

Glenridge PTSA
September 29, 2009
Glenridge Commons

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Co-Presidents Brenda Burnum and Stacie Masterson.

Welcome – Stacie Masterson

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Lauren Paz

Introductions – All in attendance shared name and position area of interest.

Minutes from June meeting – Not available for review.

- ✓ **Abernathy Files:** We began the school year with 549 students which are almost 100 more than we ended with last year. A portable was opened up for use as a classroom. We are full! Students came from Spring Brook, Park Orchard and East Hill elementary schools. We have two guest teachers, one in 4th grade and one in 5th. Starting this Wednesday the involuntary transfer process will begin. Teachers will select positions based on seniority. Any positions not filled will be posted and the interview process will begin. That can take another week and a half. We now qualify for a half time Educational Assistant, half time Special Education teacher and 2 hour Instructional Assistant for Mrs. Morrow. Additional office hours were added as well and a 4 hour person will be added. Building hours will not be changing. The building will not close at 5:00pm as was discussed last year. Funding was the determining factor in this decision.
- ✓ **Treasurers Report – Heather Reich:** Membership and spirit wear have brought in \$814. Expenses so far have been for self esteem program, volunteer pizza for grounds clean up and Scholastic News. Scholastic News will come to each teacher directly this year.
- ✓ **Membership – Anna Fitzgerald (not present):** We have with 45 members to date. Dues are \$12 per person this year due to the increase in state and national dues. There is a \$50 opt. out option for fundraising and one person has taken advantage of this. We have also had straight donations. Heather Reich has the tax numbers for anyone who needs them for donations.
- ✓ **Fund Raising – Lauren Paz and Stacie Masterson:** We will be selling Entertainment Books from through October 9th, not 2nd. Books are \$20 if purchased through our fundraiser or \$35 off the website or retail such as Safeway. We will make about \$8 per book. Books will be delivered October 9th to students who sell them. Large orders will be delivered or arrangements made for pick up. The top selling class will have a pizza party. Sally Foster fundraiser will begin soon. Stacie is working on prizes.
- ✓ **Reflections – Lorena Long and Ann Whalen:** There is a revised date for this year's program. This is a national art program with local winners going to state

and national levels. Students may enter a picture, poem or art work that fits the theme of the year.

- ✓ Fall Carnival – Brenda Burnum, Stacie Masterson, Lauren Paz and Sheri Herrick: Lauren and Sheri will coordinate the volunteers. Friday, October 30 is the date for this year's carnival. Will sell Pizza and soda as usual. Wrist bands for the bouncy toys will be \$12.50 and includes 25 game tickets. Parents will be asked to donate candy and small toy prizes. Form will be going home soon. The carnival will last 2 ½ hours, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm.
- ✓ Accelerated Reader (AR) – Sue Crissey: This is a program that encourages reading and awards points based on the difficulty of the book read. The end of the year party includes ice cream and fun with Mr. Abernathy.
- ✓ Book Fair – Sue Crissey: Scholastic has scheduled the wrong date for us and cannot accommodate us. Sue is working on this and if Scholastic cannot accommodate us there will not be a book fair. More to come on this issue. Profits help buy books for our library.
- ✓ Box Tops and Labels – Deb Germer (Absent): The first check of the year comes in December so there will be a push to get fall box tops in. The next checks come in April so we would like to get as many box tops in right now as possible. We are trying to buy pencil sharpeners and will look at the Campbell's soup label catalog as we can only order from this book to redeem our labels. We also need headphones for the computer lab that were requested last year and never purchased.
- ✓ Directory – Pam Wells: Forms are still coming in so there is not a total yet. The deadline has changed to October 16th. We need 400 students to justify the cost of printing. The sooner the forms are in the sooner the directory is finished. Forms have been sent home and are on the school web site and the PTSA site.
- ✓ Emergency Preparedness – Lynda Holman and Lydia Claxton: Classroom back packs have been inventoried and they all need new flashlights, batteries, paper cups and large garbage bags. Stacie will see if we can use our Winco donation to purchase these items. Lynda will get with Mr. Abernathy to find out where we can store the emergency food kits. We will probably need to order another 100 to accommodate the increase in student population.
- ✓ Family Dance Night – Heather Reich and Lauren Paz (?): Discussed a February event or maybe December to kick off winter break. More to come.....
- ✓ Movie Night – Lauren Paz and Heather Reich: Need license for movies. May have parents prepay for pizza and pop. More to come.....
- ✓ Original Art – Liz Firman and Shannon Lloyd: Will order through "Original Works" at the end of the year for Mother's Day. Art volunteers will help each class with this project.

- ✓ Positive Behavior System (PBIS) – Shannon Lloyd: Two names are drawn each week for each class and names are drawn once a month for prizes school wide. Shannon asked for donations of prizes for teachers to give away to students. She will get costs from Oriental Trading Company.
- ✓ Young Authors Day – Shannon Lloyd: October 22nd. Asked budget to be increased to \$2000 from \$1500 to help cover costs incurred. Deborah Hopkinson is the author. She writes historical fiction books. The budget increase was voted on and passed. There was discussion about the author and how much the program costs. The librarian selects the author and the fees vary depending on transportation costs etc. Lauren motioned that we increase the budget by the \$500 requested, Heather 2nd the motion and the motion was passed. New budget is \$2000.
- ✓ Spirit Wear – Stacie Masterson: This year we will sell long sleeve t-shirts and staff wear.
- ✓ Web site – Rene Ford: E-mail your information to her and please include and graphics you may want.
- ✓ Clothing Bank – No information was presented.
- ✓ Newsletter – Rene Ford and Siri: Get information to them as soon as you can before it is put together.
- ✓ Santa Shop – Brenda Burnum
- ✓ Popcorn Friday – We are no longer having this and it will be removed from the web-site.
- ✓ Mc Teacher Night – Was suggested and discussed. No date has been set yet. This is a great way for schools to make money for books etc. Teachers work behind the counter and drive through and the school makes 50% of the profits for the time frame worked.
- ✓ Via Coffee donations from Starbucks. Starbucks is having a promotion where customers can donate instant “Via” coffee to Kent teachers. Glenridge will receive some and the official roll-out of “Via” is October 9, 10, 11.
- ✓ Drama – Brenda Burnum, Carrie Lantz, and Stacie Masterson: Will begin October 23 at 8:15am.
- ✓ Dorr prize drawing – Lauren Paz, Jamie Abernathy and Pam Wells were the winners

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm

**Respectfully Submitted,
Lynda Holman - Secretary**