

# GLENRIDGE PTO MEETING MINUTES

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**September 1, 2022 ♦ 9:30 AM**

A meeting of the PTO Council for Glenridge Elementary School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice on September 1, 2022 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; Kellyn Cruz, Vice-President; Sarah Boyce, Secretary; Jamie Beyer, Treasury; Jami Klang, Communications; Tarita Murdock, Principal; Jenny Abeles, PTO Council Rep, Denise Stouffer, teacher representative

The following ex-Officio Advisors and members were present: Jun and Hyun-Ji, Soyon Park, Emily Milchanowski, Rara Amori, Jason Bockman, Whitney Lorenz, Brad Merten, Lawen Staebell-Merten, Aida Hadzisabec, Nisha Patel, Superintendent, Rebecca Scott, Whitney Lorenz, Nancy Arthur

On zoom: Tunya Johnson, Lilly Schaff, Hiroki Kumada, Jia Wan

## **Call to Order & Introductions: Lynn Courter & Kathryn Yorg**

The board approved minutes from last month

Dr. Patel thanked everyone for their commitment, passion, and dedication. In June the district surveyed 700 parents and community members and made over 100 phone calls to see what people think of the school district of Clayton. The results were 9 out of 10 surveyed gave the district an A or B compared to MO public schools where only 3 out of 10 families give an A or B. The community is extremely supportive of the teachers and administrators. There's a continued focus on academic excellence and innovation, and balance with social and emotional well-being.

## **Presidents Report: Lynn Courter**

Thanks to all of the PTO board members and volunteers for their help this summer.

## **Principal's Report: Dr. Tarita Murdock**

Dr Murdock spoke about her vision to take Glenridge from great to excellent and the theme – 'purposeful connections and getting back to human connection.' She reinforced the importance at Glenridge Make sure everyone feels safe, cared for and loved.

The first week of school was great. She read an age appropriate book to each of the 18 classrooms. The focus for the first six weeks is on procedures, classroom agreements and transitions.

Reminder that curriculum night is Sept 8

Emily asked about bringing back after school programs at Glenridge. Dr. Murdock is working on it.

Lynn asked about an update for the funds from GCC. There is no update.

We currently have \$3k in scholastics dollar fund earned from prior book fairs. The libraries are well stocked so the plan is to purchase chair organizers, flexible seating, and supplies.

## **Teacher Representative Report: Denise Stouffer**

Teachers appreciated the food during back to school week. Mr. Karney, science specialist is looking for help with the garden. PTO will help organize a sign up for volunteers.

5th grade – thanks for the claymo shirt order

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Claymo retreat on September 19 – 5th grade/claymo leaders go to Shaw Park for an entire day and there's leadership activities and team building. Emily will send out a sign up sheet for volunteers and snacks

The PE teachers want to purchase skates and equipment (in the past we rented skates). They need \$1200 to fund. PTO to review budget to see if we can fund.

### **Vice-President's Report: N/A**

### **Treasurer's Report: Jamie Beyer**

2022-2023 budget was reviewed and approved

Will address the potential to raise prices for events where needed in line with inflation. Reminder that families can ask Dr Murdock if they need assistance and it's confidential.

Make sure people chairing events know they can come to use if they need additional funds and reimbursement forms are all on the website

### **PTO Council Update: Jenny Abeles**

The council oversees all school PTOs for guidance. There's a big need for food and necessities for families. Sept 19-23 is the food & essential drive, each school will have bins and will keep donations for their schools pantries. We might shuffle between schools if necessary. We are partnering with Clayton Police and Clayton Education Foundation and there will be collection bins at the police and fire dept during the week of the drive. Monetary donations are also welcome.

### **Other Business:**

Read-a-thon: Nancy/Jai Sept 9 -Sept 30, Oct 30 is the prize announcement.

Book fair update: Aida Sept 9-11: we need more volunteers. Delivered brochures for Kindergarten Friday folders, everyone else will get brochures Tues/Wed next week

New spirit wear: Rebecca Scott presented numerous new items for students, parents, and teachers. There's more research to do on the adult items

School picture day: Sept 22, volunteers are identified

Taste of the Day World: Sept 30

Open chair positions – we need 2 chairs for the strawberry festival and a 3rd grade liaison

### **Conclusion**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_ Sarah Boyce, PTO Secretary