

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PTO COUNCIL FOR
GLENRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Friday, February 19, 2021

A meeting of the PTO Council for Glenridge Elementary School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice on February 19, 2021, at 2:00pm CST via zoom conference.

The following members of the Board were present at the meeting: Joanna Dinsmore, Co-President; Lilly Scharff, Co-President; Lynn Courter, Vice-President; Mary Bower, Treasurer; Leslie Hamel, Secretary; Denise Stouffer, Teacher-Representative; Beth Scott, Principal.

The following ex-Officio Advisors and members were present: Susan Kronemer, PTO Council.

Principal's Report: Beth Scott

Pictures today with Mrs. Scott for 5th grade Cookbook fundraiser.

On Monday, families will receive an email regarding learning decisions for 4th quarter of the school year. Families will again have the option to return to In-Person, or switch to Learn@Home.

Mrs. Scott is continuing to be so pleased with the Glenridge community's response to covid management. Keep up the good work.

District-level discussions regarding 5th grade promotion and End-of-Year celebrations. At this time, since we cannot meet yet in large gatherings, 5th grade events will likely mimic spring 2020. More discussion to come.

Appreciation to PTO for Valentine's Day activities from Glenridge staff.

Muralist Cbabi Bayoc has visited Glenridge for the possibility of creating a mural in the Glenridge cafeteria with the assistance of a \$4,000 district-sponsored grant via art teacher Mrs. Oliver, and the possibility of an additional grant from the Clayton Foundation.

At some point this spring, Scott would like to plan a (postponed) turf field ribbon-cutting ceremony with past and current PTO board members, district and community supporters.

A district-wide Equity Challenge organized by Cameron Poole is currently underway for Glenridge and district staff. The 14-day challenge for staff includes a multitude of reading, listening, viewing experiences for teachers to learn from. There is a possibility of a similar offering for district parents and families sometime this spring, more information to come.

Teacher Representative Report: Denise Stouffer

Teacher's loved the Teacher-Appreciation gifts, Thank you. Valentine's parties went well. Recommendation for more, and more-streamlined communications regarding Valentine's activities and arrangements between PTO, parent-liaisons & staff. Stacey Hoffman has offered to assist with communications for PTO events. Question regarding PTO involvement for the week of parent-teacher conferences - more discussion to come, refer to Allison Hoette.

PTO Council Update: Susan Kronemer

PTO Council Jumpstart meeting scheduled for May 4, 6:30pm via zoom. Purpose for Jumpstart meeting is to acclimate new PTO board members. This year, there are 4 openings for PTO Council. Please apply by April 1 to Susan Kronemer. Requirements include 2 years of PTO executive board experience.

Presidents' Report: Joanna Dinsmore & Lilly Scharff

District-wide issues related to online Buzzbooks. Issues are being worked on at the district level.

Reminder that events should be presented to the executive board and approved before the events take place.

Spirit store is now open. Just an FYI we may be switching spirit wear companies over the summer.

Vice-President's Report: Lynn Courter

No report today.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Bower

(See Treasurer's statements.)

Status of Tax Letters: In the past, tax deductible letters have been mailed to families who have donated towards the Glenridge PTO 'Funds for Excellence.' Going forwards, PTO should consider streamlining all donations and collections through (PayPal) for easier record-keeping. Tax letters should be sent to all families who contributed for all PTO events, not just 'Funds for Excellence.' Focus on receipts for checks written to Glenridge PTO only (disclude 'Hoops for Heart' for example).

Discussion about PTO covering delivery, tips, shipping, tax, and other service charges on orders related to PTO events. Going forward, opt to reimburse parents for supplies/items, but not tips, nor delivery whenever possible.

The next PTO meeting will be on Thursday March 11, 2021 at 2:00pm CST via zoom conference.

Conclusion

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Hamel, PTO Secretary