

Greenfield General HSA Meeting Minutes- 9.20.10

Attendees: Kristin McKenna, Nicole Eggert, Stacey Harpster, Maggie Sieleman-Ross, Maura Wynn, Caitlin Brown, Graham Bailer, Liz Meyer, Alex Vegega, Aldie Labrier, Joanna Bisgaier, Rae-Lynne Lizza, Kathryn Wiggins, Janis Devlin, DeWill Brown, Sam Charotan, Jessica Grimm, Liza Herzog, Reva Batheja, Amy Arcaro, Joseph Croisant, Maria Papacharalambous, Keshia Fragkaki, Camilla Ross Herrera, Dan Lazar, Mara Hinch

Principal Update:

Principal Lazar updated the room on the Rita's event, reporting that it was fun and a good turn out. Week 3 of school is off to a good start. There was a scheduled walk out on 9.20.19 to protest Climate Change. This was a school organized event.

Programs have started. Back to School Night was a success. Annual fund donations are coming in.

Suggestion - bring annual fund forms to Rita's or other events once the annual fund has been announced.

Asbestos report - schools built in the 1910's, 1920's will most likely have asbestos. Greenfield does have some reported asbestos, but it has been removed or tested to show no threat. Reports can be found online.

Asbestos locations: on the top of the pipes in the auditorium, and tiles outside a classroom. Tests were run by outside and reputable contracts and show that the school is good.

A 6 month adheara report also notes water sources in the school. All lead water sources reported before have been changed to bottle filling stations. 6 water stations total are in Greenfield. Other water sources have been turned off or aren't used.

There are school groups trying to fundraise to provide water bottle filling stations in underserved schools.

Recap:

Graham - Dinner on the Green, used uniform sale: Dinner on the Green had a great turn out, made over \$500, and he received a lot of positive feedback. Graham is looking for a co-chair for Dinner on the Green next year.

Used uniform sale - all non-descript clothes will be donated to Waring. Used projectors were donated to Chester Arthur since PSD purchased smartboards.

Rae-Lynne - BTSN: The teachers were provided pizza and a potluck dinner for Back to School Night. There was also a raffle for gift baskets, which was well-received. The raffles should be considered moving forward.

Financial:

Sam/Kristin - Budget and Annual fund update: Financials were reviewed. Most revenue and expenses have stayed the same. The school will pay for the following programs: robotics, debate, student voice and newspaper. HSA will pay for the following: rock club (art), student council, chess club, and coding class (new).

Last year's programs cost the HSA \$10,000, but this year, it will be \$3,000.

Planned vs. where we currently stand will be reviewed at the next meeting.

PayPal fees add up and Venmo is free when sending funds to the HSA.

One of the largest expenses is enrichment at \$100,000, which covers classroom needs: \$31,000 in grade programs, teacher grants total \$26,000 (\$650 @ 40 teachers), \$2,000 for the library, \$51,000 for Education Works and recess equipment, and \$3,000 in other enrichment.

Last year the HSA provided Mr. Lazar \$15,000 for books, and other supplies that he does not need again this year.

Over 20 teachers have participated in the grants to-date.

Additional expenses include middle school sports - banquet, jersey's.

The Annual Fund is moving along. A reminder will be sent out with a note letting family's know that the "original works" fundraiser will not be happening this year. When sending Venmo (or any donation), families should note their children's name(s) and classroom number.

Greening Greenfield:

DeWitt - Playground Update and Villanova Day: Villanova Day will be on Saturday, September 21, from 9am to 3pm. Students will come to clean and sweep the outside spaces of Greenfield. Families are encouraged to attend.

Greening Greenfield initiatives will occur once a month.

The playground grant application has been approved for \$100,000. The Kilimanjaro equipment was selected through the survey to Greenfield families. The Kindergarten teachers have selected the Mountaineer equipment.

The estimated budget is \$350,000-\$375,000, so there is an estimated \$150,000-\$175,000 left to fundraise. DeWitt continues to apply for more grants. There is a fundraising meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 26 at the Fidler Club.

Classrooms:

Reva - Class rep selection and meeting: The lower school classroom reps are being recruited. Reva will run the class rep meeting on 10/8.

Amy - Middle school reps: Each grade will have co-chairs

Planning:

Rae-Lynne - Recruitment update, WUW 9/25 Parent Portal: The sign up genius for year-round volunteer needs has been sent and filling up. Wake Up Wednesdays will occur every other month. New topic suggestions are welcomed.

Kristin - Auction: Looking at March 17 or 23, 2020. Hamilton Hall, where the event has been for the past 2 years, is being explored. Other possible locations, that can hold 500 people, will also be looked at for this year. The first planning meeting will occur in October.

Amy - RSVP/Volunteers: Senior citizens come to Greenfield on Monday's from 9:30-10:30am (as long as they have clearances). 12 teachers have signed up for this service. Amy will train the volunteers. This is the 8th year with this program.

It was noted that a form of recognition should be given to these volunteers.

Amy - Open houses: 2 upcoming open houses, 10/3 for K & 1st grade, 10/10 for middle school. Pre-k schools in the catchment have been sent invitations.

Kristin - Halloween Party, DOGS, GLAMs: The Halloween party will be on Friday, October 26. Danni Figueroa is organizing and parents can sign up to volunteer.

DOGS will be on 9/26 at Callahan's to watch the Eagles game. The next GLAMs night is on 10/16 at Gran Cafe L'Aquila. These events are social events for the parents as well as a fundraiser for the school.

Catherine - Family Social: The Cambridge is hosting the next family social on 10/22. Families will dine on the back deck and beer brewed from last year's auction will be served. Proceeds from that beer will come back to Greenfield.

New Business:

Middle school students have expressed interest in starting new clubs. Some examples: film, 'zine (magazine), gaming, crochet & knitting, industrial design, sports (general interest), spy, puzzle solving, writing, cooking, and tech.

If clubs are held at the school, a teacher needs to run that club. If not a teacher, a non-profit has to run the club and go through the district.

Question - can a teacher, if willing, supervise more than 1 club in the same location at the same time?

Next meeting: 10/17, 6pm; HSA is considering ordering pizza to sell for \$1/slice, it will be held in the cafeteria and a movie may be shown for kids.