

# GLENRIDGE PTO MEETING MINUTES

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**Aug 22, 2024 ♦ 2:30 PM**

A meeting of the PTO Council for Glenridge Elementary School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice on Aug 22, 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; Jessica Yuan, Co-Treasurer; Sarah Boyce, Secretary; Jami Greenfield-Klang, Communications; Tarita Murdock, Principal, Susan Carter, teacher representative

The following ex-Officio Advisors and members were present: Whitney Lorenz, Lynn Courter, Caitlin Costas, Lauren Merten, Christopher Ching, Mary Karen Engel, Jason Bockman, Diane Akers, Michael Song, Stacey Hoffman, Chin, Lauren Carey, Moll Haynes, Shunqiang Jiang, Jason Saliba

**Call to Order and Introductions:** Approved Previous Meeting Minutes

**Principal's Report: Dr. Tarita Murdock**

- 1<sup>st</sup> week of school – Dr. Murdock is doing a passport around school. Kids travel every 15 mins for an hour into different stations to learn about how you soar (follow rules) in different places in the school.
- Discussed using GCC money used to update the library furniture
- Field Day is changing to the Friday before Memorial Day with the following Tuesday as a rain day
- Playground update – confirming timing to start on August 26, coming up with a plan on using the field and blacktop for recess. The work should take 2-3 weeks
- New badge system that is more secure than the blue buttons
- New cell phone policy and wearable devices is published
- Be Kind is the theme for the year
- Fundraiser idea for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, to be discussed offline

**Vice President Report – Marisa Gelfand**

- Positions are still open: kindergarten liaison positions are available (Caitlin and Lauren volunteered during the meeting to sign up for kindergarten liaisons), 1<sup>st</sup> grade liaison, neighborhood liaison position is open, Senora Kennerly would like someone to help with Spanish Heritage, someone to co-chair trivia night with Lauren, 2 Read-a-thon chairs (possibly postpone past Sept if we don't have volunteers, Teacher Appreciation Committee could use another person

**Presidents Report:**

- Feedback is welcome on meetings in the afternoon vs mornings and PTO lite is scheduled tonight to drive more community engagement

**Teacher Representative Report: Susan Carter**

- Excitement about the school supplies
- Gratitude for breakfast the first week

**Treasurer's Report: Jessica Yuan**

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- Shared the budget, motion to approve. Approved
- Jessica reviewed transactions

### **Other Business:**

- New t- shirt store: link will be in the newsletter. Sept 6 is the assembly and later in the Sept will be the Claymo day. T-shirts are \$10.60. Sarah will pick up the shirts in Wentzville to avoid the shipping costs. We have leftovers from some of the older shirts
- Read A Thon – moving to November
- Kona Ice Truck is tomorrow during school
- Curriculum night is Sept 12
- STL City2 Soccer Game Oct 6
- There are 8 yearbooks from last year that aren't sold, suggestion that it's hard for teachers to pass out teachers to pass out yearbooks if everyone hasn't gotten them. Could we go through the office instead
- Feedback from the Spanish heritage bracelets, might work with a local company on them this year, more to come

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm

Respectfully Submitted