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:

- <u>Budget review</u>: 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. <u>Larger funding items reviewed with Admin staff</u> to get some additional background/input:
 - o **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.
 - o **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
 - o **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.
 - o **Possible TV for 5**th **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?
- <u>Current events</u>: 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.
 - o 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:

- <u>o</u> 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).