**Greenfield Home & School Minutes**

February 8, 2019

**Attendees:**

Graham Bailer, Dan Lazar, Liz Meyer, Caitlin Brown, Alex Vegega, Nicole Eggerts, Kristin McKenna, Janis Devlin, Kathryn Wurges, DeWitt Brown, Liza Herzog, Julie Kaeli, Amy Arcaro, Rae-Lynne Tuzzo, Tina Becker.

**Principal Update:**

* Dan informed the group that a projector is going in Mrs. Kurtzman’s room.
* Liza Herzog asked Dan to address the Progress Report. We’re one point away from being a model school. There are always mixed feelings about such reports and their accuracy. It was suggested to keep the conversation going by doing a possible Wake Up Wednesday on the topic.

**Graham Update:**

* There will be a uniform and swag sale on Friday, 2/22.
* The book fair sold about $13,000. Still waiting to hear back from Scholastic about what expenses were accrued.
* Topics for Wake Up Wednesday were discussed:
  + Talking to tweens about puberty will take place on 2/13.
  + Health Education curriculum will be on 2/27.
  + There is a tentatively scheduled WUW for April to formally introduce the playground plans.
  + Julie Kaeli and Amy Arcaro are working on a WUW geared towards middle school parents about screen time and kids.

**Caitlin Update:**

* Caitlin Brown is putting together testimonials from students, parents and teachers to share in a Valentine’s Day e-blast for the Annual Fund.
* The group also discussed using the bulletin boards to put up quotes about the various programs at Greenfield.

**Kristin Update:**

* Kristin McKenna announced the HSA nominating committee: Liz Meyer and Leslie Greenspan.
  + Open positions for next year’s executive board are:
    - President-elect
    - treasurer
    - recording secretary
* The Annual Fund is at about $100,000.
* T-shirt sales are going well, but more money was spent in replenishment this go- around.
* There is a little extra money in budget because some teachers have not used their grant money.
* At the last HSA/teacher meeting, it was suggested that a teacher advisor be established to work with the HSA.
  + Julie Kaeli is currently working with Mrs. Charmont for middle school.
  + Amy Arcaro expressed interest in a faculty chair to help with the Outreach committee. To get the teacher buy-in, Kristin will ask them at the next HSA/teacher meeting.

**DeWitt Update:**

* DeWitt Brown informed the group that the playground committee is still working on a PA Development grant**.**
  + They are doing well with matching donations and will have enough to apply for grants.
  + DeWitt stressed that the money for the playground is not coming from the Annual Fund or Auction.
* Teacher Grant: Brook Silvers applied for an additional grant that will take her over her budget by about $40. The board voted to approve.

**Middle School Update:**

* Julie Kaeli is working with Julia Morganstern about her book on time management to be a better parent and doing a book reading/event. Julia is a Greenfield alumae.
* There will be a book talk with Michael Reichert on April 24th about his book, *How to Raise a Boy*.
* Mrs. Charmont agreed to be the middle school faculty advisor.
* Career Day- Julie is working with Mrs. Charmont on ideas for middle school speakers. They suggest that roundtable discussions work better with the older students.
* A sixth grade parent reached out to Julie about having a middle school spring dance. Possible date that could work would be 4/26. Julie will keep the group posted.
* Julie talked about the idea of surveying middle school girls about bullying and cliques. Guidance counselor, Jen Stern and nurse, Christina McCabe, have expressed interest in being involved, too.. More to come on this topic.

**Auction:**

* A parent has volunteered to DJ the event.
* There will be an auction site meeting on Friday, 2/15, beginning at 11am.
* The auction committee has rehired David Fitzgerald to be the auctioneer for the evening.
* Procurement help is still needed. If you have any relationships with area restaurants or businesses, please ask them to contribute gift cards and/or goods.
* This year, there will be some new and exciting items.
* Flyers will come home with kids next Friday, 2/15.

**Miscellaneous:**

* Liza told the group that she had a conversation with Mrs. Sigal and Mrs. Reimer about having middle schoolers (whether currently at Greenfield or Greenfield graduates) coming in on ½ days to do service projects. Jobs would include helping various teachers with small projects in their classrooms.
* Rae-Lynne Tuzzo informed the group that a diversity committee has casually formed, involving a few parents, teachers, staff and Dan. As the committee begins to figure out their plan and goals, it will be more widely promoted.
* Nicole Eggerts is in talks with Mikki Brownell and Christina McCabe about talking to the other teachers and staff to identify any students/families in need.
* Outreach- Amy Arcaro informed the group that kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year is full. Next year, there is talk about moving to a lottery system.
* Wellness- A rep from the wellness committee will be at the next SAC meeting.
* Enrichment- 8th grade will not be participating in the Shakespeare Workshop this year.
* Greening Greenfield- Makom Community approached Graham about doing a summer Greening week and they would like to work with Greenfield, since many of their students go to Greenfield and they are just blocks away from school.
  + Graham and Kristin will put Beverly, from Makom, in touch with Kathryn Wurges, from Greening Greenfield, to see what kind of collaboration can be done over the summer.

The meeting was adjourned.