

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PTO COUNCIL FOR
GLENRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Thursday, January 26, 2023

A meeting of the PTO Council for Glenridge Elementary School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice on January 26, 2023 at 9:30 am CST via zoom conference and at Glenridge.

The following members of the Board were present at the meeting: Lynn Courter, Co-President; Kathryn Yorg, Co-President; Sarah Boyce, Secretary; Jamie Beyer, Treasury; Jami Klang, Communications; Tarita Murdock, Principal; Denise Stouffer, teacher representative, Stacey Hoffman

The following ex-Officio Advisors and members were present: Emily Milchanowski, Lilly Scharff, Aida Hadzisabec

Call to Order & Introductions: Lynn Courter & Kathryn Yorg

The board approved the minutes from last month.

Presidents Report: Lynn Courter

Lynn gave an update for Basak, who couldn't join. Stacy reached out to the new intl family and got great feedback on a warm welcome. Basak went to the Clayton High School PTO meeting and discussed the mentor program (high school students can pair with new elementary students). Still working to get reps at Meramec and Captain

Principal's Report: Dr. Tarita Murdock

Playground Update: Gathering quotes from 4 companies (have 2, waiting on 2) and will then create a committee to move forward. The goal is for the entire playground to have inclusivity

Gates: will be approved for improved safety on the playground

Lunar Year: Didn't have PTO reps but we got 5th grade Asian reps. The kids had a blast

Black History Month: will be planned with the staff since there wasn't a parent rep. The district is having a district wide celebration February 27th at Wydown (6:30-8) that will include all 3 elementary schools.

Culture Committee: let's create one at Glenridge partnering with staff members. We will document cultures: Women's history month, pride months, etc. and we will make sure to celebrate all cultures starting next fall.

New Mascot: Alicia Schuh is looking into branding and designing the Griffin with Amy Oliver

Teacher Representative Report: Denise Stouffer

Specialist Funds are coming through. Library is in the process of ordering. The librarian and music teachers are talking about the B&N book fair, trying to keep it simple (we aren't pulling in art or asking teachers to read). The tentative date is March 4. Angie Kelton might bring students for a short performance, looking at 1st and 3rd grade and the chorus. Kathryn will lead it from the PTO. Sales can get a credit back to B&N or get a check and it has to be over \$1500, otherwise we get \$0 cash back. 5%

of sales cash or 10% on gift card. Goes up after \$5k and then up again at \$10k. We have to tell them when we sign up if we want cash back or a gift card. There will be an online ordering option

Treasurer's Report: Jamie Beyer

Jamie provided an update on the financial statement and budget.

Keeping special funds as a line item and will adjust as it balances out.

Next year we need to remove funds for excellence and Glenridge Gives, neither are collecting money.

We are getting \$85k from GCC. TBD where we'll put it. We need staff input on what to fund and we will see how much the district is going to pay for the playground and if we need to fund a gap.

We have the two benches to dedicate and the signage, one will be dedicated to GCC and one will be dedicated to Beth. The plan is to have a dedication ceremony for the benches.

PTO Council Update: Lilly Scharff

We need to think about our slate of officers for next year.

The district is looking at new spirit wear vendors.

Feb 16 at noon is the next PTO council meeting.

Other Business:

Holi Color Run: Lynn thinks there are 2 people interested in chairing that she'll reach out to. The tentative date is March 5, we need to check that the dated supplies are still usable

Black History Month: open chair

Adult Book study: Lynn is going to think about this to engage our community more about learning

Culture events: discussed providing a backpack flyer going forward

One book one school: Dr Murdock is looking into the program

V day parties are coming up.

Chess tournaments the cost is \$15/a person. Discussed covering some of the costs for those in need. We should make consistent messaging on scholarship funds

Yearbook update: sold 134 out of 210 we need to send to breakeven.

Conclusion

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Boyce, PTO Secretary