

MINUTES

Glencoe Elementary PTA Meeting *November 7, 2011*

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

Introductions

Board

- The PTA approved the October 3, 2011 minutes with one amendment: In the Foundation report funds section to substitute “not yet known” for “shy.”
- The PTA approved \$3000 to be added to the annual budget. These funds will build a new bike rack and cover. See bike rack below for additional information.

Principal’s Report

The principal reported that there were 7 to 8 teachers at math night to show off the new curriculum. Approximately 13 families played the games, made guesstimations, worked on patterns, etc. The teachers are very excited about the new Bridges method of teaching.

In the upcoming professional development time, teachers will be working with “Mr. A” of the Right Brain Initiative. He works with kinesthetic movement. Julie Smith from Portland Public Schools will be presenting information regarding autism and tools that often work with all children. Teachers also will be working on TAG and the new math curriculum.

The school is practicing “Lock Out” and “Lock In” drills. Lock out – there’s a safety issue exterior (out) of the school and no one can enter the school. The doors will remain locked until a call is made to the school that the safety concern is gone. Lock in – there is safety issue interior (in) of the school and students must be ushered inside a classroom and seated on the floor. All classroom doors will remain locked until the principal or a police officer unlocks them.

A brief discussion of notification regarding an occurrence of a “lock out” or “lock in” incident. There is the possibility of using the PPS autodialer or glencoe docs to get information to parents, etc.

Sally Foster is a school led fundraising effort to add to Robi’s \$9,000 budget to update the computer lab. Glencoe’s “techie” Greg Davis (paid with Foundation funds) is working with PSU to get some donations. Robi is hopeful to update the lab from other sources too.

Treasurer's Report & Fundraising

Scrip and Chinook book sales continue to be on/or above budget.

Pastini's brought in less money than last time, partially due a large catering order and long wait time. Laughing Planet is this month's restaurant partner on November 16. It will donate a portion of all sales.

All involved thought that The Harvest Festival was a success. The flow of participants was more organized this year. Ticket sales prior to the event may have helped surpass our budget - making a profit of approximately \$1600. (A full accounting hasn't been finalized yet.) A discussion followed as to the number of volunteer hours necessary v. the rate of return. Each student receives a coupon for a free slice of pizza. They also receive a free book. The general accord was this is a community event and the free items to each student most likely promotes more attendance.

Pumpkin sales fell short of budget, but it's a moneymaker as all the pumpkins are donated to the school.

Popcorn sales have been good. Some students miss the student store, but at this time there is volunteer to help run it.

Bike Rack/Cover Update & Fundraising

Wendy Farber reported that the City of Portland did not approve the location for the new bike cover. The new site will be located on the south side of the school between the stairwell and the Glencoe sign.

This location will cost a little more due to sloping. The last bike structure built three years ago was approximately \$1800 and was funded by Dan Hannon, the PTA and Glencoe. If all materials to build the structure were to be purchased, a conservative estimate is \$3000. To date, Wendy has raised \$1100.

Wendy asked the PTA to adopt into its budget the cost of this new bike structure. In her efforts to raise more funds, it will aid her to say that it is a PTA sponsored project. The PTA approved the project.

Wendy has been approached to have a square dance as a fundraising tool at the school. The organization who approached her would have a blue grass band and teach square dancing. The way the event is presented at this time is it would have other non-Glencoe participates invited to join. Discussion was tabled to resume at a future meeting.

Foundation

Trish Flanagan has volunteered as the new foundation chair. She's in the process of educating herself as to how money is raised and spent. She's already met with PPS which is known as All Hands Raised. She'll be meeting with others

to round out her knowledge in the next couple of weeks. She offered to pass on this information to anyone interested. Her e-mail address is trish@law4creatives.com.

There was discussion of the Craft sales the last two years. Trish will determine in the next few days if it's worthwhile to do a generic craft sale during parent/teacher conference week. Trish also reminded everyone to go thru glencoeschoolfoundation.com to make Amazon purchases.

The first formal organization meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15, 2011. 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Lisa Zuniga's house, 1341 SE 55th Avenue. This year's annual auction is March 3, 2012 at the Madeleine School. The Foundation is still looking for volunteers. If you have any questions, please call or email Laura Smoyer (503)232-3158, (smoyermyers@gmail.com)

K Kids Update

Since 1917, the Portland Kiwanis' mission is to serve children, to service leadership and to teach how to serve community. The Glencoe K-kids are fourth and fifth graders. There 32 students (with 10 on the waiting list). Steve Klemroth wants to expand the program and asked for parents to become part of the Kiwanas. Please contact Steve Klemroth for additional information.

The meeting was adjourned 7:45 p.m.