

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PTO COUNCIL FOR
GLENRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Thursday, September 29, 2022

A meeting of the PTO Council for Glenridge Elementary School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice on September 29, 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; 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: Lauren (parent of K), Aida Hadzisabec, Lily Scharff, Rebecca Scott

Call to Order & Introductions: Lynn Courter

The board approved minutes from last month

Presidents Report: Lynn Courter

Lynn is implementing a teacher grant request form for PTO funds. She will share it with teachers and make it available on the PTO drive.

She proposed starting a playground fundraiser to make the playground ADA accessible specifically for children with walkers/wheelchairs. We'd like to start this given it'll take a few years to raise the funds. Meramec spent ~\$200k on a new playground and the district did chip in on some funding.

We have the GCC funds that should hit the account in January. Hopefully there's \$10-\$12k leftover for PTO. The playground surface is pricey.

A reminder that pets shouldn't be on the playground and field. We need a larger sign and will remind people in the newsletter.

The benches are here, we need to plan a day for the dedication

A parent reached out about leading a hard copy or digital buzzbook that would be easier to enter data into than what we have today. We'll direct that parent to Chris Tellini

The bookfair funds net of proceeds are almost \$4k and we already have \$3k of scholastic money.

Principal's Report: Dr. Tarita Murdok

Dr Murdock stressed the impacts Character Education at Glenridge, she ordered brag tags and positive referrals so staff can recognize positive work. She will call students into the office if they're recognized and they'll get the brag tag. The Claymo promise is stated daily with the announcements.

Conferences are the week of October 17, the info will be mailed out tomorrow. There will be a hybrid option (zoom or in person).

After school clubs started (mad science, legos, chess, pokeman)

The Homecoming parade is October 8 and will include the 5th graders on a float, please come out and support the 5th grade CLAYMO Leaders.

Teachers have identified, \$5,500 of wish lists from Scholastic funds.

She hired Ed Plus, a professional development company in Missouri. Ed Plus will run professional development and help understand how to look at data.

Teacher Representative Report: Denise Stouffer

Thanks for the books from the Book Fair. Senora Kennerly asked about merge of cultures, Spanish heritage month is now. Glenridge is focusing on Diwali this year and rotates between Diwali, Lunar New Year and Spanish Heritage (Black History is an annual focus). Looking ahead to next year, when the focus isn't on one of these cultures there are smaller events around the other cultures.

Claymo gear – let's make them available to order at events via tabling. Rebecca ordered the headbands. Table before/after school for dues

We need to clarify with the front desk on the yearbook ordering.

A lot more people are coming to the front office and putting money into the mailbox. We will look into a lockbox.

Vice-President's Report: Lynn Courter

Still need another 3rd grade liaison and Strawberry Festival chair

Treasurer's Report: Jamie Beyer

Funds for excellence (meant for bigger projects/capital improvements) budget is \$2k we've received \$475, PTO dues budget is \$6k and have gotten \$2,250. We will push to collect dues at Taste of the World and bring QR codes and remind people what the PTO dues go toward.

Will look at Glenridge Cares fund budget

Kona Ice truck cost a little more than budget

Taste of the world budget is to make \$3k

We should put a page in the Friday folder with the QR code for PTO dues.

Ordering \$400 of the headbands, voted and approved.

Reviewed and approved this month's financial statement. Jami K will review and sign the budget

PTO Council Update: Jenny Abeles

PTO Council will start breaking into groups. Presidents of PTO council will meet with presidents, secretary will meet with secretaries, etc. They're continuing to encourage more involvement and will host meet & greets at all elementary schools. Glenridge is scheduled for Nov 7 right before pick up. Dr. Patel will attend, the district will supply refreshments. We raised \$3k online in the food pantry drive and will post again on Instagram to encourage donations.

Other Business:

Read-a-thon: Ends tomorrow

New spirit wear: Rebecca Scott researched vendors that the district uses, she will get pricing and have a table at the Halloween parade for dues and merch.

Taste of the Day World: Sept 30, still need volunteers for during the event, ticket sales and to breakdown.

Fall parties note will go to liaisons tomorrow regarding Halloween parties

Conclusion

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

Respectfully submitted,

_____ Sarah Boyce, PTO Secretary