

Garden City Community School Council Agenda

May 7, 2008 – 6:30pm

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GCCS Council



May 1, 2008

Agenda Items:

Notes:

Open Meeting	
Check In - Additional Agenda Items?	
Minutes from April Meeting	
Treasurers Report Final Auction Numbers	
Director Summary Cindy Hoovel	
Report From Board	
Parent Education Presentation	
Old Business	
Fundraising - Victoria (Chair) Book Fair- Cartridges for Kids - Campbells - Box Tops	
Playground Update—Megan Jones	
Rebecca Harris Music Programs and PE Updates	
Operating Principals of the GCCS Council Continue to Review	
Sexuality Education at Garden City School Continue to Review	
Community Council Positions Anyone interested in running for a Community Council position	teresacrew@yahoo.com
Report on Activities Goose Box Construction -	
New Business	
Motion to Dismiss	

Garden City Community School Council Newsletter

GOOSE BOXES-Volunteers Needed!

Governor Otter's wife has asked us if we are interested in building some goose boxes for their ranch as part of our environmental focus.

We will start building the Goose Boxes on Saturday May 3 at 10am at GCCS school.

Please bring any basic wood working tools that you might have. If you have any questions, please contact Tawnia.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 7 @ 6:30PM

Be sure to meet with other parents, teachers, board and community members on May 7 in the GCCS Community Room.

Contact CC President, Teresa Worth (412-7044), for more information or to be on the agenda. This meetings' agenda will include continuing discussion on how the school stakeholders want to include sexuality education in next year's curriculum.

Be sure to attend to learn more and give your opinion. This meeting time is being tested to see if it is more convenient for families to attend. Give the Council your feedback on best times to meet.

MAY CELEBRATION

On Thursday, May 29, the entire school is developing a grand finale event for GCCS families!

This Open House will be 6-8PM to show off students' special wetland integration projects that have been part of this year's overall school theme.

Plans also include an art show and possibly some musical presentations. Stay tuned for more information and be sure to mark the date on your family calendar!

ENROLLMENT for 2008-09

We are excited to announce that 94% of our current students have committed to returning to GCCS next year!

It will be great to start with so many families we already know so well! Between returnees and new students, many of the classes are full, but we are still taking applications to create a waiting list.

We are also developing an AM, PM and full-day kindergarten for next year, so spread the word to others!

EARLY RELEASE

EARLY RELEASE this Friday, May 2, 2008. Students will get out at 12:15PM for staff development.

GCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

These are always held the third Monday of the month starting at 7:00PM. Please join us at the next meeting on Monday, May 19th at 7pm.

Board meetings are very open and friendly! Come join us!

Board Help Needed

The Board of Directors needs a parent to serve on the Nominating Committee. This committee will look for future board members as openings come available and also provide recommendations to the Board for officer candidates.

Two current board members' terms expire at the end of June this year and the position of President is up for consideration this year also. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Jan Thomas at 338-5858.

The Facilities Committee is also looking for people interested in helping the school reach our goal of a permanent home. Please contact Bill Ramey at 284-2129 or Mark Bader-Hellstrom at 573-6768 to join this exciting committee!

Dress Code

Now that warmer weather is here, we're seeing lots of fun summer outfits!

However, as per the GCCS handbook, everyone signed, we have a dress code at the school and need you to remind your children to dress accordingly.

- 1) Dresses and shorts must be long enough so that the fingertips can touch the hem.
- 2) No head coverings can be worn in buildings.
- 3) Abdomen, breasts and buttocks must be covered and no underwear can be showing; therefore spaghetti straps and "sagging" are not appropriate
- 4) No implications of drugs or gangs is allowed.

We appreciate your help in this with monitoring their outfits as well as being good role models for our students.

All-School Community Circles

5/1

Poetry Slam

5/8

Summer Reading Program
guest from Garden City
Library

5/15

Talent Show or RAK event

5/22

Paul Higgins, story teller

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICERS NEEDED

It is that time of year again and the Community Council is looking for parents to fill the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

We are also still looking for parents who are interested in being a Parent Representative to the Board.

If you are interested, please contact Teresa Worth (teresacrew@yahoo.com) or Cindy Hoovel. All Names for the Community Council positions need to be received no later than the May 7th meeting so that ballots can be prepared and voting can be completed during the June Community Council Meeting.

SPREADING the WORD!!!

Thanks to those parents who came by to see me during student led conferences. I was hoping to meet with all current GCCS parents to make sure everyone was on the same page about the school. The philosophy of GGCS can seem complicated and even vague.

It is CRITICAL that all parents at the school 1) understand the philosophy of the school (what makes us different from other schools) 2) can communicate the differences to people who ask and 3) can speak positively about their child's experience.

If you didn't talk with me, please stop by the office and pick up a bookmark and a bumper sticker. The bookmark has the school's mission statement and points about what makes us different. Please let Cindy know if have ANY questions about the school or your child's experience.

If you did come and talk with me and you need another bookmark or bumper sticker, please come and take one, two..... We would love to see friends and family members driving around with GCCS bumper stickers!

Megan Jones, GCCS Parent, GCCS Aide, GCCS Community Council Secretary

JUNE JUBILEE

Wednesday, June 4 has been set for a fun end-of-school event! Students will participate in a variety of "rotation stations" at the Boys & Girls Club in the morning. A picnic lunch will follow, with the day ending at the West Y for swimming, rock climbing and other events.

Volunteers are needed to help staff make this a successful event. Please contact the director, Cindy Hoovel at 377-0011, if you are able to take the time to help monitor an activity station at the Boys & Girls Club, organize a picnic, or chaperone swimming at the Y.

We need lots of families each helping a "little bit" so it's a fun, safe time without anyone having to "do it all"!

ISAT TESTS

Currently, all classes are rotating through our newly completed computer lab to take their Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) in reading and math. Please be sure your child has gotten plenty of sleep and has a good breakfast before their test time.

Teachers should be letting you know when their test days will occur. We won't receive the results of these tests until the end of June. Information will be sent to each family once it arrives.

LOST & FOUND

The end of the school year is quickly approaching and our Lost and Found is overflowing!

Please take a moment before/after school to claim any items that may be yours.