Welcome

GE Happenings –

- Dean Gorrel (upcoming survey and referendums)
  - Survey coming in mid-October with two building options (new high school with or without new elementary school); by January 24th the VASD School Board will need to decide what they are putting on the ballot for the April 2017 elections

- Theresa Taylor (capacity and growth)
  - Enrollment numbers down from last year 598 to 579 so we are comfortable space wise at the start of the year
  - Discussed new math curriculum being rolled out; additional part-time teachers in Art, Music and Phy-Ed

PTO Meeting - Kathryn welcomed everyone back to a new school year and invited parents already in attendance for the GE Happenings to stay and join us for the PTO Meeting.

Board

Minutes – Reviewed and approved August minutes.

New Secretary - Nicole Lisle was nominated and approved as the Board’s new secretary (replacing Andrea Frey who took on a new role as the Glacier Edge LMC Director). Nicole Lisle will be finishing out Andrea’s last year.

Treasurer’s Report – Reviewed and approved August budget.

Recap of Recent PTO Events

Welcome Back Event – the new single evening event received positive feedback; we should budget the $100 paid to Culvers this year into the budget for next year (increased # of cups due to increased # of activities); come up with a
plan for all the school supply kit boxes that were left over from this year (took nearly an entire morning to flatten/recycle); great fundraiser for the school; discussed improvements for next year and the desire to start early again in order to receive the early bird discount.

Staff Appreciation – was a success with providing pens, post-its and highlighters

BooHoo YeeHaw – went well; Katie helped again this year; thanks to Millers and Sow Ears for their donations; noted that the room was just too hot this year

Teacher Talk-Ins – need to gather more feedback; the Spirit Wear table was up and $55 were sold; we should have the table again during Back-to-School night on October 6th; unfortunately Homecoming week will be over by then so the table will be out for additional times the week prior for Spirit Week Sept 26-Sept 30th.

Upcoming PTO Events

MooYah Night (Tues-9/20 from 5-8pm) – 25% back to GE; no volunteers needed; add event to FB page; send reminder email of event and that they need to mention the GE promotion upon placing order

Spirit Week (9/26-9/30) – start promoting 9/19 and send reminder 9/25; discussed participation in Friday parade; dress-up days to be: Monday (pajamas), Tuesday (silly socks), Wednesday (class color day), Thursday (backwards day), Friday (wildcat pride)

Back to School Night (Thurs-10/6) – all the teachers were signed up for a theme already; need Square for collecting sales; have PTO tip jar; variety of food offered from AJ’S Pizzeria; all profits from food sales go to support the PTO; theme basket proceeds go directly to the classrooms and resource teachers

Book Fair (Thurs-10/6) – table requests were in; contact made with Scholastics; funds raised will go towards classroom technology (smartboards); has its own payment/cashier

Book Swap Collection Bin (Thurs-10/6) – Andrea Frey and volunteers working on jazzing up the garbage bin that Theresa will bring in; bin will be located in the front lobby beginning on Back to School Night and continuing until the Book Swap event on March 2nd, 2017 (coinciding with Dr Seuss’ birthday).

Box Tops Collection (10/10-10/21) – discussed sending out reminders on dates, benefits that GE gains and the competition levels; school-wide collection; Renee Zook will count for us; collections starting to drop over the years
  * 6000 level (Crazy Hair/Hat Day); 9000 level (Hallway Dance Party); 12,000 level (Extra Recess)

Future PTO Events

GE Family Skate Night @ Verona Ice Arena (Fri-10/21) – GE only event from 7-9pm; all admission and skate rental proceeds generated that night will go directly to Glacier Edge; funds will be used towards supporting our online vocabulary and reading subscriptions such as Raz Kids, A to Z, etc.

Parents Night Out “Signs by Caitlin” (Thurs-11/17 @ Greys Tied House) – 25% back to GE; $65 customizable wooden sign; fundraiser to help raise money for a new music curriculum and additional art supplies; adults only event; limited to the first 30 people who register

November Restaurant Night – looking into Sugar River Pizza; 10% back to GE; can’t be a Wednesday or Saturday; looking into doing a Sunday

January Coin Challenge – still looking for a coordinator; competed by grades last year; need to communicate daily; goal rewards for this year need (i.e. magician and taping Theresa to the wall last year)

May “Spring” Fun Run (during screen free week) – Rebecca has recruited two coordinators: Krystina Miller and Maggie F.; continuing to research the following details: $30 cool swag bag (shirt/backpack/color packet);
DJ/announcer for event; getting a business to sponsor fun items such as t-shirts or sunglasses/Oriental Trading; look at weeknight vs weekend; Melissa Rameker volunteered to help coordinate

Other Committee Reports

Announcements

Next month’s GE Happenings (10/11/2016) will be a special 1.5 hour presentation (6-7:30pm) on the Nurtured Heart Approach and how it is being used to address behavior and build great relationships with students in our schools.

Next GE Happenings and PTO Meeting

Tuesday, October 11th 2016 @ 6pm - Glacier Edge Library