MINUTES OF A MEETING

OF THE PTO COUNCIL FOR

GLENRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 30, 2020

A meeting of the PTO Council for Glenridge Elementary School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice, on August 30, 2020, at 2:00pm CST via zoom conference.

The following members of the Board were present at the meeting: Lilly Scharff, Co-President; Joanna Dinsmore, Co-President; Lynn Courter, Vice-President; Mary Bower, Treasurer; Leslie Hamel, Secretary; Denise Stouffer, Teacher-Representative; Jen VanDyken.

The following ex-Officio Advisors and members were present: Principal Beth Scott, Director of Equity & Inclusion, Cameron Poole, Susan Kronemer PTO Council, Liz McCandless, Yuna Ayala, Joshua Skurtu.

**Director of Equity & Inclusion Report: Cameron Poole**

Poole looks forward to visiting schools and talking with students and school communities. Poole started a Twitter account and encourages families to follow his twitter page. Poole has updated the Equity & Inclusion website including resources for students, teachers and parents. Poole is working with the Anti-Bias Anti-Racist (ABAR) teacher group in the district regularly and is also meeting regularly with in small group sessions with members of the Board of Education. Poole has also started a bi-weekly blog post. Poole encourages communication with parents, teachers and community.

**Principal’s Report: Beth Scott**

Glenridge has close to 75% of school back in-person. Kids are enjoying Halloween costume-wearing today! Students are doing a great job of being compliant with new requirements. Older students are continuing to practice new routines and procedures. Encouraging mask-wearing (pack 2nd mask), reminders to wear clean/new masks each day; reminders to keep masks up over mouth *and* nose. Bob & Laura Dupont (previous principal) donate $1,000 every year towards Claymo expenses (such as 5th grade leader t-shirts). Previous Principal Laura DuPont originated “Care Lots About Yourself and Many Others.”

**Teachers’ Report: Denise Stouffer**

Teachers are very appreciative of a teacher breakfast and t-shirts, and gift certificates for at-home teachers. Mrs. Engel shared a thank-you email.

**PTO Council Report: Susan Kronemer**

Food Pantry Drive wrapped-up last weekend, Oct. 24. PTO Council will continue to be a resource for the remainder of the year. Past events postponed for this year.

**Presidents’ Report: Lilly Scharff**

Report from Cameron Poole. Remainder of discussion in upcoming events.

**Vice-President’s Report: Lynn Courter**

Thank you to grade-level liaisons for preparing activities for Halloween.

**Treasurer’s Report: Mary Bower**

Voting on Treasurer’s Report. Scharff moves to pass the budget, VanDyken seconds. 9 all in favor, motion passed. Review of budget report (posted on website). Vote to approve funds for Halloween classroom activities and snacks. Vote to add line item of $350 for classroom parties: Scharff moves to approve expenditure, VanDyken seconds. All in favor.

**Other Business**

**Upcoming Events:**

1) Valentine’s party planning: Beth Scott and teachers have notes for making activities better and more streamlined for any possible upcoming classroom parties (such as a February Valentine’s party day).

2) Hispanic Heritage celebration will be pushed to spring, perhaps near Cinco de Mayo. Dates TBD.

3) Taste of the World will be postponed to next year. Possibility of 5th grade students taking-over a possible Glenridge “cookbook” as a 5th grade fundraiser project. Possibility of new soccer goals for new turf field - another possible option for a 5th grade fundraising project. A little over $500 remain from 5th grade fundraising from the 2019-2020 school year.

4) Upcoming picture day. Families will sign-up online (no paper sign-ups this year).

**Past Activities Debrief:**

1) Food Pantry drive raised over $2,000, and huge amounts of items were donated to Glenridge on Oct. 24.

2) Read-a-Thon - Yuna Ayala. Collection took longer this year (due to multiple forms of turning-in). No classes reached 100% this year. Prizes are being delivered and announced this coming Monday, Nov. 2. Learn-at-home prizes will be distributed via materials pick-up. Each class will have a ‘Gold, Silver, and 2 Bronze’ prizes per class. Over $3,000 was raised from Read-a-Thon this year.

3) Follett e-book fair raised over $1,300 in new books and materials for Glenridge library. Mrs. Small has ordered those items, and items are being shipped to Glenridge for student use.

The next PTO meeting will be on Friday November 20, 2020 at 2:00pm CST via zoom conference.

**Conclusion**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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