

GAMBLE MONTESSORI PTO MINUTES

January 12, 2016

Meeting opened and everyone was welcomed by Pres Diane Williams at 6:05pm.

Approval of Minutes

No corrections or changes. Motion was made to approve the December Meeting minutes by Vice Pres. And second. Minutes were accepted.

New Business

Question was asked if Concession Fees can be used for District Fees?. The answer was Yes.

PRINCIPAL'S MINUTE

- *Parent Survey Results*—Jack was unable to download the data. Copies are available for review but he has not had enough time to prepare a full report.
- *WayFinding Signs*—some have been added. Can a sign be placed on Felicity? May be unable because it is city property. Jack will however put a request on the City of Cincinnati app for a sign to be placed. We will wait and see what the response is.

PRESIDENT'S PORTION (Diane Williams)

- It was emphasized again that there are many opportunities for Parent Volunteers.
- Looking for assistance for Comedy Night.
- Looking for assistance on doing a Monthly Article for the Gamble Staff Bulletin.
- Would like volunteers to hand out Skating Party flyers. Jody will help out in the afternoon. The Fun Factory will host a pizza party for the grade with the most students in attendance.
\$8 fee to skate, pizza and drink/\$5 fee for parents
- Attending a Hockey Game. What is the interest? A parent has suggested this and we will plan to do a survey to see how much interest there would be. The survey was done and we received about 10 responses and all were interested. Mr. Grover said that he will champion this and get a game together.
- Winter Clothing Drive....no report (Maria)
- Diane asked about interest in OFFICERS for 2016-2017.

FUNDRAISING

- *CARNIVAL* (Karen Christopf)

Would like the PTO to be responsible for Games for the Carnival. Are planning to have the Carnival on the 30th but what month? Brainstorm ideas.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Paulette Brown.

As of 12/18, there is \$452.66 in the treasury. Membership Fees collected at Winter Concert totaled.... $120.80 + 65.00 = 185.80$

\$60 was used for School Staff Holiday token of appreciation.

LSDMC/ILT

ILT

Staff Priorities—The ILT would like the PTO to have some input. High on the list are AP course Honors Diplomas. Need Honors Pathway; more electives/options. There were other things discussed as well.

LSDMC

Last meeting was largely about Positive School Culture; behavior incident, etc. October appears to be the month where the most incidents occur. The goal is to turn the misbehaviors into positives.

The data is being looked at based on expectations and rules being followed and then positive reinforcement.

There was a questionnaire that was completed by students. One question that was asked—Do you feel as if you are connected to an adult at the school? Jack Jose added additional information:

Several black male students feel they are treated differently. We need to address this and other issues. Some students feel connected to teachers, cafeteria worker, Coach Allen. The goal is for every student to feel connected.

Question- Were there any adults/teachers names in the school that were not selected at all?

Another question that could be asked is- Are there students here that you feel connected to?

This survey will continue to be conducted on an annual basis.

Diane mentioned that when the Assistant Principal, Mr. Brown (African American), was here for that short period, that may have helped with some of the statements from the African Amer male students feelings of being treated differently.

Mr. F. Williams stated that he feels more black males are needed on staff at GMHS. We need to take a more proactive approach. GMHS has been blessed by not having any major incidents yet this year...this is awesome! It will be a step in the right direction to possibly appoint various black male students to various school committees. What are they gifted in? Identify these gifts. This will make them feel more valued and inclusive. Students typically do not volunteer for these tasks or committees, therefore appointing them may work better.

Football Coach replacement search.

Diane thanked Jack Jose for including reminders of our PTO meetings on the Robocalls. She asked if all parent volunteer opportunities could be placed on the Facebook page and the GMHS website.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

Next PTO Meeting

February 9th, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Submitted by: Maria Bates and Caprise Johnson