

#### FEBRUARY, 2022 NEWSLETTER

# GREEN LAKE

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## Environment of Excellence

## District Board Of Education Members

- Michael Pulice
- Sue Sorenson
- Andy Gyrske
- Michelle Grimes
- Matt Bond
- Tim Lyke



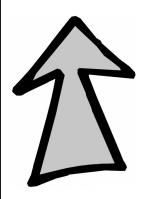
From The Desk Of Superintendent Gina Baxter

The Green Lake School District, in partnership with the community, commits to an education of excellence by creating a safe environment that encourages mutual respect, enthusiasm for learning through personal attention, and integrated, challenging curriculum so that students can reach their full potential as positive members of our community and the world beyond the classroom.



## 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION





Visit our Website

Beautiful, bright, colorful bracelets. Who wouldn't love them? "We wanted to make a change in our school and provide for all the special students who enjoy being outside and playing with friends," says Sophia Johnson. We decided that we would make colorful bracelets to raise money for new playground equipment. We started putting our plan into action in August 2019. Our first time selling was at Harvest Fest. So far, we have raised about \$300, and we bought a soccer set for the school. We continue to raise money and hope to brighten smiles and keep kids playing in the sun! The sixth graders who helped contribute are Sophia Johnson, Isabelle Loberg, and Evelyn Clark.

- Written by Sarah Joy and Sophia - Grade 6

## Environment of Excellence

February is the month we honor leaders. There's Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays and President's Day. Last month we honored one of my favorites, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., one of the most important leaders of our time. And Dr. King's time, much like the pandemic one we're living in today, was NOT easy. The time he lived in was filled with people fighting to keep traditions that had always been in place and others who were working diligently to change those traditions and perceptions that acted like weights for them, weights holding them back or enforcing discriminatory practices. Sound familiar? In this time, Dr. King had the courage to go where others would not go and the courage to say what needed to be said. He would not have been able to do this unless he was optimistic and had an unshakeable faith in humanity.

We are living in extraordinary times. In these extraordinary times, it helps to look at great leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for guidance. According to King, the best way to be successful is to stay optimistic and to serve others selflessly. King was passionate about getting people to think, reflect, and take action. He wanted us to question what we do TO others and think about what we should be doing FOR others.

In King's first sermon, he spoke about being the best version of yourself. He said that no matter what you do, do it with panache, or style. EVEN if you are a lowly street sweeper, be the best street sweeper, because by being the best you can be, you are serving others. By being THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF, you are serving those around you in the best way possible. The great thing about this thinking is that YOU MATTER.

And that is my challenge for you today. Think about what you can do for others. But that's not enough! Once you've thought and reflected about what you can do for others, take it to the next level and just do it! It's amazing how life gets better when we stop thinking about ourselves and start working for others. Good luck today, and if you have time, check out Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the solid advice and attitudes he had for getting through hard times.





From the desk of the HS
Principal
Cathy Moore

#### NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

(S.120.06(8)(c) Wisconsin Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the School District of Green Lake that on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 an election of school board members will be held. The top 2 (two) vote getters will receive a 3-year term, April 25, 2022-April 27, 2025. The 3<sup>rd</sup> (third) vote getter will receive a 2-year term (remainder of a term which expires April 21, 2024). The 4<sup>th</sup> (fourth) place vote getter will receive a 1-year term (remainder of a term which expires April 23, 2023). Candidates for the school board are as follows:

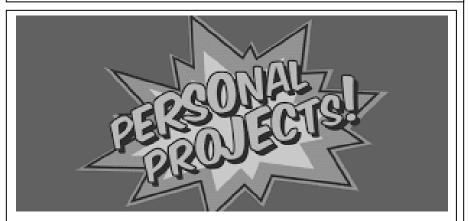
> SUSAN SORENSON MATT BOND MARY CRYIER MICHAEL PULICE

Electors will vote in their regular polling places. Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Dated this twenty-eighth day of February, 2022

## FREELAND Film Festival

The sixth graders have once again had the amazing opportunity to participate in the Freeland Film Festival courtesy of the Green Lake PTO. The Freeland Film Festival provides inspiration for IB PYP Exhibition. This year the sixth graders had an all access pass to enjoy as many films as they wanted. They were able to have a **Keystone** short film watch party during school. Each student wrote a reflection essay on the film. The film focused on the life of the prairie and how the bison directly affect the prairie's ability to flourish.



Our sophomore students have been busy researching and working on their IB MYP Personal Projects. The topics for this year's Personal Projects are: Invasive Species Around the World, Gender Equality, Gambling Addiction, Drug Abuse, Endangered Animals/Poaching, and Autism Spectrum Disorder. We hope you will join us for our Gala this Spring where we can share our projects with you! Stay tuned for further updates.

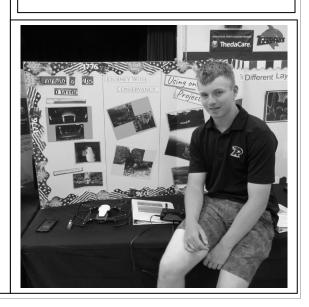
Ask the sophomores you know about the work they are doing and the problems they are addressing. In May, (time and day to be determined) our 10th grade students will showcase their Personal Projects at Green Lake's IB Gala. Also included in the IB Gala: The 8th grade class displaying their Community Project, the 6th grade students sharing their Exhibition work, and Diploma Programme (DP) students featuring their culminating DP work. Everyone is welcome to stop by the big gym to enjoy learning and support our students.







First and sixth grade reading partners



# MYP NEWS

### What is going on with the Middle Years Programme?

MYP news is part of the Green Lake School District (GLSD) Newsletter aiming to improve communication about the MYP programme at GLSD. We will highlight what is happening inside the classrooms, and also continue to share what the IB World is doing to make teaching and learning meaningful and relevant. We welcome your comments and ideas to help make the GLSD MYP News a useful tool among our community of learners.

Approaches to Learning (ATL Skills)

By teaching Approaches to Learning Skills, we are helping our students to learn how to learn. Students develop skills for research, critical thinking, communication, collaboration and self-management. These skills equip students to:

- Reflect on their learning (metacognition)
- Understand the difference in how we learn
- Evaluate and provide evidence of their learning
- Meet MYP objectives in each subject.
- Develop the confidence to try new strategies and explore new concepts and contexts for learning
- Prepare for further study and responsible participation in local and global communities

ATL skills are informed by and support the development of the attributes of the IB learner profile.

## Learner Profile: Caring

Middle school students took action by creating and sharing holiday cards and ornaments with the Markesan Assisted Living residents and other community members. Additionally, the students spread holiday cheer as they walked around the community singing carols to local businesses. Being an IB student means to have a commitment to service and to act in order to make a positive impact in the world. We continue to explore ways to support students taking action from what they are learning at school.







# Check your email for Spring Sports Sign-ups!

**Practices Begin:** 

March 7th - HS Track

March 14th -HS Softball @ Princeton Baseball Pitchers/Catchers @ GL

March 21st - Baseball @ GL

## MS practices start after Spring Break



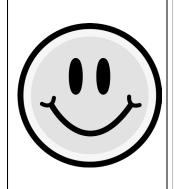
### Environment of Excellence

What's been happening during SEL (Social Emotional Learning) time with the el ementary students and ACP (Academic & Career Planning) time with the middle school students?

Elementary students have been working on lessons about The Zones of Regulation (understanding/controlling our emotions), self-esteem, the importance of having confidence in ourselves, and why it's important to have empathy and help others.

Middle school students have just finished their self-esteem and confidence building unit, and are now starting their career exploration unit. This will help them understand the importance of a 4 year plan once they get to high school.

Mrs. Linde -Elementary & Middle School Counselor



#### From the High School Guidance Office

#### ACP:

The high school students are in the process of learning about job applications, and the essential information that goes into filling one out. While many of our students have jobs already, there are a large number who do not. So, knowing proper information about how to fill an application out professionally is a great first step for students to gain work experience.

Essential items to know on a job application:

**Full Name and Social Security Number:** To verify your identity, either in a background check or other format. Jobs are one of the biggest reasons students need to first memorize their SS#.

Full Address: For any essential information such as paystubs or W-2 tax forms

**Education History:** So employers understand your level of education (High School, Some college, 2 year degree, 4 year degree, etc)

**Employment History:** So employers can see how long an individual stays with a company. Students without a previous job will not have anything to fill here.

**References:** So employers can call and get information about applicants.

Basics of Job Application Professionalism:

- Take your time to write clearly and spell information correctly
- Use black or blue pen, if writing on a paper application
- Fill out all sections to the best of your ability (put N/A in sections you do not have answers for)
- Have good reasons for leaving a previous job ("I was so bored" vs "I left in order to pursue different interests")

#### **Scholarships:**

Parents and senior students, this is a reminder the <u>Local Application</u> for scholarships were **due** by <u>February</u> <u>21st</u>. Our other scholarships within the booklet are due at different times, so pay attention to the dates at the back of the booklet (Red applications are still pending. I will update the booklet as I hear back from our scholarship sponsors!)

#### **Early College Credit Program/Start College Now (ECCP/SCN):**

Students have the opportunity to take classes through our local colleges every semester. These classes allow students to leave during the day (for in-person) or attend virtually to earn both high school and college credits. These programs are not for everyone, and failing these classes will leave a negative mark on both a student's transcript and college transcript. The due date for Fall class ECCP/SCN applications is March 1st, 2022. I have sent out an email about the program with appropriate links recently to high school parents and students, and will send another reminder to students when there is one week left to apply!



## School District of Green Lake Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting

December 15, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Education was held Wednesday, December 15 in the Library Media Center. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President, Andy Gryske.

Notice of this meeting was given to the Ripon Commonwealth Press and the Green Lake Reporter. In addition, notices of the meeting were posted in the display case of the school, at the Green Lake Post Office, Horicon Bank, and on the school district website.

#### Roll Call:

President, Andy Gryske- present; Matt Bond - present; Sue Sorenson - present; Michelle Grimes - absent; Tim Lyke - present; Mike Pulice - present; vacant seat.

Others present - Superintendent/Elementary Principal, Gina Baxter; Secondary Principal, Cathy Moore; Administrative Support, Katie James; Operations Manager, Tom Archambo, School SRO Keith Kiupelis and School Board Secretary, Donna Waterworth. Members of the media, Joe Schultz, and Kristin Radke and members of the community

## CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A motion was made by Tim Lyke seconded by Sue Sorenson to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote of 5-0; absent -1 (Michelle Grimes); vacant seat.

#### **Community Connection**

School Board Vice President, Matt Bond led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>RECOGNITION:</u> GLAREA, PTO and Ken Bates made donations to the Student Assistance Fund.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA- NON - ITEMS:

#### Information (I), Discussion (D), Action (A) Agenda Items:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (I, D): President, Andy Gryske updated/reviewed with the board the following: Annual School Board Meeting to be held in Milwaukee in January 2022.

<u>CESA 6 REPORT (I, D):</u> Sue Sorenson reviewed the CESA 6 report with the board. No questions were presented.

SUPERINTENDENT/ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (I, D): Superintendent/Elementary Principal, Gina Baxter spoke on Thanksgiving & Christmas initiatives, Boys Basketball played at the Herd Stadium/Oshkosh Area and the Book Fair.

<u>SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (I, D):</u> Cathy Moore, Secondary Principal reported on the "Warm Wednesday and Festive Friday" initiatives, and IB Exploration Day.

<u>ELEMENTARY REPORT (I, D):</u> Katie James reported on Elementary class trips to the Caesteker Library.

BOARD MEMBER VACANCY OPTIONS (I, D, A): A motion was made by Tim Lyke, seconded by Matt Bond to not fill the seat vacated by Sarah Allen and let the public decide at the Spring election. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 – 0; absent – 1 (Michelle Grimes); vacant seat.

APPROVE APPROVAL OF TRUCK EXPENSE (I, D, A): A motion was made by Matt Bond, seconded by Sue Sorenson to approve the purchase of a ½ or ¾ ton truck not to exceed \$30,000.00. Roll call vote: Matt Bond – yes; Sue Sorenson – yes; Tim Lyke – yes; Mike Pulice – yes; Andy Gryske – yes; Michelle Grimes – absent; vacant seat. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5 – 0, 1 – absent (Michelle Grimes), vacant seat.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SMART BOARD PURCHASE (I. D. A): A motion was made by Matt Bond, seconded by Andy Gryske to approve the quote from Tierney in the amount of \$43,199.31including services. Roll call vote: Matt Bond – yes; Andy Gyske – yes; Tim Lyke – yes; Mike Pulice – yes; Sue Sorenson – yes; Michelle Grimes – absent; vacant seat. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5 – 0, 1 – absent (Michelle Grimes), vacant seat.

CONSIDER DATE CHANGE FOR JANUARY BOARD MEETING (I, D, A): A motion was made by Andy Gryske, seconded by Mike Pulice to change the January Board meeting date from January 19 to January 12, 2022, due to a majority of the board and administration attending the Annual School Board Conference in Milwaukee. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 – 0; absent – 1 (Michelle Grimes); vacant seat.

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (I)</u>: Operations Manager, Tom Archambo reported on the December meeting.

<u>POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT (I)</u>: Sue Sorenson updated the board on where the policy committee is at with updates and that new updates are coming.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Sorenson, seconded by Mike Pulice. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 – 0; absent – 1 (Michelle Grimes); vacant seat.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2022. The Board is resuming in person meetings and will not be offering a zoom option.

Notice of any special meetings will be posted in the display case of the school at 612 Mill Street, the Horicon Bank, and the Green Lake Post Office.

School District of Green Lake Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting

January 12, 2022

The meeting of the Board of Education was held Wednesday, January 12 in the Library Media Center. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by President, Andy Gryske.

Notice of this meeting was given to the Ripon Commonwealth Press and the Green Lake Reporter. In addition, notices of the meeting were posted in the display case of the school, at the Green Lake Post Office, Horicon Bank, and on the school district website.

#### Roll Call:

President, Andy Gryske- present; Matt Bond - present; Sue Sorenson - absent; Michelle Grimes - present; Tim Lyke - present; Mike Pulice - present; vacant seat.

Others present - Superintendent/Elementary Principal, Gina Baxter; Secondary Principal, Cathy Moore; Administrative Support, Katie James; Operations Manager, Tom Archambo, School SRO Keith Kiupelis and School Board Secretary, Donna Waterworth. Members of the media, Joe Schultz, and Kristin Radke and members of the community, Tyler Sell, Trina West and Vonn Roberts.

## CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A motion was made by Matt Bond seconded by Mike Pulice to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote of 5-0; absent -1 (Sue Sorenson); vacant seat.

#### **Community Connection**

School Board Treasurer, Michelle Grimes led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION: Anonymous donations of \$3,000.00 and \$65.00 were made to the Student Assistance Fund.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA- NON – ITEMS: None

#### Information (I), Discussion (D), Action (A) Agenda Items:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (I, D): President, Andy Gryske updated/reviewed with the board the following: Annual School Board Meeting to be held in Milwaukee in January 2022. Those attending will be required to show proof of vaccination and masks will be required.

SUPERINTENDENT/ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (I, D): Superintendent/Elementary Principal, Gina Baxter spoke on the upcoming Spring Election to be held on April 6. There are 4 seats and 4 candidates. Open enrollment window with DPI opens February 7 for the 2022-23 school year. Parents can apply for open enrollment through the DPI website until April 29.

SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (I, D): Cathy Moore, Secondary Principal reported on 1<sup>st</sup> semester exams, which will be on January 19 and 20. January 21<sup>st</sup> will be a school recess day for students.

ELEMENTARY REPORT (I, D): Katie James reported the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHING
SALARY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021-2022
SCHOOL YEAR (I, D, A): A motion was made by Matt Bond,

seconded by Tim Lyke to approve the  $6^{th}$  grade teaching salary for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Motion carried by voice vote of 5-0; absent -1 (Sue Sorenson); vacant seat.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OPEN ENROLLMENT SEATS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR (I, D, A): A motion was made by Andy Gryske, seconded by Matt Bond to approve the open enrollment seats and guidelines as presented for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 – 0; absent – 1 (Sue Sorenson); vacant seat.

<u>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:</u> Strategic Planning Committee & Committee Assignments

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Pulice, seconded by Tim Lyke. Motion carried by voice vote of 5-0; absent -1 (Sue Sorenson); vacant seat.

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on February 16, 2022. The Board is resuming in person meetings and will not be offering a zoom option.

Notice of any special meetings will be posted in the display case of the school at 612 Mill Street, the Horicon Bank, and the Green Lake Post Office.

Approved February 16, 2022

#### School District of Green Lake

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Feb 21- Teacher In-Service - Professional Development

In-Service - No Students

Sept 6 - Labor Day

Oct 15- School Recess Day

Aug 23 - New Staff In-Service

Aug 24 - All Staff In-Service

Aug 25 - Teacher Work Day

Aug 26 - Teacher In-Service

Nov 24 - 26 - Thanksgiving Break

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March 4- School Recess Day

March 28-April 3 - Spring Break

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#### **Early Release**

Oct 8 - Early Release 11:22 am - AM SCHEDULE

Nov 5 - Early Release 11:22 am - PM SCHEDULE

Jan 21 - Early Release 11:22 am - AM SCHEDULE

Feb 25 - Early Release 11:22 am - PM SCHEDULE

March 25 - Early Release 11:22 am - AM SCHEDULE

May 6 - Early Release 11:22 am - PM SCHEDULE

#### Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct 12 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30 pm

Oct 14 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:00 pm

March 1 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30 pm

March 3 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:00 pm

#### **End of Quarter**

Nov 5 - End of 1st Quarter (46 days)

Jan 21 - End of 2nd Quarter (45 days) Exams Jan 19 & 20

March 25 - End of 3rd Quarter (44 days)

June 3 - End of 4th Quarter (43 days) Exams June 2 & 3

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# Saturday, March 19th 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Students who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1st, 2022 and 5K students who are new to the district are invited to attend.

Call 294-6411 to set up an appointment.