

GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO
Meeting Minutes
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020, 9:15 am, via Zoom

In attendance: Sharon Heikka, Jenny Martin, Janet Romyak, Kai C Worm, Maria Markucki, Shauna Carr, Amber McDermott, Tami Coates, and Dr. Maring

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Sharon Heikka called the meeting to order at 9:20 am.
 - B. Sharon Heikka started off thanking everyone for attending and we did introductions. She went on to say, the PTSO supports the GLMS through fundraising to offset field trip costs, assist with academic materials, provide staff appreciation and coordinating volunteers to assist in the school.
- II. Secretary Report - Janet Romyak
 - A. Motion to approve the April Minutes made by Maria Markucki and seconded by Sharon Heikka, and all approved. Motion carried.
- III. Student Senate Report
 - A. The Student Senate representative was not able to attend today.
- IV. Principal's Report - Dr Maring
 - A. Dr. Maring started off saying thank you to everyone for their support. She is aware that this is a challenging time for parents, students and staff.
 - B. During the first two weeks the teachers are trying to make connections with the students. This is a normal process that happens every year, but this year the teachers are taking extra time to make connections with the new educational environment.
 - C. The teachers will have to teach four trimesters worth of work during the 2020-2021 school year.
 - D. The GLMS staff is starting to plan for Hybrid Learning. On Tuesday, September 29th, at 7 pm, the GLMS will host a family zoom session to provide more detailed building-specific information in regards to what to expect. All buildings in the district will be having meetings, they will be sending out their information. These will focus on what the students day to day activities/class will look like, not questions regarding health concerns and guidelines. Our school nurse will be producing a document for the families to refer to for health questions and guidelines.
 - E. MAP Universal testing, which tests reading and math, will be administered remotely the last week before hybrid learning begins. Our staff felt it was important that when we return to hybrid learning, face to face, that the staff interacts with the students and not use the time for testing. More information will come in the upcoming weeks. The GLMS staff will be able to assist on the homefront and if needed will make different options available.
 - F. The GLMS is still hiring teachers, as there is a very limited pool available.

- G. Lastly, Dr. Maring said, please reach out to your teachers and let them know that they are having an impact on your student(s).

V. President's Report - Sharon Heikka

- A. Nothing to report at this time.

VI. Treasurer's Report - Jenny Martin

- A. Jenny Martin reported the income for the months of April through August was the following: \$6.28 Interest, Hardings rewards of \$41.47, and a return from B&W Charter Transportation of \$1,000 to our bank account. Expenses for the months of April through August was \$885 for gift certificates to the staff working while the schools were closed. The GLMS PTSO account balance is at \$37,493.99 as of September 9, 2020.
- B. Motion to approve the April Financial Report made by Maria Markucki, seconded by Jenny Martin, and all approved. Motion carried.
- C. Jenny Martin went on to explain our 2020-2021 school year budget. With so many unknowns and the carry over from the 2019-2020 school year we are not looking to do fall or winter fundraisers and feel that the PTSO will be able to provide support to our staff and students as we have done in the past. We will reevaluate to see if we will need to do a spring fundraiser. We also know that we are fortunate to have a beefy balance and may have to use some of our rainy day funds if needed.
- D. Motion to approve the 2020-2021 school budget made by Tami Coates, seconded by Sharon Heikka, and all approved. Motion carried.

VII. Committee Updates

A. Staff Appreciation

1. No one volunteered to chair the staff appreciation, so the board will continue to run this committee, until someone wants to volunteer. Please email the PTSO, glmsptso@gmail.com, if interested.
2. Sharon Heikka called Gull Meadow Farms to see about a welcome back snack to give our teachers as they return to teaching. Sharon Heikka provided two options: caramel apples for \$236 or individually packed cookies for \$106. Kai C Worm asked about giving donuts instead. Sharon said they do not individually package the donuts and didn't see that as a good option. Maria Markucki said if worried about funds, then go with the less expensive option or if the teachers will appreciate the apples more, then to go that route. Tammie Coates and Kai C Worm agreed.
 - a) Beth Keller mentioned that anything will be appreciated by the staff. Even notes or videos for the teachers if we did not want to spend any money.
 - b) Dr. Maring echoed that she felt the morale of the teachers were lower than normal due to remote learning.

3. Sharon Heikka motioned to spend \$236 on caramel apples for the teachers, Tami Coates second, all approved. Motion carried.

B. Fundraising

1. Sharon Heikka said that we are not planning on doing fundraising for the fall or winter and depending on what the status of spring field trips, maybe a fundraiser in the spring. Sharon Heikka did reach out to Mackinac Island Fudge to see if the merchandise could be sent directly to students, unfortunately she said no. The other fundraiser that has been successful in the middle school was the grab bags. However, we do not think this will be an option due to Covid 19. So, we will be on hold until we find out more information or needs for funds.

C. Homecoming

1. Michigan State regulations will only permit 2 spectators per football player this year and therefore homecoming has been canceled.

VIII. New Business

- A. Beth Keller, GLMS Instructional Coach, attended our meeting requesting \$100 for a Lunch and Learn program. Beth Keller said that she would like to continue this program for a third year. The funds would cover the cost of supplying individually packaged lunches for participating staff members. This is a “bite size” PD, 15-20 minutes long, focusing on instructional models for hybrid learning, the transition from remote to hybrid structures that have been working for other schools. Beth Keller also mentioned that she has submitted a Foundation grant, as well.
 1. A motion to approve \$100 for the Lunch and Learn program made by Maria Markucki, seconded by Kai C Worm, and all approved. Motion carried.

IX. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 am.

UPCOMING DATES:

School Board Meeting - Sept 21

PTSO Virtual Meeting - Oct 1

Tentative date for Hybrid Learning Start - October 5