recognize students who are always doing the right things. Nominated by staff members. Two main characteristics for September are Curiosity and Teamwork. Characteristics will change every month based on topics that are chosen in Advisory.
 - C. Looking to do a career day for the 8th grade group. Target 8th graders in the spring. They would have guest speakers. They would like to serve refreshments for the speakers. Will reach out in the Family Update to ask parents if anyone would like to be a guest speaker. Mary Kay asked if it could have stations.
 - D. The Student Senate had a staff member who recently stepped up into the roll. Mr. Hawkins will be the new coordinator. Mrs. Harwkins also plans to support SS as she has taken a new roll in the Middle School as well. They are working on Homecoming at this time. We are looking to support SS and their planning. Spirit day themes are still being planned.
 - E. Student senate is still planning the Fun Nights.
 - F. Dr. Maring mentioned that they are short on lunchroom supervision. Asked parents to volunteer if possible. Mary Kay asked her to touch on some of the policies so parents are aware of what happens during lunch. She also mentioned some concerns of parents and was hoping to further understand the policies and procedures that happen for students during that time. Parents should come to Dr. Maring with staff issues. Mr. Schut will be the new Dean of Students. Parents should plan to report issues that arise with students to Mr. Schut.
- IV. President's Report - MK Pederson

- A. 501c3 - decision not to pursue. We have still decided not to pursue it this year. This is definitely temporary. We can always decide at a later date to move forward.
 - B. Fundraising goal / event planning. We would like to raise \$10,000.00 this year to make up for our inability to fundraise the past few years because of Covid issues and protocols.
- V. Treasurer's Report - Nikki Pfennig - Welcome Nikki to the role of Treasurer
 - A. Discussion - new projects and shifting of spending. We are hoping to get service club up and running as a new group for students to get involved with this year. Discussed the allocated monies for potential expenses totaling \$12,000.00 pulling some monies from the MM. If the budget is approved it will reduce the Money Market savings by \$5,000.00 down to \$20,141.95.
 - B. Approval of 2022-2023 Budget. Jill LeBeau motioned to approve. Nikki Pfennig seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- VI. Committee Updates
 - A. Staff Appreciation
 - 1. Changing Conference meals
 - a. Will require a volunteer to organize the item donations, create the Sign up and set-up the meal. We will decide to inquire about donations as soon as conferences are set. We are waiting to see if they will be virtual or in-person.
 - 2. Welcome back snack-update - first day treat and trimester treats
 - 3. May - National Teacher Appreciation emphasis. We are hoping to get volunteers to help create the signUp and to help with set-up as well.
 - B. Scholastic Book Fair - Setup is October14 and the fair will be running in the library M-Thursday October 17- October 20 with possible eventing hours on the 20th.
 - C. Fundraising - Fun Lunch - new project monthly to generate a little revenue. We are looking to have the first Fun Lunch on October 7th. This will take place during students' lunch period. We will have a Sucker tree. Students may purchase a sucker for \$1.00 and find a color on the end of the sucker stick that will coordinate with a prize bin. Then they are able to pick a small prize. We are hoping to have the prizes donated and we will send out an Amazon wish list asking for certain items soon.
 - D. Homecoming - Is planned for September 23rd.
 - a. Float - Around the World created by the Student Senate. Student senate is in-charge of acquiring the means to pull the float and are looking for a truck.
 - b. Spirit Week - September 19-23. We are still waiting on the Student Senate to determine the dress up days and for Dr. Maring to approve each of the themes.
 - E. Field Trips - We are planning to support the field trips that are planned for the year.
- VII. New Business - collaborations at school
 - a. Devil's Den - multi use for Ptso, parent engagement and behavior curriculum incentive

- b. Adding a Service Club for after school activity and in school projects - including a concession table after volleyball games/basketball games. We decided that we would try to start small in an “off-season” with GLYBA. GLYBA typically does not have concessions from the sports boosters. We think it would be a great way for the service club to begin. We will discuss further at our next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Mary Kay called the meeting at 10:43 am.

UPCOMING DATES:

Homecoming - September 23

Parade 5:30 - Varsity football 7pm

Spirit Week - September 19-23

Early Release - September 21

PTSO Meeting - Oct 7

FUN Lunch - Oct 7

School Board Meeting - Sept 19

Thank you!

Mary Kay Pederson - PTSO President

Kai C. Worm - PTSO Secretary

Nikki Pfennig - PTSO Treasurer

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