MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PTO COUNCIL FOR

GLENRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thursday, April 21, 2022

A meeting of the PTO Council for Glenridge Elementary School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice on April 21, at 9:30 am CST via zoom conference.

The following members of the Board were present at the meeting: Lynn Courter, Co-President; Lilly Scharff, Co-President; Kathryn Yorg, Vice-President; Sarah Boyce, Secretary; Jamie Beyer, Treasury; Joanna Dinsmore, Communications; Beth Scott, Principal; Jenny Abeles, PTO Council Rep, Denise Stouffer, teacher representative

The following ex-Officio Advisors and members were present: Jason Growe, new board member of education member, Aida Hadzisabic, parent of 1st and K, Tarita Rhimes, incoming Principal

**Call to Order & Introductions: Lynn Courter & Lilly Scharff**

The board approved minutes from last month

Coffee turnout was small due to the rain.

We are looking ahead to strawberry festival and 5th grade promotion events.

**Principal’s Report: Beth Scott**

Thank to those who came to coffee yesterday and to introduce Tarita.

Beth suggested that the PTO focus for next year should be bringing community together and bringing back events. She suggested getting a 2022-2023 event calendar before this school year ends.

The school is working on meet the teacher dates and curriculum nights for next year.

Beth suggested that the PTO consider reinstated the specialist budgets for the next school year.

**Jason Growe, board of education**

Latest member of the Board of Education. He said a quick hello and wants to learn more about what’s happening at the various schools.

**Teacher Representative Report: Denise Stouffer**

Teachers are busy and appreciative of the PTO.

**Vice-President’s Report: Kathryn Yorg**

There are open board positions for VP and Communications. Kathryn will send email out to all volunteers (classroom liaisons, strawberry festival, etc) to see if she can drum up interest.

School supply kits are ready to go. The email will go out in the next few weeks. There’s a 10% discount on all orders that the PTO will keep for fundraising, the parents are still paying retail rates.

**Treasurer’s Report: Jamie Beyer**

Jamie reviewed the statement of activity, there were a few payments this month (check for PTO dues, interest payment for paypal, deposit for the yearbook, matching contribution). We ordered extra shirts. Misc printing charge from the district. The 5th grade made a deposit on the pavilion at shaw park, deposits towards strawberry festival ($2,800 this month), $300 of orders for Strawberry Festival are in so far.

Jamie will follow-up on what account to use for the Smart Board purchased by the PTO.

Jamie will pull together the budget for next year to discuss next month. She will contact Josh Olsen and Ryan Locke, president of the GCC to figure out the transfer of funds.

Joanna mentioned we should add to the budget for next year a line item for an event for the PTO volunteers.

We have the funds this year to fund the PTO volunteer event. We will vote via email on the funds.

**PTO Council Update: Jenny Abeles**

PTO Council is investigating a new accounting software tool because Quickbooks has gotten very expensive. There’s an option on the table that they’re voting on.

We are also looking to change our PTO insurance policy, the PTO Council insurance covers all PTOs.

There is one open position for next year on the PTO Council, candidates have to have served for 2 years on an exec position in the district and commit to a 3-year term.

The Jumpstart meeting will be in the fall, we’ve communicated with Chris on expected dates for meetings for next year.

The food & essentials drive next year will the week of September 19, 2022 and it will be one week, not two.

Individual PTO dues will stay the same.

**Other Business:**

May 18 – event for volunteers, the target audience is for anyone who has volunteered but we want to welcome anyone who is interested in the PTO. Kathryn and Joanna will help with invitations.

Strawberry Festival update: vendors are confirmed, lots of volunteers have signed up but we have space for more volunteers. Beth will use the festival to introduce Tarita.

5th grade promotion. The 4th grade parents are going to help. School promotion is the morning and the families are meeting in the afternoon at Shaw Park which is school endorsed.

5th grade gift – there will not be a gift this year and next year we will try to make it more student led which means it needs addressing early in the school year.

Dr Rhimes welcome events and goodbye to Ms Scott – it was discussed to have popsicles with the principals at the end of the school day. The PTO can fund the popsicles.

We’re ordering two benches on the playground one to honor Beth and one to recognize GCC’s contributions. Benches will be delivered in the fall and dedicated in the fall. Beth will help decide goes onto the plaque.

**Conclusion**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30am. The next meeting is May 12.

Respectfully submitted,

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