

Golda Meir School

Meeting Minutes of the PTO

October 21, 2019 5:30pm

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by April and Becky. April, Becky, Rachel and Jenner were all in attendance. Jenner is the corresponding secretary. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

II. Treasurer's Report

We are looking for a parent to volunteer to be PTO treasurer. Currently, the account balance is \$5,278.52. There was a \$2,971 deposit from the GGG fundraiser. There is currently an outstanding loan to the fund board of \$2,750.

III. Corresponding Secretary's Report

Jenner gave an update on the number of parents who are signed up to receive the newsletter. She said to date there are about 600 families subscribed. There will be the QR Code sheets available during parent/teacher conferences so more families can get signed up. Jenner asked for input on the current formatting of the newsletter.

III. Principal's Report

Ms. Aleem met with the Student Council regarding the cafeteria seating situation. There was a proposal to go to open seating after parent teacher conferences. The requirements are that the area stays clean and that the noise volume stays under a 5 or 6. The student council is going to talk to the student body and let them know that the open seating will remain an option as long as the rules are followed. There was a discussion about how the noise volume is measured. Ms. Gleason has donated sound proofing materials and they are going to be painted and installed in the cafeteria. The middle school students are now getting their tardy slips on the 4th floor rather than going all the way down to the 1st floor. This saves about 20 minutes of time.

There is a Country Western Dance scheduled for November 8 from 6pm-8:30pm in the gym. The proceeds from this event will go to the playground redevelopment project. They are also collecting silent auction items. The cost to attend the event is \$5 per person.

There was an update about parent teacher conference which are on Wednesday, October 23 and Thursday, October 24.

Picture retake day is October 24.

IV. Parent Coordinator's Report

Liza went to the WATAG conference. She said that it was very enlightening and interesting. It's mainly directed to educators but there is a portion for parents and also a kid's conference. There were a lot of useful resources available.

V. Committee Reports

Green Team – Ms. Gleason – There will be a table at parent teacher conferences sharing information about how parents can help fundraise for the playground redevelopment project. There will be a donation tree that will “grow” as donations are collected. It will be placed in the office until all the money is raised. So far, over \$400,000 has been raised through grants, \$11,000 has been raised outside of grants. We need to raise \$225,000 more. The biggest cost item is the soccer field. We will need big sponsorship donations to get the soccer field completed. There will be an opportunity to buy a stepping stone that will be placed in the new playground as a donation. They will be \$50 and \$100 each. The company that is helping with the redevelopment is having a meeting on Wednesday, November 13 in room 127. They want as many parents, families and students there as possible. The final conceptual plan will be presented at this meeting. The combined giving campaign has kicked off. Parents are encouraged to have their employers make donations to Golda through this campaign. There was a suggestion to have a link put on the website that would allow people to make direct donations.

PAGE/SENG - Jean Freund – Jean discussed a guest speaker that was at the last meeting from WICIDI. Information was shared about camps and activities available to students during the summer. One opportunity included students attending classes at UW-Madison and staying on campus. Scholarships are available for these activities. There is a trivia night coming up the week before Thanksgiving in the Kettle Moraine school district and another one in December. Different school districts host different events. The trivia night is for students grades 4-6. There is going to be a college panel coming up in January. They bring current college students back to talk to middle and high school students about their experiences. A family game night is scheduled for March 6 in Brookfield.

District Advisory Council - April Mbida – The district wants to revisit the three tiered schedule/bus system idea. There was an idea to start elementary, middle and high schools at different times to cut down on the bussing costs. Elementary would start as early as 7:15am with high school starting around 8:30am or 9:00am and ending at 4:30pm. Dr. Nelson talked more about the start times. The busses wouldn't have time to drop off and pick up for the corresponding start times.

Directory – Stephanie Dugan – About 50 families signed up to participate. There will be a last chance sign up list available at conferences. The directory will go to the printer this weekend and will be distributed next week.

High School Development – Dr. Nelson – High School recruitment is in full swing. There were 2 recruitment nights. Most people in attendance were there for the high school rather than the middle school. There were 75 families at the first one and 100 at the second one. Most of the families were from outside of Golda. November 3rd is the cutoff for high school applications. Dr. Nelson discussed the high school admissions process. Last year 70 or 80 8th graders stayed, this year it will be at least that many. This year's boys' soccer was offered for the first time. The football co-op with Riverside has been great. Riverside is slightly favored to win. Basketball tryouts are happening right now. The high school

is in its 7th year of operation. We have 6 years of data and numbers are starting to come in. The graduation rate is 92.5%. This far exceeds the district average which is about 65% and the state average which is 90%. A parent asked about the possibility of starting a rock climbing team. There is now a high school chess team.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation – Tina Lindbloom – Sub sandwiches have been ordered for the staff dinner this week. Another parent volunteered to help set up at the lower campus. They are looking for donations of soda and sparkling water.

Golda Global Gathering – The event was the most successful ever. There were over 100 attendees. The total profit was \$3,521.24.

Second PTO Fundraiser – Becky asked if a parent would be interested in starting a committee to come up with an idea for the second fundraiser. Jean suggested a family game night. There was another suggestion to start a committee if anyone was interested in brainstorming ideas. Becky said that if no one is interested in starting a committee we should look to do the restaurant night.

VI. Ongoing Business

None

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Fund Requests

Ms. Gleason requested \$200 to purchase supplies and snacks for the playground fundraising event on November 8th. Request approved.

Next Meeting

November 25 at 5:30pm

Adjourned at 6:39pm