

GAP Meeting Minutes Meeting #1

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

1. Called to Order (Shawn)

Shawn called the meeting to order.

Members presents: GAP President-Shawn Bennis, GAP Vice President-Kristen O'Neill, GAP Treasurer- Bryan O'Neill, GAP Secretary-Cristin Joy, Mindy Mazurek, Amy Siecinski, Mary Ann Weitzel, Ryan Starsle, Marianna Caron, Karen Hathaway, Kaye Chervenak, Chris Chervenak, Lisa Cleary, Kim Sinclair, Carron Boyer, Emily Silvino, Tahra Parker, Mitchell Dawkins, Monica Kulaga, Sharon Altman, Mike Kardasz, Scott Bennis, Laura Slowinski, Stephanie Lang, Marjorie Bresson, LaRonda Wells and principal, Mr. Turk.

2. Opening Prayer (Mr. Turk)

3. Introductions

Members introduced themselves.

4. Principal's Report (Mr. Turk)

- a. Enrollment- We have 156 K-8 students this year and 60 preschool students. We hit the budgeted number of students for the planned fiscal year. Preschool has grown from six students to 60 students in the past six years. Kindergarten is at full capacity. We are seeking an aid for Kindergarten to work 7:30am-11am. There are about 100 kids enrolled in Latchkey. We are in need of Latchkey aids.
- b. Curriculum- There are now new texts and curriculum in place for k-5 for Social Studies, Math, ELA and Science. Teachers are happy with the new program. The Science curriculum (Nancy Larson) is in line with next generation science standards, not common core, and is more hands on. Preschool has a new religion curriculum that focuses on their relationship with Jesus. They are continuing the use of Handwriting Without Tears. Wie engineering carts will be used this year by the 4 year old classes with 4-5 hands on projects throughout the year. The 3 year old class is anticipated to use the carts as well, next year.
- c. Adaptive testing- There will be a new computer adaptive assessment this year. We will no longer use AIMSWEB, Scantron or IOWA testing. The AOD has adopted Star Renaissance testing and we will be one of the pilot schools for the assessment. Testing will be completed by end of September. It can be used to assess students throughout the year. Tests will adapt to students' skill level and get harder as questions are answered correctly. Tests take about 20-25 minutes. The cost for the assessment will be \$2169.
- d. Building Maintenance and Improvements- With the use of GAP funds and a grant from the AOD, the school purchased 52 new tablets. There are 40 Ipad, 25 Chromebooks, and 6 carts throughout the school. Windowsills were

replaced over the summer. The new windowsills were donated and contain quartz. 170 yards of mulch was installed on the playground over the summer. Three teachers have purchased smart TVs for their rooms (Ulch/Lampman/Veneri). The preschool TVs will be replaced by 5 year old TVs donated by Mr. Ortisi's office building.

5. Treasurer's Report (Bryan)

Bryan distributed the final budget from the end of last fiscal year and the current budget to date. Both budgets were reviewed.

There is a binder with detailed transactions and records available to be viewed by any parent who has questions about the budget.

6. Event Committee Reports

- a. **Welcome Back Picnic (Stephanie)**- The picnic was held at Clawson Park again and went smoothly. Less people attended than last year. There were some no shows from the RSVP list, but 30 people came in that were not from the list. People RSVP'd very late, some the day of the event. Fortunately, there was enough food. Budgeted funds for the event were appropriate. Mindy Mazurek will chair the event next year.
- b. **Jog-A-Thon (Shawn)**- Kaye Chervenak is co-chairing. Tshirts have been submitted and all the volunteer spots have been filled. We are over half way to our goal with several sponsors already. Kabot Orthodontics donated \$500, Bruno Orthodontics, All Access Tags, Alliance Credit Union, Knights of Columbus Clawson all gave cash donations. All Access Tags is also printing our route signs. Prize donations were contributed by Oakland County Parks, Troy Gymnastics, and Champions Crossfit Group. GFS (asked to remain anonymous) is giving a percentage off of the cost for healthy snacks. All donors are listed on the Jog-A-Thon website. N.U.T. Cards will be given to students who are registered online and share the website. All parents or guardians are invited to participate the day of the Jog-A-Thon between 8:45am-11am. PreK-K will run in the gym. Grades 1-8 will run outside. Shawn submitted for a Lions player to come and support the students the day of the event, but we have not heard back yet. Donor shoes sales are happening after mass.
- c. **Fall Family Bingo (Amy)**- The event will occur on October 4, 2019. Snacks will be ordered closer to the date. The flyer is designed and just needs to be printed and distributed. Volunteer spots are filled.
- d. **Fall Mom2Mom Sale (Cristin)**- We are accepting seller applications at this time or donated items. Tables are available for \$20 each. The sale will be October 19, 2019. Come shop or email cjoymom12@gmail.com for an application.
- e. **Trunk Or Treat (Mindy)**- Trunk or Treat will be back outside this year in the parking lot. The event is October 25, 2019. Admission will be \$3/person or \$10/family of 4 or more, plus a bag of candy. Admission is waived for families that decorate a trunk. The book fair will be going on that night. There

will also be games in the gym, a Halloween movie playing and snacks. A sign up genius will go out soon with volunteer opportunities.

- f. **All Saints Day Party (chair not present)**
- g. **Daily 3 Raffle (Mike)**- Raffle is on track to begin the last week of October and go until the week before Thanksgiving week. Up to 1000 tickets will be sold. It is based off the daily 3 evening lotto, with one number being drawn each day. We will not send anything home advertising the sale of tickets until after the Jog-A-Thon, so parents are not bombarded with multiple fundraisers.
- h. **Spirit Wear (Julie)**- The fall order closes Friday night. Spirit wear is going well, with lots of orders so far. It will take about 3 weeks for orders to be completed. Orders will go home with students, unless other instructions were given. Julie will send an email to anyone who ordered Spirit Wear to let them know orders have been completed and are being sent home.
- i. **Box Tops (MaryAnn)**- Box Tops is moving to an App based redemption program. Physical BoxTops will be accepted through 2020, then Box Tops money will be earned by scanning receipts into the BoxTops for Education App. A "How To" video has been posted on the GAP Facebook page. We can Scan and Cut BoxTops until physical collection is phased out. Please have your physical BoxTops in by October 15 for the next redemption date.
- j. **SCRIP (Bethane)**- Delivery day for physical gift cards is Thursday. Please pick up the cards in the school office. You can use SCRIP wallet to purchase ecards for instant use. You can now register a credit card to make purchases on SCRIP, however there is an increased charge. Thankscribing Day is coming up with some Bonus percentages increasing by 10%.
- k. **Used Uniform Sale (chair not present)**- Mrs. Burley has thoroughly organized the Used Uniform room. She filters through and makes sure items are in good condition. Check out the room to snag some good deals.

7. Auction (Erin)

The Children In Bloom Auction will take place on April 25, 2020 at the American Polish Cultural Center. Tickets will go on sale next month.

Sign Up Genius is LIVE with some new spots this year, including a Facebook manager, post Auction thank you note position, and a person to acquire bottles of wine.

Seeking a sponsor for the printing of raffle tickets. Mike Kardasz will handle the printing. Sponsorship is \$250 and the company will be printed on the raffle tickets.

We need more donations for Live Auction and Silent Auction items. Corporate sponsors are needed for Heads or Tails. Paddle Up will fund the revamping of the computer lab this year, but numbers are still needed for our goal.

We have made \$560 for the No Uniform Week, with money still coming in.

The Auction kick off party is September 25, 2019 at 6:30pm at the school. Everyone is invited!

8. New Business

- a. Boy Scouts- Jerry McGhee, the Scoutmaster for GA's Boy Scout Troop, addressed the need to grow the current troop and invited boys in grade 6-8 to attend their meetings. GAP is the charter organization for the troop. There are currently 12 active scouts in the troop. Many of the boys will be phasing out and there is no longer an active Cub Scouts group that they have historically recruited from. Meetings will be on Tuesday and Thursdays at 7pm at GA. Boys do not have to be a prior Cub Scout to join. There is also an ad in the church bulletin with information.
- b. SignUp Genius- There are many Signups LIVE already for upcoming events. Chairheads, please email Cristin the information for your event so she can create your signup genius and send it out to GA families. Once it is created, all chairheads will have sub admin access, so they can send messages and edit the signup genius as needed. A new email group has been created with the most current emails for families at GA. Each signup has a reminder that no calls/no shows will be billed \$70/hour to their FACTS account, in an attempt to decrease this problem we had last year. Any questions can be emailed to Cristin at Cristin.webster@hotmail.com.
- c. Chairs Needed- Co Chair needed for Secret Santa Shop. Kim Sinclair expressed interest in co-chairing the event and will be in contact with the current chair.
- d. GAP Board Positions- President is seeking a shadow to take over the role for next year.

9. Open Forum

Parents were reminded to sync their calendars with the school calendar and of the various ongoing fundraising efforts we have going on, including Kroger rewards, Gordon Food Services (code: 2699752), and the BoxTops for Savings App. GAP will follow up with Mrs. Perry about Amazon Smile.

The suggestion was made for there to be a volunteer hours donor bank for parents who are able to work above the minimum required hours to give to parents who may not be able to complete theirs. GAP Board reminded parents that there will be many opportunities to volunteer throughout the year, but will consider if there is a need for a donor bank.

Door Prizes were raffled off amongst all parents who attended the meeting.

Karen Hathaway won a scratch off lotto ticket. All parents who attended received a N.U.T. card.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm. Next meeting is November 12, 2019 at 7pm in the Library.

Thank you to those who attended and who have volunteered and participated in GAP events. You are appreciated!