



Glen Meadow SCA Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Location: GMMS Teacher's Lounge - Rosemary Gebhardt, Principal & Host
9:39 a.m. - approximate start time

Glen Meadow SCA:

President:	Katrine Lally	present
Vice President:		OPEN POSITION
Treasurer:	Donna Pych	
Corresponding Secretary:	Clarissa Piper	present
Recording Secretary:		OPEN POSITION
Principal:	Rosemary Gebhardt	present

Other members in attendance:

Robin Burgess	Courtney Pietrucha	Jennifer Pellet
Tammy Witters	Nancy Regan	Stephanie Lukasik
Anissa Hess	Sandra Cruz	Pam McCann
Toni Cilli	Laura Lai-Minteer	
Jen Remington	Charlene O'Brien	

This month's minutes were recorded by Pam McCann

1. & 2. Flag Salute & Meeting Called to Order
at approximately 9:30 am

3. Guest Speaker

Holly McCracken with Project Self Sufficiency was scheduled to speak but encountered a last minute unexpected delay. Project Self Sufficiency will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

4. Guidance Report - presented by Nancy Regan

- The book fair is scheduled for Parent/Teacher Conference week beginning October 21 during the day and at night.
- Thank you to the SCA for the delicious luncheon during teacher in-service. The teachers also appreciated the gifts of paper towels and other classroom supplies.
- Mrs. Davenport made a presentation on funding for 9 square. Will the SCA be able to support this purchase? Katie will follow up on this after the meeting.
- Treps is scheduled for 12/8 with Nancy Regan as advisor

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- An Informational meeting is scheduled for 9/24 during recess for 6th graders only.
- The Treps committee would like to continue to offer a raffle prize for attendees in grades K-8. The proposal is to make the raffle prize a \$25 Amazon gift card which would be donated by the SCA. Katie will consult with the GM-SCA board after this meeting.

5. Principal's Report - Mrs. Rosemary Gebhardt

- SCA Open Board Positions
The Vice President & Recording Secretary positions are open. Any interested parent or guardian of a Glen Meadow student is welcome to the position. Let Mrs. Gebhardt or Katie Lally know that you are interested.
- Mrs. Gebhardt introduced herself in her first year at Glen Meadow. She is joined this year by Assistant Principal, Mr. Erik Kosek, who returns to Glen Meadow after a year as the VTHS Assistant Principal. Mr. Tom Zabriskie, a Retired Police Officer, continues at the school. Mr. Zabriskie served with Vernon Township Police Department for 27 years.
- Mrs. Gebhardt also praises the GM-SCA for their generosity with food and teacher gifts provided during the in-service day. It was a very busy day followed by a Family Back to School night.
- Digital Backpack will list many announcements including clubs that begin early in October. Look for information throughout the school year for clubs and athletic signups.
- Specials are available to all students in a format similar to the high school. Glen Meadow intends to provide something for every interest.
- A minimum of 2 parent volunteers are needed for the following time slots at the Book Fair on the following dates:
 - Friday October 18 - during the school day

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- Monday October 18 - during the school day
- Tuesday October 22 from 3 pm - 7 pm

a. Schoology

1. In about a week, Matt Shea will be sending a personal email to parents/guardians within the district so that they can have a personal account to access Schoology. Teachers will be posting all homework will be posted for parents to view..
2. Schoology will be for homework.
 - a. Genesis is for grades, attendance, and school forms.
 - b. Digital Backpack is for announcements and will be emailed each Friday. Announcements and the digital edition of flyers will be posted and may repeat for up to 6 weeks.
 - c. Principal's Blog will be updated every 2-3 weeks.

b . Field Trips

1. 6th Graders' Field Trip will be to the Planetarium @ Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg, NJ on May 20 & 21
2. 7th Graders' Field Trip will be to the Bronx Zoo on May 21
3. 8th Graders' Field Trip is still being scheduled.

c. BTSN (Back to School Night)

- The Family Back to School night was incredibly well attended. Mrs. Gebhardt intended for all families and children to feel welcome and comfortable in the building and simultaneously hear the same message.
- Other successful events prior to the start of school were the Open House, Locks and Bagels, and the Summer Book Club. All of these events were to assist the children in transitioning to Glen Meadow.

5. Review and approve June 2019 Minutes

June 2019 minutes are not currently available. They will be presented at next month's meeting.

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6. Treasurer's Report

- a. Review July Treasurer's Report
- b. Review and approve 2019-2020 budget

The proposed budget was distributed and some numbers may need to be adjusted to accommodate the 9 square request and the Treps gift card. The GM-SCA board will review and seek approval at the next GM-SCA meeting.

- i. Spiritwear may be added in the future
- ii. School assemblies will include: Ryan's Story & Screenagers

7. Old Business

a. Bruncheon

b. Classroom Supplies

On the first in-service day, teachers were offered rolls of paper towels, hand sanitizer bottles, boxes of tissues, and canisters of sanitizing wipes for their classrooms.

8. New Business

a. Fundraisers

- "Unfundraiser" will continue through the school year. It is an opportunity to donate money so that 100% of the funds goes directly to GM-SCA rather than the option of purchasing items with only a percentage of the money going to the SCA. The success of this event will determine the future fundraising endeavors at GM.

- Gertrude Hawk Fundraising: The SCA of each school has agreed to simultaneously host a Spring Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser. All purchases may be made through your child's school and the products will be delivered by Easter 2020. The profits realized from this sale will be split between all participating SCA's.

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b. District Wide Tricky Tray

Will be held on 11/16/2019 @ VTHS gymnasium

This event is a collaborative effort of all SCA boards to help fund SCA activities. All proceeds are split between the five SCAs.

BYO Food but no alcohol.

50/50 Coordinator needed for 50/50 sales within the school.

Also, we are seeking volunteers to sit at Walmart or ShopRite to sell additional 50/50 tickets. Please contact Jen Remington for more information on dates and times.

Donations of baskets (to display the prizes), gift cards, merchandise, etc or even a monetary contribution are always appreciated. Teachers, parents, guardians, are all welcome to participate.

An organizational meeting for *any parent/ guardian* who is interested in helping to make this tricky tray a success may attend a meeting at The George on Friday Sept 27 at 10 am.

The theme will be around a fall harvest. Any decorations may be donated to support this theme and would be greatly appreciated.

c. Ladies Night Out

Date will be announced at a future meeting. This event benefits the scholarship fund for 2020 graduating VTHS Seniors.

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d. Ryan's Story

This assembly is scheduled for 11/11/19. It is a "Be an upstander not a bystander" message from a father who lost his 13 year old son to suicide after suffering from personal and cyber-bullying.

e. Screenagers

In January, Parents & students will be able to view a film about growing up in the digital age. For a preview, go to the website:

<https://www.screenagersmovie.com/>

Related to this topic, Glen Meadow is implementing a "no cell phone" policy. All students are issued a Chromebook so there is no need for cell phone communications. Any cell phones that do come into the school will be locked in the student's locker.

f. Bracelets and t-shirts

During Back to School night, "Vernon Proud" bracelets were sold. Some inventory is still available. Please contact Clarissa Piper if you would like to make a purchase. The bracelets are sold at \$2 each or 5 for \$3.

GM-SCA is researching the Spiritwear options. More news will follow.

g. 8th grade dance and bagel breakfast

The 8th grade dance and a bagel breakfast is scheduled for June 4, 2021. The first committee meeting for the dance will be scheduled for January. Denise Clarke will DJ this event.

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- The Pochuck Valley Farm Day initiated by Clarissa Piper at Glen Meadow is open to all students and their families district wide.

10. Meeting Dates & Locations

3rd Wednesday of every month in the GMMS teacher's lounge

11. Adjournment:

Motion to Close: Jen Remington & Anissa Hess

Decision: Unanimous

Meeting closed at 10:30 am

Handouts:

- "Stay in the know" Flyer
- September 2019 Upcoming Events
- Mrs. Davenport email dated: 09/12/19 for "Nine Square in the Air" funding
- July 2019 Treasurer's Report
- GM-SCA Budget Reconciliation 2019-2020

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