

Glennwood PTA Board Meeting
Monday, February 1, 2021
8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Haley Stevens
Leslie Sessley
Aichuan Kwong
April Freeman
Nydia Almond
Holly Brookins
Samantha Bryan
Cristina Stevenson

I. Welcome/Approval of the January Meeting Minutes (Haley)

Approved.

II. Principal Update-Dr. Brookins

74 students and 25 teachers back in the school for face to face learning. One class in quarantine until Feb. 8th. We were able to accommodate all students who requested to come back.

Q&A was held for staff with epidemiologist from Grady. Working on a session with an Emory psychologist.

We have 1 pod with 18 kids. We have a waitlist for pods. No overlap between the pod and the class that was quarantined.

Black History Month: On February 25th, the teachers will be reading to the students from books about black historical figures or by black authors. At 1:00 there will be a wrap up event via zoom with all of the students featuring two guest speakers. Community Circle will also have special presentation for Black History Month.

III. Financial Update- Aichuan

We raised approximately \$9,300 from the Read-a-thon. Our goal was \$9,250 net. We are still seeing some donations coming in and will have some expenses for the rewards for students.

We have met our membership and sponsorship goals for the year. We are a little low on Spiritwear sales so we can do a push for that in the next few weeks.

We are on track on spending.

We have a line item on our budget for field trips for \$2,500 which was \$250 per class. Now that the classes have been reallocated, we will divide that pro rata by students and allocate the funds to the teachers to use for purchases. We currently have 177 students.

Leslie will be ordering lawn signs for sponsors which will placed in front of the school by the marquis.

IV. Room Parent Recap (e.g., Specials Teachers with new roles)-April and Haley

Room parents will coordinate the class for their morning schedule. We are trying to determine how to treat the specials teachers for their birthdays also. We can look at doing this the week of teacher appreciation. Will discuss at next meeting.

V. Read-a-Thon Wrap Up-Haley

We will have \$200-\$300 in expenses. Goal to read 35,000 minutes. Students read 42,907 minutes. 74 students created pages for logging in minutes. 25 students will receive medals which will be announced at February 12th Communications. Participation bags will be given to all students who participated.

The timing of the Read-A-Thon this year was in January instead of November. Overall we agree that January is a better time because the student have more down-time and the weather tends to keep them inside more. However, if we are looking at doing the auction in February, we may need to look at other dates for auction. No real concerns about having in January other than the timing in connection with auction. We can revisit moving auction to take place in the fall in connection with Fall Carnival.

VI. PTA Succession and Possible Info Session-Haley

By mid-April we need to have a slate ready for next year's PTA Board. Reach out to other parents at the school who may be interested. We can do an info-session on a Zoom call with the Board which will be open to all parents. We should aim for scheduling this in March. We could do a general update meeting in conjunction with this. We can send information to Pre-K programs in Decatur to let them know about the meeting for parents of rising kindergarteners. We could also do a marketing video regarding why we chose to be on the PTA Board. Dee Anna Rittenhouse may be able to help.

VII. DEI Update-Haley

Meeting once per month. Met last week for January. Myths of Racism webinars are being presented at each. No need to have participated in previous meetings. Working on events for Black History Month also.

Culture Night Committee is looking at virtual options. Also looking into doing pen pals with students in other countries. Meetings are the third Thursday of the month. Next meeting will be February 25th at 8:30 via Zoom.

VIII. Possible Other PTA Fundraisers-Cristina and Haley

We have \$1,000 designated in budget as "Other Fundraiser". Given how well we did with Read-a-Thon and the expenses thus far, this may not be necessary. Aichuan will give us an update at the next meeting and we can make a determination on that.

Engraved Bricks: Ms. Shewan is working on the Memorial Garden for Ms. Sanders. They are not waiting on us to complete this fundraiser for the walkway. Haley and Cristina will follow back up with Claudia to work out details.

IX. Other Business (Teacher Grab N Go Lunch)-Nydia

Nydia is working with Calle Latina to provide lunches for the teachers to welcome them back into the school. We will provide gift cards to the virtual teachers. We need to give Calle Latina a two-week notice.

X. Next Meeting

Next meeting is March 1st at 8:00 p.m.