

September 2024 - Consolidated PTO Meeting Notes

PTO Board/GC Admin Meeting - Sept. 19. Attendees: Kelly Robinson (PTO President), Tonya Schram (PTO Treasurer), Alison Scherer (PTO Vice President), Connie Gregory, Tabitha Hansen, Mary Kern (GC Assistant Vice Principal) (in lieu of Ken Metz who was absent, Shari Taylor (Admin Assistant to Ken Metz), Jason Adams (GC Phy Ed teacher)

PTO Evening Open Meeting - Sept. 23. Attendees: Kelly Robinson, Jennifer Lescaleet, Julie Pawola, Heather Tinker, Jacquelyn Welch

- I. **Minutes from May 2024** are posted on PTO Website. Motion to approve minutes was made by Alison with a second by Kelly. Motion approved.
- II. **Sabercat Dash - November 14-15** (Up first so Jason can head back to class)
 - A. This Fall, the PTO will bring back the Sabercat Dash as a fundraiser for the Playground Expansion Project. The Dash will not resemble the "Fun Runs" of our feeder schools or past 2 Sabercat Dash events. Dash will take place during student PE classes and will not require parent volunteers to run the event.
 - B. We will be asking our school community to reach out to friends and family for donations and this will be the main drive to seek school family donations for the Playground initiative.
 - C. Donations will be collected via PTO fundraising platform, Zeffy. Each grade level will be given a fundraising goal of \$7,500 (Grand total of \$30,000 and comes out to an average of \$32/student).
 1. Will be a prize for each grade reaching their goal. Ideas for those prizes: Pie in the face of staff member, Taping Metz to the wall, Ken work on the roof for a day, Staff member shave head (School Admin working on these)
 2. Any grade that raises \$10K will get a plaque on a piece of playground equipment (This piece donated by the Class of XXXX)
 3. Large trophy for grade level with the most laps run during Dash - Top 50 times and bottom 10 times per grade level will be counted.
 - D. Jason Adams and Jennifer Broadley are PE Liasons for the event.
 - E. School is working on Guest Runners for Dash, Brta (GC Mascot)
 - F. A Flyer about the Event will be distributed by teachers at Fall Conferences (Oct. 10 and 16). Electronic Communication introducing the event to go out this week.
 - G. We will start collecting donations October 10th and will collect donations through November 22 (will also take cash donations).
 - H. We will present grade level rewards in the short week before Thanksgiving (Nov. 25-26)
 - I. **Ways Parent Community can Help:**
 1. **Please share your child/children's fundraising websites to family and friends. The more we raise now, the less fundraising we'll have to do later.**
 2. **If you have connections to a fun "guest runner" or own a business that could provide some fun raffle prizes to the students during the event, please contact the PTO at glaciercreekpto@gmail.com.**

III. **Principal's report - given by Shari in Ken's absence**

- Things are going well at the start of the school year
- STAR Testing taking place in the next few weeks at GC.

- In following a discussion about the morning's Fire Drill, Mary also described the process for active threat drills and power outages. Discussed how they differ and how staff prepares students for each type of drill.

IV. Treasurer's report - Tonya Schram

- A. It is early in the year, so there is minimal financial activity.
- B. We've had a couple donations for Sabercat Fund come in. We are preparing for major initiatives for the school year.
- C. We still haven't found an accountant to assist with end of year reporting. We will put out another request for help in eNews. Mary Kern mentioned she may have a contact if we do not have luck with our school community.
- D. **Ways Parents can help** - If you can assist us in finding a local Accountant to help with our filings, please contact Tonya at glacercreekppto.treasurer@gmail.com.

V. President's Report - Kelly Robinson

- A. Superintendent Monoque has requested meeting time to address our community. With PTO only offering bi-monthly meetings this year and historically low turn-out for those meetings, we will work on collaborating with our Feeder Elementary schools to provide an opportunity for our community parents to take part in her presentation. Park PTO has already offered to let GC Parents attend their presentation (will probably take place 2nd Semester)
- B. **First Evening meeting will take place Monday, September 23rd**. We will be trying out a Google Meet option for this meeting to allow parents to listen in if they can't be present.
- C. **Spiritwear Sale Update** (Jacquelyn) - There were 148 Orders placed for Spiritwear. They will be ready the week of Sept. 30th and will be distributed to students at school. The sale brought in a profit of \$450 for the GC PTO, which will go to general funds (School Enrichment Grants, Staff Appreciation, End-of-year grade level celebrations).
- D. **Next Share Event - Saturday, September 28 at NINETEEN09** They will donate 20% of their sales from the entire day (3pm-10pm) back to the GC PTO.
 - 1. We tried to secure a food truck for the event with no luck due to last minute timing of the event. We will be encouraging people to get take-out from local CP restaurants to bring to event if they are looking for meals.
 - 2. PTO will hold a Cash Raffle with proceeds going to the Sabercat Fund 4 Outdoor Fun. Tickets will be \$5 each and can be purchased via cash or credit card (through Zeffy). Prizes will be \$50, \$25, and \$25 and winning tickets will be drawn at 8pm.
 - 3. Will be promoting the event on Facebook, Instagram and via email to families week before the event.
- E. **October Share Event - Wednesday, Oct. 30 4-8pm at TRIO RAMEN**
- F. **October Conferences**
 - 1. Snacks for Staff - PTO will again be asking for donations of snack items for our staff members putting in long days for conferences.
 - a) **Sign-up for parents to donate snacks** and help with set-up will go out in Sabercat Newsletter 9/26 and 10/3 with a direct email if needed.
 - b) Sort through donations and set up from Noon-2pm on Oct. 10 with clean-up the following morning. Will need less set-up time on Oct. 16 and same pick-up morning of 17th.
 - 2. **Food Drive** - Will be asking parents to bring in food donations for WayForward. Great opportunity to collect donations since parents are coming to the building.
 - 3. Book Fair Oct. 10-16 - Whitney is coordinating and will hopefully have info to go out next 2 newsletters and via direct email from admin or literacy teachers.

G. Playground Update

1. Have secured \$52,729 for the Sabercat Fund 4 Outdoor Fun (\$11,428 from Business Sponsorships, \$14,477 from Individual Family Sponsorships, and \$1,823 from Individual Donations under \$500). Have \$111,271 left to raise for Phase 1 of Playground Project. Our goal is to raise that \$111K in this school year:
 - a) Sabercat Dash - \$30K fundraising goal, hoping for more
 - b) Raffles, Fundraising events/socials - \$10K
 - c) Grants and Business Sponsorships - \$70K
 - d) **Employee Match?** - Suggest to parent community to look into with their employer as GC PTO is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization
2. We can get 2024 prices from Burke as long as we order within the calendar year. Asked Shari to coordinate a meeting with appropriate school staff (Admin, Special Ed, Playground Supervisors) to verify playground pieces on the proposal that we want at GC.
3. **Grants Updates**
 - a) Green Bay Packers Foundation (up to \$8,000) is pending. Should hear back by the end of October.
 - b) Madison4Kids - Grant for \$1,000 is pending
 - c) Alison is looking into an application for the Christopher Reeve Foundation, due by the first week of October.
 - d) Will coordinate with GC Admin to apply for Inspiration Grant through MCPASD Education Foundation
 - e) We received a list of possible Grant opportunities from Jen L. and will be reviewing and applying to what we can.
4. **Updating Sponsorship Incentives for Businesses** - In an attempt to provide more value to our business sponsors, we are adding incentives that increase exposure to them. All of these are added to existing Incentives, all of which are cumulative:
 - a) Silver (\$1,000) - Business Logo placed on all School Communications regarding the playground project
 - b) Gold (\$2,500) - Business Logo on our main Sabercat Fund 4 Outdoor Fun Fundraising page on Zeffy
 - c) Platinum (\$5,000) - Business Logo on a banner to be located in the front entrance of the school
 - d) **Ways Parents can help:** The PTO is a small group of people seeking a large fundraising amount on behalf of the school. If you have any leads or suggestions as to funding opportunities, we would greatly appreciate the help. Please forward any information to us at glaciercreekpto@gmail.com. Thank you.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Board Meeting - Thursday, Oct. 17, 8:30am

Next Open Meeting - Monday, November 18, 6:30pm