

Glacier Creek PTO Meeting, 2022-23 School Year

Date/Time: November 10, 2022 – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. (w/ Admin); 9:30 a.m., open to all – no attendees.

Location: Glacier Creek Middle School

PTO Attendees: Kelly Robinson (Pres.), Kerry Ausman (Treas.), Alison Scherer (Sec.), Tracey Lee (VP?) – managing Book Fair

GCMS Admin: Ken Metz – principal; Shari – Admin Asst.

GCMS Principal's Report/Admin Update:

Recent school activities include:

- 6th grade showcase; Orchestra concert with Mark Wood
- All school dance/open-gym; had about 370 kids attend, DJ (Jake Foster) did a good job with music. Two more sessions during school year – Dec. 16th, Feb. 24th; will have staggered release times for kids to reduce vehicle pick-up congestion
- Daily sub needs are more manageable/lower (@ 4-5 vs. 10-12 per day)

PTO Discussion:

- Budget review: current balance of \$28,090.84 as of 11/9/2022 and after @ 2k used for: school ice cream social/meet admin staff, teacher appreciation, grants for 8th grade calculators; showcase glow sticks, playground equipment, Book Fair w/drawal
- PTO met with grade level staff to inquire about possible classroom needs, working on Amazon “Wish-lists” for teachers. Larger funding items reviewed with Admin staff to get some additional background/input:
 - **3D printer & large format printer** – principal wants to check if the requestor has factored in on-going supply costs for their budget beyond the item is purchased by PTO. Librarian going to a conference in December which will cover latest tech.
 - **Gaga Ball Pit** – waiting on quote for cement/walkway work to make ADA compliant; need to finalize a possible location – possibly near 5th grade wing/fieldhouse; principal to check with Lunch supervisors re: visual oversight
 - **Security film for 5th grade windows** – need more information on what staff is looking for (e.g., inside vs. outside windows; what type of film, etc.) – PTO pres. To send a follow-up e-mail to 5th grade teachers as a name was not attached to the request.
 - **Possible TV for 5th grade wing** to promote school announcements, lunch menu, club activities, etc.
 - Principal also thought about location – vestibule area where kids pass thru – consider both places.
 - Can the TVs be tied into/utilize Nutrislice system – expand to add other information?
- Current events: Book Fair started today, PTO providing snacks/drinks for teacher conferences on 11/10 and 11/17 in the teacher's lounges. Holiday spirit wear – orders due by 11/22.
 - Comment about whether Simply Swimming can add more detail on GC spirit items (e.g., how many oz do the water bottles hold, chest size/fit for sweatshirts, etc.)

- Possible future grant topic area/push when asking community for additional funds – technology (e.g., 3D printers, new planer for Tech Ed classroom, etc.)... how can PTO support advancement of school technology.
- Future events:
 - o ___Holiday Teacher appreciation cash drive – Pres. To include PayPal link in a separate communication to families – will be one of two cash donation opportunities
 - o ___December 14th – Treat Day; hand out gift cards to staff based on funds received
 - o ___January PD Day – maybe create a theme “Pajama/Cozy” Day – provide Hot Choc, etc.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: December 8, 2022

Summary of Action Items:

- **Admin/Ken** – Check in with Librarian re: budget for on-going supplies if a new 3D printer purchased – in Library budget or is a request for PTO to help support on-going supplies?
- **Admin/Ken** – Check with Lunch Supervisors re: future Gaga Ball pit location (near fieldhouse?); need final estimate on any cement/walkway costs for ADA compliance; rubber flooring over any cement, etc.
- **Admin/Ken** – check to see if additional TVs can be wired to current system for announcements, lunch menu, club activities, etc. (multiple TV locations – 5th grade commons, vestibule, etc.)
- **PTO/Pres** – Send out e-mail to 5th grade teachers to get clarification on window security film (on which windows, type of screening, etc.)
- **PTO** – messaging to families about first of two donation drives for teacher appreciation (holiday and springtime periods).