

GLENRIDGE PTO MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2024 ♦ 2:30 PM

A meeting of the PTO Council for Glenridge Elementary School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice on November 21, 2024 at 2:30 pm CST via zoom conference and at Glenridge.

The following members of the Board were present at the meeting: Kathryn Yorg, Co-President; Marisa Gelfand, Co-President; Bridgette Dunlap, Co-Treasurer; Sarah Boyce, Secretary; Jami Greenfield-Klang, Communications; Tarita Murdock, Principal

The following ex-Officio Advisors and members were present: Liz Forek, Stacey Hoffman, Lauren Carey, Caitlin Costas, Mary Engle

Call to Order and Introductions: Approved Previous Meeting Minutes

Presidents Report: Kathryn Yorg

- PTO Council Meeting Update – discussed master plan survey. New Director of Safety & Security to be announced for the district and will start in January. School district report by school is coming out. Interim school board member was sworn in. 2 spaces are available.
- Food & Donation drive is ongoing, the link will stay open
- Holiday gift card drive will go through the PTO council who will distribute the money to families in need
- Getting a non profit Canva account for announcements and fliers and to use as a repository
- Wydown is selling a lot of merchandise if we want to tap into them for learnings
- Clayton catalyst foundation is starting to support student run businesses, could be something we can use for tshirts
- Thank you to volunteers for Halloween parties

Principal's Report: Dr. Tarita Murdock

- A company reached out about selling us branded socks – potential for fundraising option
- AYP scores are coming out Monday. Glenridge was recently ranked 48th in the state.
- Library Furniture Update- went to another vendor costs estimates \$50k-\$60k

Vice President Report – Kathryn Yorg

- Volunteers/Co-chairs needed for Holi Color Fun, Trivia Night, and staff appreciation

Teacher Representative Report: Mary Engle

- Thank you for the Halloween party
- Captain has a program where classroom parents provide snacks monthly for the teachers lounge

Treasurer's Report: Bridgette Dunlap

- Reviewed transactions
- Fraud Update – the bank isn't refunding us for the fraud. Bridgette drafted a letter outlining why they should refund us. Ms Engel knows the owner of the bank and will call them today. If she doesn't make progress we will address with PTO Council.

Communications Update: Jami Klang - Greenfield

- Sent a comms last night about email blasts
- Lynn pulled together a list of what teachers want for Xmas which is on instagram

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- December 11 – dinner for 4 for teachers

Other Business:

- Read a Thon –There's a website called 99 pledges, they take 3.49% and \$.49 transaction fee. Also, allows cash & check tracking for no fee. Aiming for late January/early February for the read a thon. Talked to Beth Bacon, a local author about visiting the school during the Read a Thon. It's \$500 for 4 hours
- KIND Fundraiser – December 3

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm

Respectfully Submitted