

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 19, 2019

Location: Auditorium 9:00am

In attendance: Bridget Finder, Jill Paulinski, Ramona Leonard, Renee Monte, Rachael Bowen, Sandy Fochi, Lynne Ford, Lauren Barth, SCA members

- **Principal Report: Mrs. Finder**

- Intro new teachers, counselor, staff, etc. – meet them at Back-to-School night
- There is now AC in auditorium and library
- Bond Presentation on 12/10
 - Proposed updates: safety changes to the front vestibule, re-do some bathrooms, library renovation, move STEAM lab upstairs and transform into media lab
 - Dr. Giarrizzo coming to Oct. membership meeting to tell us more about the Bond proposal
- Policy enforcement
 - If a student comes in after 8:29 (at 8:30 or later), a parent must sign him/her in
 - Send in a note with a specific time if you will be pulling your child out early—try to avoid grade-level lunch/recess time, if possible
 - Lunch is now 20 minutes; recess extended to 30 minutes—this is working out well
- Parent Involvement
 - There will be two opportunities per grade for parents to observe (classroom, show, etc.)
 - If you want a sibling to attend a show/presentation (not in classroom), provide a note to teacher
- Communication Survey coming soon from Mrs. Finder
 - We are so bombarded by emails—what is the best way to communicate important info. (i.e. documents in backpack, Twitter/Insta, maintain emails, etc.)
- First Reading Reunion happened last week

- Grades 1, 2, 3 got to go to last year's classroom/teacher to share summer reading
- Grades 4 and 5 got to share their summer reading logs and Amazon gift cards were raffled off
- Learning outside of classroom
 - In addition to literacy and mathematics block, kids are getting enrichment, STEAM, foreign language, etc.

Back-to-School Night

- Happening tonight, 9/19
- 7 PM – grades 3, 4, 5 in classrooms
- 7:50 PM – grades K, 1, 2 in classrooms
- In between time – specials, enrichment, etc. in gym
- Class parents – collect class dues (must be cash) and SCA dues, SCA forms, etc.
 - Give SCA dues collected to Rachael Bowen or hand to Antonella/Yvette in front office to hold for Rachael
- **Whole School Play**
 - Email about whole-school play went out yesterday (check SPAM if you haven't received!)
 - Encouraging student to sign up – class moms—let your parents know
- **Wish List**
 - We have money raised to use so encourage parents to share ideas via email or by leaving a note in the SCA box
 - We are still trying to get the sports court, but there are some obstacles and challenges
 - If we are unable to get sports court we can look into improved basketball set up (new nets, etc.)
- **Gift Wrap Fundraiser**
 - Catalogs went home

- Fundraiser is two weeks only—due 10/11
- You will get orders by 12/4
- GWL school ID is on packet—if you order online, be sure to enter school ID and put teacher's name
- Class that raises the most will get an extra recess
- **Picture Day**
 - Happening over 3 days (10/2 – 10/4)
 - The specific day for your child's class will be coming from teacher
 - Mrs. Finder will email out a chart
 - Family Photo Day (10/20)
 - Multiple packages you can choose from at different price levels
 - 20 – 40 minutes per family
- **Box Tops**
 - Moving forward, this will be exclusively digital
 - Download the app and enter GWL
 - Scan receipt within 14 days and we'll automatically get the credit
- **Parents' Night Out**
 - Nov. 8, 2019 at the Swan Club – save the date went out this morning
 - Changing things up this year—it won't be a casino night; but, instead a fall social theme—more details to come
 - Callie (committee chair) will email class parents about grade-level baskets
 - Idea to make each basket holiday themed
- **Volunteering**
 - We need volunteers and chairs for committees!
 - Upcoming opportunities to volunteer for Halloween Parade, whole-school play, book fair, etc.

- **More Important Info**

- CHECK SPAM FOR IMPORTANT SCA EMAILS – lots of emails are getting filter into spam folders
- Encourage parents to sign up for Remind app (@jpaulins) – text 81010
- Encourage parents to follow the SCA on Instagram
- Linking all current docs and info on the homepage of the GWL web site