

## GLMS PTSO Meeting Minutes - April 12, 2024

Present: Stacie Helgesen, Jill LeBeau, Kai C Worm, Nikki Pfennig, Emily Dixon, Dr. Carmen Maring, Jacob Oaster  
Emily LeBeau and Winnie VanderSalm (Student Senate representatives)  
Ella Johnson and Leah Kiegle (Interact representatives)

- I. Call to Order - Kai C - 9:04 am
- II. Secretary/PTSO Report - Emily
  - A. Approval of March 1, 2024 meeting minutes - Kai C motion to approve, Nikki 2nd, motion approves - minutes are approved.
  - B. Thank you note from Shelly Henderson for helping to fund the podcast class subscription fee.
  - C. 5th graders - coming over to the middle school for 6th grade orientation on Tuesday 5/21 and Thursday 5/23 from 2:20-3:20 pm. Shelley Fulling says that all kids will go over on those dates. Food Service aware of ice cream choices and dates. Emily to follow up with Christie Fadden, Shelly Fulling, K. Hawkins and J. Oyster and Josh Reames from Food Service closer to the May dates.
  - D. Remainder Ryan Intermediate PTO meetings - 5/13 - 9 am. Plan for a MS PTSO rep to go to a meeting and talk about MS PTSO. Emily to contact Ryan PTO.
  - E. Appropriation Requests
    1. No new requests as of 4/8/24
- III. Treasurer's Report - Nikki - Pi Day - made about \$305.
- IV. Principal's Report - Dr. Maring -
  - A. Thank you for supporting the 8th grade career day. Goodie bags went over well.
  - B. Student of the Month - thanks to the PTSO for supporting this initiative. Not many have turned in the free cafeteria coupons - students may need a reminder to use. Students get a t- shirt from the MS as well. Seems to be better received than the donuts.
  - C. Pizza with the Purpose - not well attended but great and beneficial information. We can request internet safety information free pamphlets and give out as desired. Plan to have info available at parent 6th grade orientation. Kai C to obtain a graphic of information for the Family Update.
  - D. Career Mobile Lab (MCCDL) - affiliated with KRESA for 6th and 7th graders. Reviews on demand careers in the community. 8th graders go on a career focused field trip earlier in the year.
  - E. Freshman info night was on 4/8. Seemed to be well attended.
  - F. MiPHY survey (health/trending issues) for 7th grade coming up on Monday 4/15. Won't get results until next year. Would be nice to have results available to parents.

- G. GL Academic Progress and Services survey - District Wide survey - not many people responded to the survey.
  - H. Adjusted schedule for 6th and 7th grade (will be coming in the 2nd half of day) on 4/23. 8th graders will be there all day to take the PSAT. Need to do it this way for staffing requirements.
  - I. 5/23 - Incoming 6th grade parent orientation - PTSO will create a flier to hand out and will be available this evening.
  - J. MS Chat - the 2nd trimester chat scheduled with Mr. Eastman was canceled due to no one signing up to attend and will not be rescheduled. Will not offer a 3rd trimester chat.
- IV. Presidents report - Kai C
- K. 501c3 filing/correct current status - table it until May.
  - L. Will need to vote during our May meeting for PTSO board positions for the 2024-25 school year
  - M. Cricut for MS - put together information for the office about wanting to hold off on purchasing. Asking staff to use the Kellogg Cricut and write down what it is used for.
- V. Student Senate (SS) Update -
- A. Emily LeBeau (Co-President) Legacy project - May 8th - Wednesday at 10:35-11:02. - picture will be taken out on the football field on the stands. 220 students - Nikki will take the picture. Plan is to frame and hang in the cafeteria. Hoping to have future years do the same. Need to have the picture by 5/22.
  - B. Winnie (Co-President) - 4/26 8th grade dance from 2:30-4 pm - neon theme. Selling tickets for \$10. Requesting PTSO help find 8 volunteers. Set up begins at 1:30 pm and would appreciate help with take down as well. Would like to know volunteers by Friday 4/19. Would like PTSO to help them with photos.
  - C. 5/10 - Fun Night - still requesting PTSO help find adult volunteers. This will be a regular fun night event.
- VI. Interact Club Update - Ella Johnson (President) and Leah Riegle (VP)
- A. Interact is the MS version of Rotary - Service before Self. Amy VanHuisen is the adult contact. Meets every Wednesday 7-7:30 am. The GL Rotary does help financially.
  - B. Try to do a community and an international project each year. International Project (this spring) - get school supplies/books for a school in Haiti. Community event (over the winter) was to help the Homeless in our area - raised about \$500 and donated the money to a Kalamazoo Charity.
  - C. Created sensory bins for every teacher at the MS.
- VII. Committee Updates
- A. Student -

1. Pi Day - went over well - students were engaged. Good fundraiser, easy to do in a lunch period. Jacob Oaster said there was an increase in behavior issues after the event but still doable.
2. Spring Jelly Bean Day - 4/22 - not going to do this year
3. Mother's Day Craft at 5/10 Fun Night

B. Staff - Stacie

1. Pi Day - staff really liked it. Stacie sent out thank yous to all that donated and a personal one to Courtney who donated multiple pies.
4. Conference meal - 4/25 - PTSO providing snacks and drinks. There is a sign up genius and amazon wish list posted. Hoping to have donations by 4/23.
5. May Staff/Teacher Appreciation Day that PTSO is in charge of will be Wednesday, May 8. We will have a dessert bar and keep the lounge stocked during the week. Planning for 70 staff. Sign up Genius/Wish List will be posted closer to the day.

VIII. Adjournment - Kai C - 10:50 am - Next Meeting 5/12

UPCOMING DATES:

4/17 - Early Release

4/23 - half day - 6th and 7th grade will be meeting in the afternoon

4/25 - half day - conferences

4/26 - Student Senate 8th grade dance

5/10 - Student Senate Fun Night

5/23 - Incoming 6th grade parent orientation

5/27 - No school Memorial Day

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