

Glenkirk Elementary School TPAC November 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, Location: Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 6:00 pm via ZOOM

Meeting called to order by Acting Chairperson Jen Tracy

Attendance: Marissa Miranda, Heather Kilgore, Jen Tracy, Jessica Rudd, Karla Pekar, Jen Oister, Beth Kunstel, Beth Anderson, Victoria Peacock, Lisa Walsh, Selina Zodda, Christine Jones, Cathy McCuen, Erin Bouch, Jamie Kendle, Christine Passa, Kimberly Coogan

Meeting Minutes: located on the Glenkirk webpage under TPAC

Old Business/Chair's Minute: given by Jen Tracy

- Any person trying to join FB Parent Corner will not be accepted without answering all three questions for the safety of the group members.
- The council needs volunteers to fill open positions for Ellis Mills (2), Morris Farm (1), and Saranac (1). Victoria Peacock will serve as one of the representatives for Morris Farm. The council also needs a Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.

Current TPAC Officers:

CHAIRPERSON

TBD

VICE CHAIRPERSON

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TBD (1)

SARANAC, PARENTS

Karla Pekar: kpekor@gmail.com

TBD (1)

AT LARGE, PARENT

Cher Muzyk: cmuzyk@gmail.com

Citizen's Time: No comments or questions.

School Counseling Update: given by Beth Anderson and Beth Kunstel

- The counselors' main role is to advocate for students. They provide support for academics, social and emotional development, and career development.
 - Counselors meet with students individually, in small groups, and in classroom settings.
 - Counselor slips are available in the hallway by the library. Parents and teachers can refer students, and students can self-refer. Anyone can reach out using the referral slips or by phone or email.
- Individual Sessions
 - So far this year, counselors have held 166 individual sessions, mostly with 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders.
- Small Groups
 - There are currently two small groups meeting. Topics are managing strong feelings and building friendships and other social skills. Information about joining small groups is shared in Knightly Notes.
- Classroom Counseling

- So far this year, topics have included Cooperation & Teamwork, Mindfulness, Grown Mindset. The current topic is Bully Prevention.
- 2022-23 SMART Goal
 - Students in grades 3-5 were given a survey at the beginning of the year on school climate. This year's goal is to grow the positive response rate by 10% by June 2023.
 - Toward that goal, counselors have implemented Knights of the Roundtable during classroom lessons. This give each student an opportunity to practice speaking, listening, and taking turns.
- Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation
 - Designation is given by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) and is good for five years. Glenkirk last earned it in 2018. It is up for renewal in the fall of 2023. Counselors are already working on the lengthy renewal process.
- Q & A
 - Q: How can parents reinforce classroom lessons at home?
A: Topics are shared in Knightly Notes and councilors can provide supporting resources on request.
 - Q: Do councilors from different schools share resources and ideas?
A: The county sets certain objectives like growth mindset and behaviors. Councilors have latitude for creativity in how they implement curriculum. Curriculums for some objectives are more structured than others. There is also a platform for schools to share lessons and resources.

SACI Update: given by Victoria Peacock

- October SACI meeting – Dr. McDade gave an update on the strategic plan – progress, action plans, data visibility. Recovery from the pandemic is a multi-year process. CARES funds are being used for training to help with pandemic recovery.
- There is a teacher shortage, so the district is working to retain and recruit. High schools have a pipeline into teacher training, and the county has a teacher assistant to teacher program.
- Two county-wide resources:
 - There is a two-way auto language translation service for parents and teachers that can be used to communicate by email, phone or text.
 - Paper is a 24/7 online tutoring app to support students at all grade levels.

Principal's Time: given by Marissa Miranda

- Mrs. Miranda will give the budget update at the December meeting. GKES enrollment has dropped to 600 students, so this has had an impact on our budget.

Next meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm

Minutes compiled by Karla Pekor