**Greenfield Home & School Minutes**

October 5, 2018

**Attendees:**

Graham Bailer, Dan Lazar, Monique Smaller-Rush, Ralph Arcaro, Rae-Lynne Tuzzo, Amy Arcaro, Alex Vegega, Kathryn Wurges, Caitlin Brown, Joanna Hill, Julie Kaeli, Aldie Loubier, Beth Clement, Rachel Sandler, Liz Meyer, Liza Herzog

\*September minutes will be approved at next month’s meeting\*

**Principal Update:**

* Dan and Julie Kaeli talked about how all middle school events should be “phone free”. The point of the events is to have the kids get together and hang out. They should not be filming others or posting photos on social media.
* The Blue Ribbon ceremony went very well.
* Dan informed the group that the Greenfield logo or name cannot be used unless approved by him.
	+ Discussion continued about how to make communication better among the HAS, Dan, faculty and staff.
	+ It was suggested that a committee form to help with such communication issues.

**Graham Update:**

* Graham explained what the teacher grants are and how they’re used. He mentioned that we invite the teachers to the HSA meetings to hear about the good things they’re doing with the grant money.
* Dinner on the Green and Back to School Night were both big successes.
* Drama rehearsals have begun for Willy Wonka Jr. The kids rehearse Wednesday – Friday each week.
	+ There was talk about alumni connections to Greenfield in association with Greenfield’s 50th anniversary, coming up in 2 years. The group talked about how to incorporate Greenfield alumni into our anniversary celebration.
* On Friday, October 26th, there will be a few events happening:
	+ The Halloween Party (fundraiser), from 6-8pm. There will be games, dancing, a movie, a haunted hallway, food and refreshments.
		- Julie Kaeli and Nicole Eggerts are planning a middle school lounge area in Ms. Weiland’s classroom. They will figure out the logistics of the evening.
* A swag sale will take place at drop off and pick up.
* The 50th day of the Annual Fund is October 24th, but will be observed on the 26th. There was talk about recruiting parent volunteers who are interested in doing a fun activity and provide cider or hot chocolate. Julie recommended getting student council to help.
* Wake Up Wednesdays have gotten underway. They’ve included a visit from CLI, where the new representative, Josephine Arcaro, gave an overview of who CLI was and what they do. Also, Greenfield guidance counselor, Jen Stern, talked to middle school parents about the high school process. If you have an idea for a Wake Up Wednesday, contact HSA to share.

 **Caitlin Update:**

* The Annual Fund is up to $35,000, with 20% participation
* Caitlin talked about tying in the AF with the fact that Greenfield was just awarded the Blue Ribbon to spark more contributions.
* Caitlin told the group that all teachers receive the weekly newsletter, so they should be “in the know” about all Greenfield events.
* Please keep sending photos about events, class parties, etc. for Caitlin to put into the newsletter.

**Liza Update:**

* A grant has been submitted to Wells Fargo for possible playground funding and a Wawa grant is being prepared.
	+ The playground committee is a sub-committee of the fundraising committee, so if you’re interested in the playground development, please come to the next fundraising meeting.
* The Robotics Club is still eligible for grant money. We have a Lowe’s Toolbox grant out to see if Greenfield can get supplemental money for Robotics.

**DeWitt Update:**

* The group discussed getting Student Council’s help in disseminate supplies during the Teacher Supply Drive.

**Rae-Lynne Update:**

* Rae-Lynne is creating a network of volunteers and is going to create a survey to find out parent interests/skills. This will help us find the right volunteer for each job.
* She is pooling volunteers for help with Original Works art and with the Halloween Party.
* Rae-Lynne and Reva Batheja will work to engage the classroom reps once we get a list of all the classroom parents contact info.

**Middle School:**

* Julie announced that the soccer teams each won their last game. The volleyball team will start playing games soon.
* Debate Team has started. Julie talked about trying to do more to support our teams and show school spirit. One way is to get people to come to the teams’ games.
* There will be a Wake Up Wednesday focusing on middle school families. Called How to Raise a Digital Citizen, Dan Lazar and Jen Stern will talk about the protocols of cell phone use and the emotional outcomes of having a phone/access to social media.
* Student Voice is a philanthropic club (formerly Read Lead Succeed) led by Mr. Neary for 6-8th graders.. One project that they’d like to work on is through World of Change- a school wide effort to have jars in each classroom that will collect money for a non-profit cause that Student Voice researches and finds is in need of help. More to come….

**Miscellaneous:**

* Amy Arcaro shared with the group that yesterday’s K-1st grade Open House brought in about 65 people. There is a middle school open house next Thursday for 3rd-4th grade parents.
* Monique Smaller-Rush said that about 10 students have expressed interest in Mr. Reo’s Rock Band for 5th-8th graders. Mr. Reo is looking for instrument donations. Monique also mentioned that Chess Club has 15 kids signed up. The instructor will teach the kids the basics, but hopes to then teach them competitively and go to meets.
* The Wellness Committee is working with SAC to assist with teacher and staff wellness. They are reaching out to area fitness centers willing to give our staff discounts on workouts.
* Ralph told the group that money was approved for Mrs. Kurtzman’s projector. Ralph and a team will also replace 10 smartboards with whiteboards.
* This year’s annual Auction will be Friday, March 15 at Hamilton Hall. There will be a Wake Up Wednesday dedicated to recruiting auction volunteers on 10/24.

Meeting was adjourned.