MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PTO COUNCIL FOR

GLENRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thursday September 30, 2021

A meeting of the PTO Council for Glenridge Elementary School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due

The following members of the Board were present at the meeting: Lynn Courter, Co-President; Lilly Scharff, Co-President; Kathryn Yorg, Vice-President; Sarah Boyce, Secretary; Jamie Beyer, Treasury; Denise Stouffer, Teacher-Representative; Beth Scott, Principal; Jenny Abeles, PTO Council Rep.

The following ex-Officio Advisors and members were present:  Sandy Streaker, director for Clayton education foundation, Sarah Kunza, Chris (??)

**Call to Order & Introductions:  Lynn Courter & Lilly Scharff**

**Principal’s Report: Beth Scott**

Grateful for the PTO for hosting the book fair, the books were delivered and t-shirts ordered for spirit day. 5th grade leadership is getting underway. Last year was an off/diff year and the students still stepped up, we didn’t do mixed groupings with crossing students by grade. This round we’re doing something similar and have lots of hope that we can join in an assembly format in the 2nd semester. 4 classes of 5th grade leaders. Opportunity for Beth to work alongside them and give lessons to younger children. Encourage positive skill sets, gives 5th graders an opportunity and they’ll rise to the occasion. The calendar will roll out soon for the 5th grade families, we’re having parents write letters to children for the Oct 8 Claymo day that’ll be on campus. Confident the teachers have a great plan. Practice for these children to lead. Claymo will have additional activities.

**Clayton Education Foundation Sandi**:

Sandi is a parent of Clayton graduates. Works with everyone in the district– student, teachers, alumni. Works to support our community. Founded in 2009 by Clayton HS alumni association to create a fundraising org. Board is made of a diverse group of alumni. The mission is to increase access to activities and make lifelong connections to alumni. In April gave out $30k in teacher innovation grants, safe place to fund something that may work or may not. Fund the future for the district. Glenridge got a $9k grant to buy books on diversity. Campaign to honor retiring superintendent – split between the 3 elementary libraries. Last week 250 Clayton Alumni at alumni BBQ. Make sure teachers and students have what they need to succeed.

www.claytoneducationfoundation.org

**Teacher Representative Report:  Denise Stouffer**

Thanks for the snacks last Friday at early release. There are questions on the dinners for conference week. We are still figuring out the plans for conference week. Beth’s good if there’s a buffet that night. We can do it in the budget.

**Presidents’ Report: Lynn Courter & Lilly Scharff**

PAC Ed has asked the PTO to be more communicative about their events. There’s a link on the Glenridge site. Oct is MO disability and awareness month. We’ll try to communicate when they have bigger events. Buzz Books are in progress. Eblast form is changing to a google form. New district calendars are in google calendar which seems to be working. Glenridge calendar wasn’t syncing but it should be now. Glenridge has received a new visitor mgmt. system at the front entry (upgraded system). The buzz book will be the same online format but improved. Beth asked if Chris is sending out instructions. Lilly will confirm. Encourage parents to activate the forms.

**Vice-President’s Report: Kathryn Yorg**

Nothing has changed for participation for the open chair positions since the last meeting. She’s gotten questions about the liaisons and if they need to get involved in anything for Halloween. The principals are getting together today with Nishi to make a Halloween plan.

Lynn and Lilly are talking about having a drop-in for the liaisons and Beth will give an update on parent volunteers in the building.

People are asking about movie night as well and if it’s happening. Meramec did an outdoor movie night that was successful. Could we do that?

5th grade teachers asked for help next week with their t-shirts. Volunteers are helping and are being asked to show vaccination status. Temporary hold on volunteers in the building on a regular basis (i.e. 3x/week for one volunteer)

Beth suggests we plan events to happen outside now and if we can move them inside later, great.

**Treasurer’s Report: Jamie Beyer**

She emailed the proposal to the PTO last week which is the same as what we discussed in the last meeting and gets to net zero. Small cuts on staff supplies and cultural events since there’s ink leftover. Mary mentioned that funds for excellence can be used for things other than the capital project if needed.

Beth asked if there’s a monetary donation opportunity for a family. There’s carryover from last year of $2k from the food pantry. Meramac has a care fund that they use for monetary items. Renaming the food pantry to care fund which will broaden the ability to what we can give to.

All voting members present approved the budget.

Since the last meeting we had $25 for funds for excellence, new family donation drive response raised $4,615 (waiting to see how we want to use that) our social worker is connecting on how to distribution, $495 came in PTO dues.

We are still off 50% from the budget on PTO dues. Discussed how can we encourage parents to pay PTO dues. Meramec is putting out a video. Can we do something after school to push and give something that’ll encourage donations. Also, encourage the company matches. Beth will post in Monday’s principally speaking. Beth is supportive of doing something at drop-off/pick-up/kid-zone – we can’t do food.

$330 came in on Claymo shirts, Paypal fees came in. Kona ice truck was budgeted at $350 and came in at $544.

Lilly raised to vote and Lynn seconded on giving $200 to a family at the school. Motion voted on and passed.

**PTO Council Update: Jenny Abeles**

Raised a lot of money last year and served a lot of families. Bringing back the food pantry district wide. There will be a link on each of the PTO websites which Sandi will handle, the money will go through the Clayton Education Foundation. We’re calling it a food & essentials drive because families need more than food. Oct 25 – Nov 5 with drop offs at every school. Robyn Weans said it’s probably best that the items collected stay at the school and the social workers can pull from the school. Creating a flyer that’ll be available on all of the websites. Please send to the PTO and families.

Bringing back the 5k turkey trot in Clayton on Thanksgiving morning, it’s a city event that’s asking for donations of personal care items that’ll go back to the schools to distribute.

PTO will ask for food and specific essentials.

The foundation will start with a $500 donation and paying the credit card fee.

The staff doesn’t get all email blasts unless it’s specified. This drive includes faculty.

**Other Business:**

Kona ice truck had a great turnout

The book fair books are mostly delivered with great fanfare and excitement

Read a Thon reading ends tomorrow and funds get collected by next Friday.

School picture day went off well.

**Upcoming events**

Hispanic Heritage

Halloween (TBD on events)

**Conclusion**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am. Next meeting is October 28

Respectfully submitted,

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