

GLENRIDGE PTO MEETING MINUTES September 28, 2023 ♦8:45 AM

The following members of the Board were present at the meeting: Jason Bockman, Co-President; Kathryn Yorg, Co-President; Marisa Gelfand, Vice President; Sarah Boyce, Secretary; Jamie Beyer, Co-Treasurer; Jessica Yuan, Co-Treasurer; Jami Klang, Communications; Denise Stouffer, teacher representative, Stacey Hoffman, Jenny Abeles, PTO Council; Basak Saner, Intl Liaison; Tarita Murdock, Principal

The following ex-Officio Advisors and members were present: Laura Stable– first grade liaison, Liz Florek, Carly Wayne, Aida Hadzisabic, Whitney Lorenz, Barbie Sainz

Call to Order and Introductions: Approved Previous Meeting Minutes

Principal's Report

- Finalized the playground plans and will order materials in 2nd semester. Demo will begin late June/early July
- Parent Teacher Conferences are the week of Oct 16, sign-up links will go out this weekend
- Dr. Murdock is creating a spirit store

International Family Liaison Report

- Welcomed the new families and more are joining us monthly
 - Intl coffee with Meramac and Capitan had a great turnout with new and old families.
- Discussions are underway about having a district wide intl family gathering. Basak will talk with Cameron Poole about next steps

Teacher's Report

- 5th grade had their claymo retreat last Friday, tie dye t-shirts (PTO sponsored) were a hit
- Mr Kearney said thanks for the science books from the book fair
- Ms Oliver is promoting the digital art library, Artsonia. Parents have to go in and approve that children's artwork can be published

President's Report

- Scholastic Book fair – profit distribution. The school gets 25% back if we take cash or 50% if we chose scholastic dollars. Voted to take all of the funds in scholastic dollars. Approved. Voted and approved to move the book fair next year to the week of parent teachers conferences. Discussed doing it during the school day next year to make it more accessible and the school would give scholastic funds to those in need to use at the book fair.
- Kona Ice Truck moving to the first week of school next year during a school day
- Community Support Liaison – new position – Lynn Courter. She'll run coat drives, food drives, pantries and will be the bridge between PTO and the school
 - PTO Council Food & Essentials Drive: 10/16-10/19

Treasurer's Report

- Reviewed the transactions
- Cheddar Up is up and running and replaces Paypal
- We have extra adult and kids size hats adult that we can use for something
- Voted and approved on last month's financials

PTO Council Update

- Jenny Abeles – new PTO boards were brought on and trained

Vice President Update

- Looking for more volunteers overall
- Need a volunteer to run the Nov 6 – PTO Council and Donuts
- School Supply Kits for next year – need to sign a contract in a few weeks and we weren't happy with supplier. We aren't going to sign the contract and will look to do something internally. Wydown has also been looking at a new company. Dr Murdock will talk to her team on their preferences

Other Business:

- Taste of the World – New pricing \$10 for a punch card at \$1/price. We will send home the punch cards to the families in need. Lynn can help with this effort. Jami will make the punch cards and Liz volunteered to help. We have 30 families committed to cooking and need 10 more. Can we offer financial assistance to support the cost of cooking – will discuss for next year
- Curriculum Night: 9/7 – discuss offering child card next year
- Read-a-thon wraps up tomorrow
- St Louis City Game – super success