

GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2021 via Zoom

In attendance: Sharon Heikka, Jenny Martin, Mary Kay Pederson, Kai C Worm, Dr. Maring,
Tammie Coates, and Kim Ditto

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Sharon Heikka called the meeting to order at 9:21 am.
- II. Secretary Report - Sharon Heikka
 - A. Motion to approve the April Minutes made by Mary Kay Pederson and seconded by Kai C Worm, and all approved. Motion carried.
- III. Student Senate Report
 - A. No report provided or representative available.
- IV. Principal's Report - Dr. Maring
 - A. Teacher appreciation week was May 3rd- May 7th. The PTSO partnered with Dr. Maring and Mr. Boerman to Celebrate Cinco de Mayo on May 6th, due to remote learning on Wednesdays.
 - B. Some things going on at school, state testing this week through next Tuesday, band concert May 18th. There will be restricted amounts of attendees and masks required.
 - C. Large amounts of student's absent due to quarantine and parents keeping kids home. Kids required to log onto Google meets.
 - D. The next school year, 2021-2022, is only offering full face to face and virtual offerings.
 - E. The school is anticipating vaccinations becoming available and looking to have a vaccination clinic in May or June. Mary Kay Pederson asked if vaccinations will be required.
 - F. Summer school will be onsite at the high school due to construction. Qualifications are based on MAP testing and grades. Information will be sent out on Monday by mail. Parents who did not receive notification can always reach out and see about availability.
 - 1. Also offering a self-paced or virtual enrichment program. This is free as long as you finish.

2. The high school has not solidified their summer school options for 8th graders.

G. Questions

1. Mary Kay Pederson asked, is virtual option for everyone or just students that qualify? Dr. Maring responded, Yes, it's a paid program anyone qualifies.
2. Mary Kay Pederson asked another question, are there plans for a welcome back open houses? Dr. Maring said, due to current restrictions, no open house and if it changes, it will be communicated.

V. President's Report - Sharon Heikka

- A. Sharon Heikka nominated Mary Kay Pederson for President, second by Kai C Worm, and all approved. Motion carried.
- B. Sharon Heikka nominated Tammie Coates for Treasurer, second by May Kay Pederson, and all approved. Motion carried.
- C. Sharon Heikka nominated Kai C Worm for Secretary, second by Jenny Martin, and all approved. Motion carried.

VI. Treasurer's Report - Jenny Martin

- A. The income was \$6.63 combined interest. The expenses for the month of April were \$200 for the 7th grade Holocaust Museum virtual field trip and \$300 for a taco bar for teacher appreciation. The PTSO account balances are \$10,948.58 for the checking, \$25,041.33 for the money market, and \$34.19 for the savings account as of May 6, 2021.
- B. Motion to approve the April Financial Report made by Tammie Coates, seconded by Mary Kay Pederson, and all approved. Motion carried.

VII. Committee Updates

- A. Mary Kay Pederson talked to Dr. Maring and she will use 45 of the GL towels.

VIII. New Business

- A. Kim Ditto, GLMS counselor, presented a funding request to continue the digital curriculum, The Positivity Project (P2), taught during student advisory that she launched last year. The curriculum teaches students week long lessons on character and strength development. GLMS would like to continue this curriculum for next year, but needs to look for funding. Kim Ditto is requesting a

partnership from the PTSO and \$1,195.00 that will impact 6th, 7th, 8th grade students during the 2021-2022 school year.

1. A motion to approve \$1,195 for The Positivity Project (P2) curriculum to be used in all GLMS advisory classes continuing into next year (2021-2022) made by Sharon Heikkai, seconded by Mary Kay Pederson, and all approved. Motion carried.
2. Mary Kay Pederson stated next year, the PTSO will provide parental support and guidance for the project. Level of involvement TBD.

B. Student Senate Pavilion

1. Those present at the meeting were able to view an informational video provided by our Students Senate. The students have raised just shy of \$8,000.00 and there is an outside donor that is willing to match the raised funds! The School Board has not approved of the project yet and the students have not received a quote on the final cost or obtained a builder/contractor.

a) The PTSO is willing to explore, but not until there is additional information, such as cost and approval in place.

- C. The board meeting next month is contingent upon updated funding information on the pavilion project.

IX. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

UPCOMING DATES:

Virtual MiCareerQuest (8th Grade) - May 12

School Board Meeting - May 17

Virtual Holocaust Museum Tour (7th Grade) - May 19

Memorial Day No School - May 31

Virtual 8th Grade Recognition - June 7