



**Glen Meadow SCA
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

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:

Laura Lai-Minteer	Pam McCann	
Tyler Oakes	Alexis Pisco	Nancy Regan

This month's minutes were recorded by Pam McCann

- 1. & 2. Flag Salute & Meeting Called to Order** at approximately 9:39 am
- 3. Review & approve November 2019 minutes**

Motion to approve: Laura Lai Minteer & Pam McCann
Approve: Clarissa Piper

December 2019 meeting not held due to weather delay

4. Guidance Report - presented by Alexis Pisco & Nancy Regan

- Alexis Pisco and Nancy Regan thanked GM-SCA for the donation of a \$25 Amazon gift card for TREPS.
- Guidance is looking for donations of a variety of games & activities to offer students during indoor recess. The games may be, new or gently used board games, playing cards, doodle/coloring pages, markers and other non-tech activities. Donations are welcomed anytime.
- Green Team Donations are ongoing. Green Team is collecting a wide variety of clean and dry plastic films which are eventually shipped to Tyvek. Submit your donation to your child's homeroom.

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The homeroom with the highest collection will be recognized with pizza.

Previously, Tyvek has rewarded GMMS with an outdoor bench because of the student collection effort.

- In December, Mrs. Studely's and Mrs. Brady's 6th grade math and language students worked with first grade CM students from Mrs. Wilson's and Mrs. Telerico's classes. In pairs, the students practiced reading a children's book aloud, explained and played children's games, and enjoyed lunch together. The student's look forward to another session in January.
- The members present discussed a chapter book entitled, "The Uninvited Guest" and the possible distribution to GM students and (perhaps extend to LH students). This book is available through the Coalition as a tool for anti-smoking education. Ms. Regan and Mrs. Gebhardt will discuss this topic further.

5. Principal's Report - Mrs. Rosemary Gebhardt

- a. Field Trip to Vernon Light Park was cancelled and rescheduled several times since October. There have been issues with permits and weather. At this moment, a new date has not been set. New details may emerge in the future.
- b. Mrs. Gehardt is working closely to develop activities with both VTHS and with LH to bridge the transition for students as they progress from one school to another.

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- From **6:30-8:15 on January 30, 2020**, LH students and parents/guardians are invited to an “**GM Experience**” night. GM Teachers and current GM students will be present to guide visitors through 10-12 minute experience (hands-on application) stations. All future GM students and families will assemble in the gym, break out into groups and proceed to stations throughout the building. Snow date for this event is Feb. 4.
- **Thursday, March 5** will be a **Game Night** offered by GM Student Ambassadors for future GM students.
- Current 5th graders will also be invited to attend the Spring play.
- c. Zufall Dental had a successful visit to GM in their state of the art mobile office. Free or reduced dental care is available through Zufall. Please contact GM for more information on future visits.
- d. The Johns Hopkins University Talent Search meeting was successful. It was presented via Zoom. 8th grade students at a higher scoring on the state testing are invited to participate. They will be able to take the PSAT at GM with their peers. This allows the students to have a preview of the future college entrance exams and positions them for merit scholarship eligibility.
- e. **Parent Tech Night at VTHS** is tonight **January 15, 2020**. Any parent of a child with a cell phone is encouraged to attend! Here is

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the link to the program with additional details.

<https://vtsdparent.weebly.com/>

- f. Join us to see the **movie “Screenagers- Growing up in the Digital Age”** on **Tuesday, January 21** (snow date January 22), at **6:30 pm** in the gym.
[Screenagers at GMMS 1_21_20 @ 6_30 pm](#)

- G. GM Students who are part of the National Math Club will be giving a presentation to the BOE. These Mathletes are preparing for a competition on February 1. Look for the video on the BOE archives!

- F. There was an overwhelming response to the VFW's Patriot's Pen Essay Contest entitled: “What Makes America Great” . There were many impressive submissions. Two finalists were selected. One finalist, Julia Paton, will represent Vernon. The other finalist , Olivia Cilli, will go onto the state level of the competition and could go to the National level. These students may be eligible for monetary awards. Congratulations to both Julia and Olivia.

- G. Look for Viking Voices at next month's BOE meeting. This is an active, enthusiastic group of GM students who continue to attract new members.

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- H. As the Tolerance Fair is being displayed at VTHS in May, the Social Studies department will be introducing an age appropriate version of the program at GM. More details will follow.

- I. Feb 14 will be the GM Volleyball Tournament that benefits Harvest House.

- J. On March 6, GM will host its first Handball Tournament for 7th and 8th graders coordinated by DECA. Proceeds will benefit Good Grief, a non-profit support for grieving children. \$5 admission fee for participants.

- K. Some of the GM staff split a schedule between GM and VTHS. During the week of January 27, VTHS will be holding their midterm exams so there will be more substitutes at GM as the split schedule teachers spend their day at VTHS.

- L. Letters of retention are expected to be issued during the first week of February.

- M. Tech Free Days are planned for once a month throughout the school. Teachers and Students are encouraged to use non-tech teaching methods on this day.

Also, every Tuesday in the cafeteria, students are tech-free. They are encouraged to talk, seek out board games, playing cards, doodle etc.

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6. Treasurer's Report

- a. November 2019 report submitted

7. Guest Speaker: Mr. Oakes

- Field Days
 - 8th grade Field Day will be a Carnival Theme.
 - Kieran Killen, GM PE teacher & Field Hockey Coach, will DJ and offer a dance contest.
 - There will be distance challenges, volume and space challenges, kickball, corn hole, obstacle courses, giant Jenga, high ropes, and some surprise activities. There will be a loosely structured schedule with 8th graders choosing their activities rather than a formal rotation.
 - 6th & 7th Grade Field Days will be more traditional with activity stations around the fields.
 - Dates will be set after March 1 as the district determines the official last day of school.
- At this time the greatest need is support for snack stations. Mr. Oakes is asking for SCA volunteers for any field day.

New Business

- a. GM Dance Dates: 2/21 & 5/1
 - i. Feb 21 "Hangout" dance night will be open to all GM Students. Denise Clarke will be the DJ for the evening. Water and chips will be available for a small fee. Chaperones welcome.

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- b. **8th grade dance** - organizational meeting to be held on Feb 6 @ 6:30.
Snowdate: 2/13 @ 6:30
- c. Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser: Catalogs will be distributed mid February. All SCA's will participate and share in the fundraising profits. More details will follow.
- d. LNO - Friday, March 20, 2020 @ Minerals
 - i. Solicitations: Volunteers are needed to go to local businesses and ask for donations. Form letters are provided.
 - ii. GM 50/50 coordinator will be Stephanie Lukasik
 - iii. Wrapping will take place at VTHS during the week of 3/16. All parents are welcome to assist.
 - iv. Raffle sales at local stores will be scheduled. Volunteers are needed.

Your SCA officers will guide you through any of these volunteer opportunities. It's a great way to help, meet others, and benefit the district.

e. ESCA Scholarship Reading Committee

Any parent/guardian of a VTSD student up through the student's junior year is welcome to evaluate essays submitted by VTHS Senior students. We are scheduled to meet on March 31, 2020 & April 1, 2020. We meet from 9 am to 1:30.

We typically award 15-20 scholarships a year to graduating seniors who qualify.

Training is provided. Please contact your SCA officers for more information or to register as a reader.

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8. Old Business

a. Screenagers-January 14, 2020:

From Mrs. Gebhardt's blog: The SCA is bringing this program to GM for the entire student body. We feel that parents of all ages of children should see this movie as well, please bring a friend and join us. The SCA is accepting donations at the door to see this film. This program will serve as a nice compliment to Parent Tech Night. See below for the link to the flyer for this event. Screenagersmovie.com has a lot of great parent resources. Here is a link to some podcasts you and your children might enjoy listening to together from Screenagers.: <https://www.screenagersmovie.com/>

C.Ryan's Story: 3/17/20 8:30, 1:30 & 6:30-8 pm

D. Tissues and wipes collection: The SCA is coordinating a collection for tissues and wipes for classroom use during the flu and cold season. Donations are accepted anytime.

9. Questions (& Comments)

10. Meeting Dates & Locations

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

11. Adjournment:

Motion to Close: Laura Lai-Minteer, Clarissa Piper

Decision: Unanimous

Meeting closed at 11:30 am

Handouts:

- Treasurer's Report
- Indoor Recess Game & Activity Drive flyer

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