



MEETING MINUTES

GLENSIDE PAWS GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

- I. Call to Order/Welcome
- II. Special Guests
 - A. School Board candidate Charles Burdell-Williams
 - Charles introduced himself and discussed his candidacy. He is running for 1 of 5 open school board seats.
- III. Officer/Committee Reports
 - A. President (Anna Sappington)
 - Fair of the bear (Friday 5/17 5:30-8pm) needs 1-2 more chairs, someone to cover prize store and a shadow this year to run next year sandwich table.
 - We have candidates for secretary, treasurer, UPG, and family engagement positions for 2019-2020 but are still seeking co-family engagement chair and 3rd co-president.
 - B. Treasurers (Carrie Silver and Brandi Eyer)
 - Boosterthon fundraiser has surpassed goal
 - Gift to school items have been purchased
 - C. Other Officer/Committee Reports (Secretaries, Family Engagement, Social Media, Web, UPG)
- IV. Parent Group Reports
 - A. CAAA
 - Dads read across Cheltenham event had 61 sign ups and 52 participants across district. Every Glenside classroom had a reader, with opportunities for growth at other elementary schools. Goal is 80 participants across the 4 elementary schools
 - B. SEAC/UPG: "Focusing on Strengths and Resources" 3/25/19, 7-9 p.m., CBK (Cedarbrook), by award-winning autism advocate and speaker Kerry Magro
- V. Old Business
 - A. Event Reports
 - a. Book Swap (Irene Balli, Jenn Payne) May 30-31 to be confirmed.
 - 3rd and 4th grade books will be collected in the 2 weeks prior to the swap. Books can also be picked up by Jenn Payne
 - b. MLK Day of Service (Tami Montroy)

- Successful event, 100 bags were distributed to St. Christopher's Children Hospital
- c. Winter Family Fun Night Dance Party (Heather Trinh)
 - Party was a success, it was very well attended and attendees had a lot of fun
- d. Girls on the Run (Michelle Gregorio)
 - Currently 3 weeks into 12-week program culminating in a 5k Race at MCCC.
 - Sign up for mystery runners was sent to staff. Currently recruiting coaches for next year, contact Michelle if interested, clearance is needed to participate.
- e. PAWS refreshment table at GES Black History Month Presentation (Anna)
 - Very well attended presentation. We could use more refreshments for next time.
- f. Girls in Science Day (Glynis Raisch & Lori Spindler)
 - Event was a great success. Six schools participated (5 high schools and Cedarbrook MS) and Glenside students found the program very engaging.

B. Application for nonprofit/charitable organization status

- Application has been received, either the IRS will fast track or come back with questions

VII. New Business

A. Upcoming Event Reports

- a. Glenside Bears Fun Run (March 14, Lisa Beitman, Becca Kohn, Brandi Millis)
 - Students are enjoying Boosterthon program. Event will be held outside.
 - Initial goal was reached in 2 days.
 - We achieved 66% student engagement in pledging, 70% in online registration.
- b. Diversity Festival (April 10; Stacey Shrieves & Vivianna Calabria)
 - Flyer will be sent home with students
 - Diversity can include culture, religion, interests, etc. It is not limited to personal experience or heritage
- c. Teacher Luncheon (May 2, Susan Logan)
 - Luncheon theme is thanksgiving/thankfulness
 - Luncheon is on a Thursday. Additional items will be provided in teacher lounge each day that week

B. Discussion: Equity in Education

- a. Principal Robinson: Courageous Conversations intro

- Discussed principles which help facilitate difficult discussions
 - A book used in discussions with administrators and teachers is Courageous Conversations About Race by Glenn Singleton
- b. Brief background of development of equity concept in education (Anna)
- School board and district administration have equity vision to serve historically underperforming groups while still meeting needs of every student
- c. Invitation to attend CSD's Culture, Climate, & Equity meeting April 3, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Wyncote Elementary, 333 Rices Mill Rd., Wyncote PA
- District-wide changes are being discussed and implemented based on these principles and discussions.
 - Parents are invited to participate in discussion. Meetings also help to communicate changes and reasoning behind changes

VIII. Updates from Principal Robinson

- Spring Pictures are next week
- PSSA Meeting for 3rd and 4th grade parents will be held 3/25 either at Glenside or Cheltenham Elementary

IX. Adjourn

Dates for remaining PAWS General Meetings 2018/19: May 1, 7:00 p.m. in the GE cafeteria.

Seeking Board members! Positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Family Engagement, UPG Rep, etc. Voting will be at the May PAWS meeting. You can declare your candidacy then OR let us know prior by e-mailing Anna: anna.sappington@gmail.com.