

GLENRIDGE PTO MEETING MINUTES

Sept 27, 2024 ♦ 2:30 PM

A meeting of the PTO Council for Glenridge Elementary School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice on Sept 27, 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; Ashley Fraser, Vice-President, Jessica Yuan, Co-Treasurer; Sarah Boyce, Secretary; Jami Greenfield-Klang, Communications; Tarita Murdock, Principal

The following ex-Officio Advisors and members were present: Whitney Lorenz, Stacey Hoffman, Lauren Carey, Barbie Sienz, Basak Saner, Amy, Yvette Thompson, Caitlin, Shunqiang Jiang

Call to Order and Introductions: Approved Previous Meeting Minutes

Principal's Report: Dr. Tarita Murdock

- Playground Update – we are being pushed out a few days due to the rain. Thinking through a ribbon cutting ceremony with the graduates from last year.
- \$100 budgeted for snacks that the nurse used to distribute. Dr Murdock is taking it over. We are going to add a snack wish list on the PTO website
- We are using GCC funds to update some of the furniture in the library
- Halloween: Parties – a few grade levels haven't heard from their reps. Dr Murdock surveyed the staff to see when they wanted the parade. We might change the parade so the grades can parade for the other classes. Parent party volunteers can sign in to the system in the morning to save time later. One of the teachers asked how the snacks get delivered, we have the parent volunteers get the snacks.

Vice President Report – Ashley Fraser

- Positions are still open

Presidents Report:

- PTO Lite was a bust and we won't continue with it
- Smore, the district newsletter is being opened up to the PTOs. We will determine how to use it for communications
- Updated PTO handbook will be shared with all of the grade level liaisons

Teacher Representative Report: Ms Engle for Ms Carter

- Mr Thompson sends thanks
- Mrs Oliver is looking for a volunteer to upload kindergarten art to a website. Kathryn said to contact Ashley Fraser who's helping with volunteers
- Mr Kearney wanted to know if PTO will sponsor a memorial for Emma the reading dog. PTO will discuss offline

Treasurer's Report: Jessica Yuan

- Jessica reviewed transactions
- Voted to roll over last year's Yearbook \$605 expense to this year's budget. Approved

Other Business:

- There are still critical volunteer positions open. We are experimenting to use a website for volunteer sign up with statistics on a dashboard

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- Taste of the world update – initial emails went out and it'll be included in the weekly email from Dr Murdock. 17 families are already signed up. New reimbursement option for families that are cooking. This year every student gets 5 free tastings and there is an option to purchase 10 tastings. Presales are starting October 1.
- The International Festival probably won't happen this year. Robin changed jobs and the responsibilities are now with Cameron Poole.
- Book Fair Updates – still need volunteers, a sign up genius is out. October 15 – October 17 (new week this year), aligned with parent conferences
- STL City game – Sunday October 6, 50% less sales than last year. Let's invite the rest of the district
- The PTO will provide dinner on Wednesday October 16 during conferences

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

Respectfully Submitted