

## **GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**April 8, 2021, via Zoom**

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

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Sharon Heikka called the meeting to order at 9:17 am.
- II. Secretary Report - Sharon Heikka
  - A. Motion to approve the March Minutes made by Kai C Worm and seconded by Tammie Coates, and all approved. Motion carried.
- III. Dr. Maring provided an update for the Student Senate.
  - A. There is a large sum of money in the Student Senate account which they would like to put towards an outdoor learning space. The current location is not being utilized by teachers due to the location. The students would like to have a pavilion built with tables closer to the Middle School campus. They are in the beginning stages of creating this and it has not been approved by the board. The Student Senate does not have the full amount needed for this project; they will most likely be reaching out to PTSO and other organizations for support. They are also looking into possible fundraising. The project will most likely not be completed this year.
  - B. Mrs. Schacher is stepping down at the end of this school year as the current advisor for the Student Senate. Currently Dr. Maring is looking for a replacement, if there is no replacement, there will not be a student senate next year.
  - C. Mary Kay Pederson asked if it needs to be a staff member? Dr. Maring said yes, this must be a staff member. However, if they do have someone that steps up, parent volunteers to help will probably be needed.
- IV. Principal's Report - Dr. Maring
  - A. Dr. Maring started off saying that she is now officially back in the building so does not have a lot to share.
  - B. Spring conferences are on Thursday, April 29th, a half day, by appointment only. We will be using the same sign up system as the previous conferences, Zoom meetings. The targeted conference emails will go out first, then will be opened to the rest of parents who want to conference with the teachers.
  - C. The Gull Lake Middle School is in the testing season. Testing every other day right now.
  - D. Student absenteeism is high. Dr Maring ask that students take the initiative and email their teachers when they are at home. Also stay up to date on Google Classroom.
  - E. Looking to do 8<sup>th</sup> grade recognition on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be 100% virtual.
  - F. No field trips this spring.

- G. No parent advisory committees this year. If PTSO has ideas or thoughts on how it can be done better. Please provide thoughts.
- H. Sharon Hiekka asked if conferences were a half day? Secondly, any financial support needed from PTSO for 8<sup>th</sup> grade recognition? Carmen said Yes to conferences and possibly, but not sure at this time as the school may have all the supplies currently needed due to bulk supply orders for 8th grade recognition in the past.

V. President's Report - Sharon Heikka

- A. Sharon Heikka started off saying the President and Treasurer positions are open next year and potentially the Secretary position. The Executive Board must have a President, Secretary and Treasurer at a minimum. The President and Treasurer will both need to be on the bank accounts. At the May meeting next month, we will vote on the new positions.
  - 1. Mary Kay Pederson is interested in the President position.
  - 2. Tammie Coates is interested in becoming the Treasurer.
- B. The current bylaws for the GLMS PTSO states if a disillusionment of the PTSO, the funds will go to Richland Township. Sharon Hiekka proposed a change last month that all funds will go to the Gull Lake Middle School and if that was not possible, the Gull Lake Foundation.
- C. Motion to approve in the event of dissolution of the PTSO, all assets revert to Gull Lake Middle School, in the event the school is unable to receive the assets they shall be distributed to Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation made by Tammie Coates and seconded by Kai C Worm, and all approved. Motion carried.

VI. Treasurer's Report - Jenny Martin

- A. The income for March was a combined interest of \$6.85, donations from towels \$90 and pop can returns \$25, for a total of \$121.85 for the month. There were no expenses for the month of March. The PTSO account balances are \$11,148.12 for the checking, \$25,035.16 for the money market, and \$34.19 for the savings account, for a total of \$36,217.47 as of April 8, 2021.
- B. Motion to approve the March Financial Report made by Tammie Coates, seconded by Mary Kay Pederson, and all approved. Motion carried.
- C. Future expenses
  - 1. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade virtual Holocaust Field Trip will be coming up. The PTSO will be helping to cover the cost for the virtual field trip.
  - 2. Dr. Maring also stated the school district will be doing 1 book 1 district initiative. This literacy focused program is for Pre-K thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade and the book selected is the Wish Tree. The PTSO may be asked to help out.

VII. Committee Updates

- A. None at this time.

VIII. New Business

A. Sharon Heikka started a discussion on how we can deplete the stockpile of the Gull Lake Beach Towels from a fundraiser a few years ago. We believe the PTSO has broken even on the cost, but past financial records need to be looked at to confirm. The PTSO has had difficulty selling the rest of the supply.

1. Dr. Maring said she would be interested in buying the towels at cost as a teacher appreciation gift. Purchase deadline for Dr. Maring is next week.
2. Sharon Heikka suggested we just donate the towels to the Middle School staff as the end of the year gifts to teachers.
3. Mary Kay Pederson was concerned that we do not have enough towels for the entire staff, so should we look into other options? Such as donating for Senior gifts, AACC, etc.
4. Sharon Heikka is going to get a true count on the number of towels we have left and will discuss it further at the next meeting.

B. Kai C Worm had a question if there is going to be a yearbook this year? Dr. Maring said yes, there is going to be one, but they are running short on pictures.

1. Mary Kay Pederson stated she is taking pictures for Ryan and she is willing to come over and take some pictures for the Middle School, also.

IX. Adjournment

- I. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 am.

UPCOMING DATES:

School Board Meeting - Apr 19  
Early Release and Remote Learning - Apr 21  
Half Day for Students - Apr 29  
PTSO Meeting - May 6  
Memorial Day No School - May 3