

Attendees:

Yvonne Liu Wolf	Jodi Hiller	Kelly Bireley
Jane Crouth	Rhonda Miller	Jennifer McCormack
Cindy Parker	Irene Sewell	Mary Frese
Juie Loeber	Rupa Nimmagadda	Paula Smeltekop
Ivy Sukenik	Mark Walther	Shonne Ehrhardt
Mary Patronik	Chris Northwick	

Vote on Slate:

Proposed PTA Executive Board Committee member in position of Secretary, Rupa Nimmagadda, was officially approved by consensus for the 2011-12 year.

Approval of September minutes:

The 9/20/11 minutes were voted on and passed.

PTA Council Report: PTA Council meeting tonight will include introduction to Glenview Youth Services by Nancy Bloom, as well as a discussion of a program that is new to the district, Kindness Connection. This is a program sponsored by the district and GEF that is run by a group of mothers in Wilmette. It offers a service opportunity that will be done for 3rd graders this year and may be incorporated into the curriculum in the future.

Treasurer's Report: Summary was reviewed. We are close to our \$12,000 goal for Market Day sales, and the deadline has been extended. The Fall Carnival brought in \$4500, a portion of which will be donated to the Deborah Gelfand Fund.

International Night Planning Update: This will be moving to Henking, and planning is on track. Mary Frese is in charge of sponsorship, and letters will go out the first week of November. Yvonne Liu is organizing the cultural rooms and provided a detailed update.

Guest Speaker: Chris Northwick, President – District 34 Board of Education

We received a very informative update on the School Board from Chris Northwick, who has been in Glenview for 10 years. She served in PTA, PTA Council, and district committee roles before running for the School Board in April, 2009. In May of this year, she became President of the School Board. She highlighted the strength of our district's decision-making process, in particular the presence of collaboration between parents, teachers, and administrators. She discussed the changes over time in how teachers teach with an improved focus on the learning as opposed to the teaching aspects of education. Another change is teachers working together to improve education.

Chris Northwick also provided updates on the Board's current work, emphasizing that the Board is very forward-thinking to ensure the sustenance of our district's success. Her main points were as follows:

- With the impending retirement of the district's School Superintendent, Dr. Hill, the Board hired Dr. Nicholson to replace him next July 1st.
- Many minds are coming together to update the district's strategic plan, especially in light of the current \$2.5 million budget deficit.
- Contract negotiations with teachers and professional staff are upcoming this year.

- A Budget Alignment Committee will meet through the winter to recommend changes.
- A Citizens Finance Advisory Committee will make recommendations.
- The district's enrollment continues to increase, which is unexpected but welcome. It is a likely reflection of the district's success.
- Information on the School Board: meets twice monthly at the district's administration building, one is a business meeting that includes school sharing (this year's theme is the collaboration between teachers), open to our community but not a dialogue format, "town hall" format meetings are scheduled for specific issues.
- There is a general School Board email for everyone's use to submit questions.
- Board terms are 4 years with elections every 2 years. There are 64 caucuses in Glenview with screening committees and Q&A sessions, and participation in these caucuses is encouraged.

Principal Reports

Ivy Sukenik/Henking:

- Book Fair to begin in early November. Classrooms are starting to read books to vote on.
- We are reminding students about the One for Books program, where they receive a sticker for donation of loose change.
- Henking Star program update: students voted for the dance party which will be spontaneous!! Should be fun!!
- There is a new STAR bulletin board to celebrate student work samples, analogous to trophy cases on display at schools. Kids get to pick their work and have a certificate sent home.
- Congratulations to Emilia Tyrka, Character Counts 2nd place winner in K-2 entries.
- SIP plan focused on culture and literacy growth goals. This is the first year we are taking a deeper look at grades other than just 2nd. Culture is focused on STAR as well as improving our collaboration among teams and throughout the building. One example is bus issues, for which we now have a set protocol for events. The protocol includes bus "school" and/or calls home, and there is a similar protocol for events during recess. We are voting on SIP at next BC so will share the goals next month.
- Fine Arts Celebration Week will take the place of the winter program this year so that we can celebrate each child's unique interests (to include PE, art, drama, and music). This will be in a smaller, more intimate setting for parents to observe their children, and it provides multiple times to maximize parental ability to participate. There will be a system for feedback. This is expected to decrease the added stress that the winter program brings in the midst of an already busy holiday season.
- Dr. Sukenik serves on the Facilities Committee which looks at space utilization and resolves issues arising from the lack of adequate space. There will be a presentation by this committee at next week's Board of Education meeting.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are this week. Be sure to ask questions, no matter how small the issue may seem. We are in this together and need to function as a team.

Mark Walther/Hoffman:

- Wow! What an incredible Fall Carnival, with record-setting attendance. Thanks for all of the fabulous support, and special thanks to Cherie DiCesare and her family for the outstanding leadership!
- This is Character Counts week!
 - Congrats to Matthew Moran (2nd place) and Jack Distler (3rd place) on their winning entries in the Village of Glenview Character Counts Poster Contest! They will each receive college account allowances from Glenview State Bank and be recognized at the Village Board meeting tonight on GVTV.
 - Kids Care Food Drive – all food goes to the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Please give...this is the largest contributing event of the year!
 - Lotsa Lotsa Pasta! Tonight 5-8pm at Park Center.
- Student Board activities under way. Primary candidate speeches soon & general election in early November.
- Parent/Teacher conferences this week!
- Lindsay Ferber, school nurse, had a baby girl on October 11th. Sharon Urban will cover during her maternity leave.
- Gillian Matthews is due late November and was recently placed on strict bed rest. All parents of her students will be called, conferences will be cancelled this week, and Gillian will conduct phone conferences. Carol Paddock will sub during her maternity leave and will meet parents on October 24th at 2:45pm.
- Global Language Program is off to a good start.
- MAPA will be held on Tuesday, October 25th from 6:30 to 8pm at Hoffman.
- Holiday Helper – 220 families invited. This will require a lot of support, including adopting families and volunteering. Consider having scout troops, church groups, bus stops, etc adopt a family. Thanks to Rhonda and Cindy!
- Halloween costume guidelines: no blood, gore, violence. Parade will be on Halloween at 1pm with parties to follow around 1:45pm.
- Parent/Student Book Clubs to begin in November, led by our LRC director, Paula Smeltekop.
- Hoffman's SIP plan was passed out and reviewed. It is available to the public and contains specific targets and targeted strategies for improving our performance.
- Thanks for the heartfelt wishes extended to the Walther family related to the recent passing of Mark's wife, Judy's, mother.

Committee Chair Reports

Leslie Kullman: Henking Book Fair's Pizza Dinner: all is running smoothly so far. Magician is booked, we're working on vendor donations and the flyer for signing up for seatings for Pizza night will go out Tues or Wed.

Danielle Klee: Lifestyles Fundraiser, deadline extended until this Saturday! Online Sales- \$4200, Hoffman Sales- \$4940, Henking Sales- \$2650 = Total- \$11,790.00

Julie Loeber: Winter Boutique at Attea on November 11th and 12th. Volunteers needed to help staff checkout, work on the floor, setup and cleanup.

Cherie DiCesare: Fall Carnival

- Based on the number of backpacks distributed more than 1,000 children and their families attended the carnival this year.
- The number of Interact Students from GBS who volunteered their time and energy was a record high of 85 teens. Alumni from HE/HO - OLPH Confirmation Class totaling 25 young teens also helped as part of a service requirement.
- Total amount of cash, coins and checks from ticket sales totaled \$7,246.20 (.20 courtesy of GSB coin counting machine). Approximately \$2,300.00 presale tickets.
- TOTAL EXPENSES = 2,735.46 The total amount of money made, while never really billed as a "fundraiser" was then \$4,510.74. This amount does not include the money generated from the sales of "Color Me Mine" .

Val Spingola: Heart of Glenview -- Due to the large number of children who wanted to paint at both Henking and Hoffman, our cluster has completed two hearts instead of just one this year. Our donation to the Glenview Giving Foundation will be \$400.00 this year. The hearts will debut at the Holiday in the Park parade on November 26th and then again at the Kids Heart of Glenview gala on November 28th. All the painters are going to be receiving complimentary tickets to the Kids event in the next couple weeks.

Pam Lantry - Taffy Apples: all profits benefit the Debra Gelfand Fund. Due to issues with pickups and spoilage and volunteer scheduling, this year the sale was limited to Henking families only. Forms are due 10/19 and apples will be sent home via backpacks on 10/27. Orders over 10 apples will need to be picked up at Henking on 10/27, 3:45-6pm.

Happy to welcome Jane Crouth (Henking) and Carrie Mercer (Hoffman) as the NSSED Liaisons
Still need to fill Ways & Means position to lead fundraising.

General Updates/Announcements:

Parents in Partnership – now in its 14th year – will take place on 11/12 at Attea with breakfast, keynote speaker, and 3 breakout sessions. Wesley will provide child care.

GEF fund drive and phone-a-thon under way. Parent resource guides have been distributed.

Book Fair still needs pm volunteers!

Discussion started about possible cash fund provided to schools by PTA for use towards holiday parties.

11/15 – PTA meeting in evening with Dr. Nicholson (incoming Superintendent) as keynote speaker. He is interested in meeting parents afterwards in a smaller neighborhood-based venue as well, if anyone would like to host this event.