

## Greenfield Home & School Minutes

October 17, 2019

### Attendees:

Dan Lazar, Alex Vegega, DeWitt Brown, Liz Meyer, Lisa Delgado, Caru Echenique, Lara Ratkovic, Paul Ratkovic, Jen Tondera, Chau Winn, Kristin McKenna, Rae-Lynne Tuzzo, Keshia Fragkaki, Dannielle Figueroa, Kate Wurges, Heather Ellis, Debbie Maser, Nicole Eggerts, Kimberly Guise, Janis Devlin, Tara Davis, Bob Davis, Sam Charotari

### Principal Update:

- Bathroom update: All district trades were here yesterday to do a walk through. Dan will get a quote. There could be money also for work in the auditorium.
- The first RAM (Respectful, Accountable and Mindful) Awards were handed out this school year. Each teacher was asked to nominate a student from their homeroom. The students that won the awards were given a RAMs t-shirt.

### Recap:

- **Open Houses-** Both the Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> grade and middle school open houses were well attended. We saw a few families with children currently attending private schools, as well as families moving to Philadelphia from out of town.
- **GLAMs-** Even with the rainy weather, the first GLAMs night of the school year was a success, with 15-20 in attendance. Next GLAMs night planned for 11/14.
- **DoGs-** 40+ attended the last DoGs night, which raised about \$200 towards the Annual Fund. The next DoGs night will be held on 10/24 at the Fitler Club.
- **Rita's Fundraiser-** The fundraiser was a success. Kristin collected a carload of supplies that went to Chester Arthur Elementary.
- **Uniform Swap-** Leftover clothes from the uniform swap went to Waring Elementary.

### Greening Greenfield:

- **Playground Update-**
  - Created a GoFundMe page in order to find outside businesses, residents and community members interested in contributing to the Playground fund.
  - DeWitt, Chau and Dannielle met with Kompan to go over new playground structure. We are going with a modified version of the Kilimanjaro set. With the slight modifications, we will cut the cost by over \$60,000. The last update has us looking at \$300,000 for total cost. The GoFundMe page says we're still short about \$100,000, but it's actually less than that. \$200,000-\$215,000 has been raised so far.
  - Kompan structures are well made and offer a great warranty program. When finished, the playground committee hopes to have enough money left over for a \$50,000 endowment, for maintenance.
  - By January-March, design should be finalized.

- **Clean-Up-** There are four clean-ups scheduled for the rest of the school year. The next clean-up day, 11/9, will coincide with Love Your Park Day. Coffee and bagels will be served. It's a fun family event that will start around 9-10am.

#### **Budget:**

- In Sunday's newsletter, it was announced that three more families have offered matching gifts of \$5,000 each, one if we reach \$100,000 by November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The Annual Fund is up to \$86,000, though participation is low (about 30%).
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraising is going well and brought some money in from popsicle/fruit sales.
- The HSA changed banks in order to save money on banking fees.
- HSA has received \$5,600 in checks to go towards the playground improvements.
- We received \$500 from the Rita's fundraiser.
- T-shirt sales going well, and the uniform swap raised \$230.
- Some expenses so far have been:
  - Tech for new speakers
  - Chicks for 1<sup>st</sup> grade
  - Garden Party (lights, concessions, movie)
  - Education Works
  - T-shirt replenishment order
  - Back to School Night teacher dinner
  - Middle School sports jerseys
  - Chess Club
  - Right to Script for drama program
  - Supply Drive (paper)

#### **Classrooms:**

- Lower School- Parents need to have their clearances in order to volunteer or go on class trips. No parent without clearances will be permitted to go on field trips.
- Middle School- Students planning on trying out for sports teams must fill out the Sports physical form in its entirety and get a stamp print from their pediatrician's office. Students won't be allowed to participate in sports if the form is not filled out correctly and completely.

#### **Planning:**

- **Wake Up Wednesday:**
  - 10/30- Gender Identity. The CHOP Gender Identity Clinic will come in and speak to parents. This same representative had a talk with teachers at their last PD Day.
  - 11/13- How to use Google Classroom/Parent Portal led by Mr. Lazar.
  - 11/27- Singapore Math with Val Klein
- **Auction:**
  - We are fine tuning the date and location. There will be a planning meeting sometime in November for anyone interested in helping out.

- **Halloween Party:**
  - Tickets go on sale next week at drop off and pick up.
  - The night itself will be very similar to previous Halloween Parties.
  - Middle School will have a lounge area and Laser Tag outside.
  - There will be a glow shop and glow hula-hooping.
  - In the auditorium, we will be showing movie shorts.
  - Still looking for volunteer judges for the costume contest.
  - ALL children must come to the party with an adult.
  - Their last planning meeting will take place this Sunday at 3pm.
- **Family Dinner Night at the Cambridge:**
  - Proceeds from the dinner will go towards HSA. They will be serving the beer that the McEleer family brewed (won in the auction).
- **Halloween Parade:**
  - Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> grade will have a parade, starting with kindergarten at 9am. It falls roughly on the 50<sup>th</sup> day of the Annual Fund, so we will be serving coffee and hot chocolate. T-shirts will be on sale.
- **Spirit Week:**
  - Students can pay \$5 for the week. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have the option of paying \$10 if they just want to have a whole week of dress down or \$5 for dressing according to Spirit Week.
- **Bike Lane:**
  - The bike lane on 22<sup>nd</sup> street will go in Spring 2020. All are encouraged to call the 9<sup>th</sup> District Community Liaison Officer and file a complaint about not having a crossing guard at the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Walnut intersection.

**Miscellaneous:**

- A candy collection will begin shortly after Halloween, for anyone interested in getting rid of excess Halloween candy. Still looking for a charity to donate the candy to.
- 11/15- Friendsgiving. Families will get together and put packages together to help women and children from Women Against Abuse.
- Mr. Neary and Student Voice will be collecting change again this year for World of Change and will also have a Philabundance food drive before Thanksgiving.

The meeting was adjourned.