## Glacier Creek PTO (Prep) Meeting, 2023-24 School Year

**Date/Time:** August 23, 2023 – 10 a.m. – 12 pm. )

Location: Glacier Creek Middle School

PTO Attendees: Kelly Robinson (Pres.), Kerry Ausman (Treas.), Alison Scherer (Sec.), Connie Gregory

**GCMS Admin:** Not present – PTO prep meeting only

#### PTO Discussion:

 <u>Purchasing</u>: All items for school (e.g., Teacher grant items, etc.) need to be purchased through the school account, then PTO reimburses. PTO treasurer, new e-mail: GlacierCreekPTO.treasurer@gmail.com

- o Pre-ordered a limited stock of Spirit Wear for Back-to-School nights
  - T-shirts (\$15); Sweatshirts (\$25); Zip-up Sweatshirts (\$40) cash or PayPal... discussion on Venmo is this an option?

### PTO meetings:

- o For 2023-24 school year, adding in bi-monthly evening meetings to provide more opportunities for parent inclusion will be more of an update/presentation meeting.
- o PTO meetings (AM/PM) will be every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday.
  - Morning meetings (AM) will be at 8:30 a.m. at GCMS, Admin updates, PTO Plng
  - Evening meetings (PM) will be at 6:30 pm Sept, Nov, Jan, March & May
  - Sept 14, 2023 am meeting (Planning session); pm meeting (presentation/how help)
  - October Dana Monogue presentation at evening meeting

#### General Discussion & Review of Prep Meeting topics provided by Kelly

- o Want to encourage business sponsors; especially for larger items (e.g., Swings); possible business directory on web page
- o Box Tops reminder at Back-to-School night (?)
- o Fundraising Discussing the option to a Winter Event (e.g., Trivia night parents vs kids; B-ball shooting contest, etc.)
  - Want to engage families in the school community
- Need to get new Student Council Teacher name
- o 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation/celebration want to have something that includes families in the Spring
- o *Supply closet* at Sunset Ridge, principal set aside school funds for common teacher request items (e.g., dry erase markers, post-its, pencils, Kleenex, Wipes, etc.); teachers can get anytime. Is this an option for GC? School funds vs PTO support?
  - Can we push for a school supply drive at Back to School Night... considering this for WayForward as well.

## Reviewed Spring Grant Requests

- o Ask Vandemause to identify cost for Tri-Fold Boards before approving
- o For other requests ask teachers to purchase thru school account, PTO to reimburse
- o Swings PTO committed 10k to project in the Spring

### Set Activity dates:

- o Ice Cream Social September 26, 2023 (4:45 6 p.m.)
- o Tentative Book Fairs (Oct 11-13, 17-8; March 18-22)

## <u>Past 2022-23 items considered</u> – may need update from GC principal at first open meeting:

- Possible TV for 5<sup>th</sup> grade wing to promote school announcements, lunch menu, club activities, etc. (Is there an option to tie into Nutri-slice system, expand info?). Principal to talk with needed staff...status/outcome? PTO checked TV pricing in Spring done.
- Security film for 5<sup>th</sup> grade windows need more information on what staff is looking for (e.g., inside vs. outside windows; what type of film, etc.) – Principal to follow-up with staff to try to get additional details.
- Gaga Ball Pit Principal identified a concern with being able to provide adequate supervision of a new Gaga Ball pit – kids are intense when playing and a staff person would need to be present. Item tabled for the present time; maybe review at a future date/school year.
  - Additional note: At Sunset Ridge, they have a surface pit that is placed in the back parking lot with 'holed' rubber mats placed for the base; are there less costly options if considered in the future?
- **ROAR** incentives placed in GCMS E-news to see if there are community members/entities who can support this initiative.
- Other budget discussion related to:
  - o Provide scholarships for students to attend class field trips, summer camps.
  - o Spring musical supply needs (costumes, etc.)
  - o Possibly buy supplies for Tech class to build a Plinko board (use at Book Fair).

### **Meeting Adjourned**

**Next meeting**: September 14, 2023 (AM & PM sessions)

# **Summary of Action Items:**

- Admin/Ken None other than past school year items (e.g., TV for 5<sup>th</sup> grade wing or in hallway where kids enter off of bus show A day/B day, lunch, school announcements, etc... with reconstruction of the middle of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade wing, need to review location options)
- PTO Alison to draft e-mail for Kerry to send to PTO interested individuals if do not reach on phone.
- PTO members Attend Back-to-School nights (Aug 29 & 30, 5-7 pm)