

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:

- **Purchasing:** 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
 - 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:**
 - 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.
 - *PTO meetings* (AM/PM) will be every 2nd 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**
 - Want to encourage business sponsors; especially for larger items (e.g., Swings); possible business directory on web page
 - *Box Tops* – reminder at Back-to-School night (?)
 - *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
 - *8th grade graduation/celebration* – want to have something that includes families in the Spring
 - *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)

Past 2022-23 items considered – may need update from GC principal at first open meeting:

- **Possible TV for 5th 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 5th 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 5th 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 5th 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)