

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PTO COUNCIL FOR
GLENRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Thursday, December 15, 2022

A meeting of the PTO Council for Glenridge Elementary School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice on December 15, 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; 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: Basak Sander (3rd grade parent and Intl family liaison), Whitney Lorenz is on zoom, 3rd grade parent doing yearbook sales, Tanya Johnson (mom to 5th grader) and older sister to the 5th grader, Stacey Hoffman

Call to Order & Introductions: Lynn Courter & Kathryn Yorg

The board approved minutes from last month

Presidents Report: Lynn Courter

Strawberry Festival – struggling to get another chair, instead let's split up the jobs (operations, volunteers, etc). Kathryn will take the lead to get more volunteers.

Principal's Report: Dr. Tarita Murdock

Playground: Agents of change was Monday. A representative from each classroom talked about inclusive playgrounds. The new CFO thinks the district will fund the playground. Dr Murdock will start getting bids. There will be a committee to pick what goes on the playground including Glenridge parents with students with special needs. She'd like to get board approval by February.

School mascot: votes are due Monday and will be announced at the holiday sing

Locking the field: we've been locking the field because there was damage plus feces and trash. Cameras were ordered last April and we'll lock the field until the cameras are in. Kids jump over the fences to get to the field.

Police stopping cars on Wellington from rolling stops: parents are frustrated even though the school wasn't involved.

Strawberry Festival – Dr Murdock reached out to the director of activities at the high school who will find high schoolers to help with the games. Once we have the volunteers we'll figure out if we're making or buying games

Scholastic Funds – teachers were happily surprised with what they received.

Teacher Representative Report: Denise Stouffer

Thanks for dinner. Last meeting we spoke about the B&N book fair and agreed it was a good idea. In process of finding a chair.

Vice-President's Report: Lynn Courter

Open Chairs: Strawberry festival and black history month. The district is working on district wide black history month plans. We'll send something out after winter break seeking chairs. We need a pancake breakfast chair, we don't have a date yet and it would be great if we can get info on how this has been done in the past. Planning for April 1 and Jami nominates Rob to help.

Intl Family Liaison Report: Basak Sander

Parent empowerment night was successful with 20-30 people. Parents exchanged phone numbers. There was a discussion on the differences between our school and people's hometown schools. There are regular adult EL classes at the high school which we should promote.

Mentor program: Similar to a big brother program for intl students. High school students could volunteer and get volunteer hours.

Family Center PTO has ideas to join efforts. They weren't aware of the Parent Empowerment Night but it should have been in a parent newsletter to them.

Welcome Package: Agreement that we want a hard copy welcome package. PTO wants notification when there's an incoming intl family.

Treasurer's Report: Jamie Beyer

Reviewed transactions since the last meeting.

The two presidents approved verbally and prior to the meeting giving cash to the holiday gives.

Discuss for the next school year restructuring how we ask for money.

Motion to approve posting the transactions to the website. Approved

Need to discuss increasing tix prices for Strawberry Festival

PTO Council Update: Jenny Abeles

Chartwells can provide food for teachers, snacks, there's a packet on everything they can provide.

There's a no alcohol policy allowed on property while students are on-site.

We are going to change the name for funds for excellence (not this year) and instead use the same verbiage for everything.

Jackel Island Fundraiser for Wydown will be sent out, it's Feb 11.

Other Business:

42 dinners last night

Valentines Day parties – we'll start communicating after winter break about the parties

5th graders made a presentation for agents of change that the school meals aren't filling enough.

Conclusion

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Boyce, PTO Secretary