



Glasgow Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes June 14, 2017 7th and final meeting of the school year

Welcome from Tara Rethore, PTA President

Overview of Agenda: "Thanks and Dreams" - To reflect on past year, to introduce Jane Cheek as 2017-2018 PTA President and initiate official transfer of power. Lisa Mendelson-Ielmini, Secretary, was out west and will present May and June minutes for approval in the Fall.

Budget:

Elizabeth Lower-Basch, 2016-2017 Treasurer, presented the final budget as she transfers her duties to new Treasurer Linda Budhinata. This year's budget came in very close, still being accounting for was the 8th Grade Dance Ticket Sales and some receipts from parents. It was also acknowledged that assignment books for next year had not yet been purchased. It was noted that the Budget will be posted on the website.

Other Budget Notes:

- More PTA members acquired
- Funded grants for teachers
- Supported Fun Fall Night
- Supported student programs
 - Science Olympiad
 - Odyssey of the Mind

Final Address from Tara:

Tara presented a 'thank you' (the THANKS portion of the meeting) to all volunteers, and commented on the 170 names on the list of volunteers who have in some way - time or money - contributed to support PTA activities, events and programs. She mentioned the following 'fun facts' about volunteering - stuffing Back to School packets for 1900 students required the equivalent of 220 hours of work. Teacher Appreciation Week required 32 volunteer hours per day. She thanked the volunteers again and hoped that everyone would continue to show their support.

First Address from Jane:

Jane Cheek the presented the DREAMS portion of the meeting as a way to invite ideas and thoughts from members/participants on how to shape the PTA support for next school year.

Ideas presented and suggested included:

- Potential community event in the Fall
- International Fashion Day/Show (Glen Forest Elementary does an International Cuisine/Fashion Day)
- More restaurant nights
- More Teacher Grants ?
- Science Fair/Science Competition that links to George Mason
- Nationals Baseball Game Night (Tom Dickson mentioned he could get free tickets - and Shawn DeRose will connect with him)

Effective PTA Community Communication:

The issue of how to most effectively communicate with the broader PTA parent group - including those who do not have easy access to email and internet - was discussed. It was determined that many parents receive

communications through text and paper. The idea of designating a contact person to act as a communication liaison with communities who have limited access to online resources was discussed. Further discussions on how to best reach the entire community will be had to determine best practices and overall communication strategy.

Principal Report - Shawn DeRose:

Shawn discussed the waning school year while pointing out that planning for next school year is already taking place.

Shawn mentioned the honor received by Glasgow teacher Angela DeHart who was nominated and chosen as one of eight teachers from 190 schools in Virginia to receive the Virginia Lottery Super Teacher. He commented on the ability of teachers to recognize each other and the fact that each school year for him keeps getting better.

Shawn commented on the importance of staying committed to supporting children's academic journey beyond elementary school and the challenging nature of diverse languages, nationalities, size and diversity of learners in one school. He iterated that Glasgow does not hide from challenges, we embrace them. We celebrate our success and diversity. He suggested to members that they not let any language barriers stop them from speaking their minds.

Meeting concluded with additional thanks from Jane and the rest of the Board.

Submitted by Rachael Lubarsky, VP, Communications