**Greenfield Home & School Minutes**

December 15, 2017

**Attendees:**

Graham Bailer, Liz Meyer, Bob Davis, Liza Herzog, Andrea Bailer, David Henry, Greg Glasheen, Janis Devlin, Sandra Winkler, Becky White, Aldie Loubier, Angela Stassi, Tracy Heisler, Nicole Eggerts, Karin Hannon, Monique Smaller-Rush, Julie Kaeli, Bradley Gay, Erica Intzekostas, DeWitt Brown, Amy Arcaro, Ralph Arcaro, Tina Becker, Annmarie Naples, Alexis L. Richardson

**Graham’s Notes:**

* More casual meeting today.
* Annie was a huge success, with both nights selling out! The Drama program sold $1500 in ad sales. Kurk and Dan are working to see if there’s a possibility for future shows during school hours.
* The info bazaar that took place during report card conferences was also a success, and we will continue to have them during all future conferrences.
* Next Wednesday, there will be a Coffee and Conversation about the middle school curriculum with Mr. Staab and Mr. Bentz.
* Lisa Armstrong and Fred Kaulbach showed a video at the last Coffee and Conversation about the history and success of Greening Greenfield. They talked briefly about plans for updates in the spring. They also mentioned that the clean up days have been helpful.

**Teacher Grants:**

* Greg Glasheen (5th grade science) let the board know that the Astronomy Science kits have arrived. This kit allows astronomy to come alive in the daytime. Mr. Glasheen also had his first meeting about the Lego Robo Club with two middle school parents and are in the planning stages.

**Budget:**

* Kristin was home sick this morning, but will have a full budget to share at the January meeting.
* Between the Friends and Family campaign and the robo call push, we had a nice jump in contributions to the Annual Fund.

**Engagement:**

* Bob Davis reminded everyone that Disney on Ice is on 12/29 at 3pm. He sold 103 tickets at $30 each.
* Stomp tickets are on sale. The performance is taking place on 12/30 at 7:30pm. Tickets are on sale for a discounted price of $45 (usually $72). Bob has sold 50 tickets so far.
* The DoGs/Glams Ugly Sweater Party will be held this Sunday, 12/17, at 5pm. The location is West Tavern on Callowhill Road.
* Last month’s DoGs event was changed to Craft Hall at City Hall. 100% of proceeds went to Greenfield.
* Next month’s DoGs night will be at the restaurant 24.
* In the last few weeks, hsa sold about 50 items of fleeces and active wear.
* In June, we are looking for some new executive board members, as many officers’ terms will be coming to an end. Start to be on the lookout for anyone who might be interested.

**Fundraising:**

* Liza Herzog mentioned that we’ve raised more money for Annual Fund than our peer schools. So far, McCall has raised $33,000 and Meredith has raised $40,000. Greenfield is up to 54% participation and $79,000.
* We will start working on corporate sponsorship and reaching out to local corporations and businesses. We are looking for leads to help find businesses, as well as contacts with experience in development.
* Syrena has done a great job with on-the-ground fundraising, but she will need help so that she doesn’t burn out.

**Lower School:**

* Angela Stassi started a conversation among class reps about gifting homeroom teachers, support, and special teachers. A lot of discussion and opinions were shared, and in the end, it was recommended that each rep decide what is best for their own class.
* On January 10th, from 4-6pm, Read by 4th will be holding a workshop that will involve parents of k-3rd graders and teachers in those grades. They will learn how to help their kids with reading strategies. The program is sponsored by the Free Library, AIM and Drexel.

**Middle School:**

* There was an 8th grade meeting. They are working to raise $3000 for the Memory Book, school dance, 8th grade day out, etc…
* Winterfest was a success with a good turnout. Kids enjoyed playing games, dancing and having food/drinks.
* Middle School committee is working with student council on planning the Glow Games.
* Julie Kaeli mentioned that they want to get some students and parents together on MLK Day to beautify the 3rd floor.
* Julie and Karin Hannon also talked to Mrs. Carney about starting a school newspaper. Liz mentioned that student council was also in the beginning stages of planning a newsletter/newspaper. It was agreed to meet up and coordinate about the content for each paper and/or also see if they can work together.
* Jessica Shou is meeting with Coding With Kids, and after school program for middle schoolers. Jess wlll talk to them about what resources they need and funding options for a possible 3 year grant.
* The mayor has a survey coming out in our newsletter for parents to fill out. Please pass this information along.

**Facilities:**

* Ralph Arcaro told the group that the Epson projectors are starting to show signs of wear/retirement. We will need about 20 new ones at a cost of $1100/projector.
* DeWitt Brown updated the board on MLK Day. There are lots of little jobs- sound booth desk, bulletin boards- that will be accomplished.
* DeWitt is working with Robyn Flenner on getting a crosswalk at the corner of 23rd Street and Sansom Street. He will put the email of Councilman Johnson in this week’s newsletter. If parents are concerned, please email the councilman.

**Outreach:**

* Amy Arcaro let the group know that the RAM awards were distributed to teachers mailboxes. Liz Meyer created a bulletin board with the recipients of honor roll and perfect attendance for the first semester. These awards go out for the first and third semesters only.
* Amy has noticed that she is getting about 25 people per school tour, which is a lot. Her next tour will be in January.

**Student Council:**

* Liz Meyer mentioned that the student council held a last minute Toys for Tots toy drive. Even with limited time, it was a huge success. The students filled a mini van completely full with donations, that went to children in disadvantaged homes.
* The results of the Philadelphia Giving Circle came back, and 4 of the proposals that student council voted on received grants.

**Auction:**

* The date for the auction has been confirmed for Friday, May 11, at UArts Hamilton Hall, at the intersection of Broad and Pine Streets.
* There is a planned site visit for January or February for anyone who is interested in seeing the space.
* Funds from this year’s auction will go towards technology (6th grade getting a 3rd classroom), new furniture (desks,etc) and bathroom updates (motion sensors, paint, floors, etc).
* Graham talked about the new kitchen improvements coming and why it’s now off the table for auction. In February, Greenfield should move to a ½ tray option for lunches. This will be funded by the school district.

Meeting was adjourned.