

**Glennwood PTA Board Meeting
Monday, November 9th, 2020
8:00 p.m. – 9:20 p.m.**

Attendees:

Haley Stevens
Aichuan Kwong
April Freeman
Nydia Almond
Holly Brookins
Cristina Stevenson

I. Welcome/Approval of the October 5th meeting Minutes (Haley)

Minutes approved.

II. Principal Update (Dr. Brookins)

Accreditation is coming up this year. Dr. Brookins is working with school staff and school's leadership team. Various standards and the school is required to provide proof of what we are doing to meet these standards. Surveys will go out to families and staff. Accrediting body is Cognia. Visits will be virtual. Last accreditation was in 2016.

Committees are meeting regarding reopening. District led but follows much of what our COVID readiness team has already addressed. School is doing training on concurrent learning so when we return the virtual students are also taken care of. November 18th the teachers are going to practice concurrent learning with a portion of the teachers in the building and a portion at home to troubleshoot.

Enrollment is down over all. We are currently at 179 (210 last year). We have lost 5 students since the decision was made to delay opening.

III. Decatur Education Fund (DEF) Meeting Recap (Haley)

DEF met this past week. Discussion regarding school reopening and requests being made to PTAs to support the schools. Agreed to coordinate to allow for equity across the schools. Agreed PPE should be the same across the district. Will share information going forward with other PTAs as to what we have purchased and will be purchasing for our school. We have purchased shields and surgical masks for teachers. Other schools are not purchasing until they hear what the district will be providing.

DEF usually does teacher grant in the fall and they are deferring that to the PTAs, proportionate to the size of the schools. Suggestion has been made that the funds go to the schools who need the most.

IV. Glennwood Pods Update (Haley)

CSD Pod for Glennwood being formed. Haley has reached out the individual at the district to see what we can do to support them. They have requested that we do welcome bags for the students and the pod facilitator. Haley & Aichuan will drop those off on Friday. There are 10 students in Glennwood's pod. Unsure the location of the pod at this time.

V. Read-a-Thon Updates (Haley)

Martha Allen & Gwen Hall are chairing. Dates are January 16th through January 29th. Haley consulting with DEI and we are considering a racial equity theme. Goal is \$9,250.

VI. Fundraising Brainstorming (Haley)

Goal is to raise an additional \$1,000 in addition to the \$9,250 that we are attempting to raise with Read-A-Thon. Ideas that Haley & Cristina have come up with: (1) Selling bricks for the garden which are engraved; (2) booster-thon such as dance-a-thon/walk-a-thon; (3) passive fundraising (such as Amazon

Smiles, Kroger, Box-tops); (4) raffle is also an option if a sponsor has given an in-kind donation and we could use the software we used for the auction.

We could do a garden work day in conjunction with the brick fundraiser where we have scheduled times for families to come out and work together while distanced and masked. CSD would have to approve this. Suggestion was made to sell groups of bricks so that all students would get a brick.

Cristina and Nydia working on content for FaceBook posts regarding passive fundraising.

VII. Other Events (DEI Event)

We are doing a yearbook. We have folders set up to drop pictures in from events. We need to send additional information to remind parents to do this. Dr. Brookins looking into school pictures options.

Discussion of outdoor PE classes but concern regarding the COVID numbers on the rise.

DEI Racism and Beyond series occurring monthly (8-9 pm). No requirement to participate every week. Next one is November 17th via Zoom.

VIII. Next Meeting and Wrap Up (Haley)

Nydia working with website directors to do Read-a-thon online.

Discussion of an additional round of gifts for teachers. We have 40 staff members. Motion to use \$2,000 of PTA reserves for teachers. Approved. April & Haley will work together to figure out gift cards for teachers. We will survey the teachers for local restaurants/gift shops they could choose from.

Next meeting is December 7th at 8:00 p.m.