

Glenmont PTA Meeting Minutes - March 2025

Date: 3/6/2025 Time: 7:00 pm

Attendees - **Exec Board:** Sara Bailey, Farrin Wagoner, Bethanie Beschle-Fagerquist, Chelsea Ducharme, David Flores, Lei Gao

Admin/Faculty: Laura Heffernan

Parents: Stephanie Giroux, Jessica Shultis, Jennifer Wind, Rachel Peselev, Arjana Delia, Meeta Chadda, Kirpaul Babar, Jonathan Aklaku, Pamela Early, Alison Rosenblat, Greg Cramer, Paul Santos, Andrea Hecht-Zaki, Malwina Szachniewicz

Welcome – Sara

Introductions – All

Principal's Report – Laura

- **March Math Madness:** A new initiative focusing on improving math skills among students (primarily for grades 2-5).
- Last **Let Grow project:** Encouraging students to take leadership roles.
- **Used book sales:** Collecting gently used children's books; proceeds benefit the **Bethlehem Community Fund.**
- **Fifth Grade Peer Leader Program:** Selected students have started assisting younger students during recess.
- **District-Wide Band Festival:** Scheduled for next Thursday evening, featuring student performances.
- **First in Math Virtual Tournament:** March 20 — qualified student team can advance to the New York State in-person tournament.
- **District school calendar approved:** Parents are encouraged to plan vacations during school breaks.
- **Upcoming Author Visit:** March 26 — PTA-sponsored event featuring award-winning author and illustrator Jason Chin.

Recording Secretary Report – Lei

- Recapped the February meeting minutes.

Procedures – Sara

- Motion approved for the January meeting minutes.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Chelsea

- **PTA Gmail:** managed by Chelsea.
- **Newsletter & Facebook:** To share information, please email glenmontpta@gmail.com in advance so it can be scheduled accordingly.
- Feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

Treasurer's Report – Bethanie and David

- Recent Expenses:
 - Bus Driver Appreciation gifts.
 - Lunar New Year Presentation donation (DEI).
 - Enrichment program prep & tools.
- Income:
 - Fourth Grade Pizza Fundraiser raised ~\$700.
 - Earlier income deposited in February.
 - Enrichment payments to be finalized next month.

Committee Updates/Discussions:

- **Enrichment – Jess and Stephanie**
 - Cards will be prepared and signed by students to show appreciation to teachers who allow PTA use of classrooms.
- **Stem Night – David**
 - Activities will include mostly the same ones as last year.
 - Gym reserved, use TBD.
 - Welcoming STEM-related contacts for potential organization invites.
 - SignUpGenius and flyer will be sent soon.
- **Lip Sync – Andrea**
 - Collecting music and organizing participant details.
 - Planning to discuss logistics for event programming and materials.
 - Exploring solutions for venue capacity constraints.
 - Looking for someone to tape the event—can borrow a video camera from the Library of Things.
- **Activities Fair – Farrin**
 - Cafeteria will be set up with tables/booths for activity providers.
 - Scheduled for 6:30-8:00 pm on March 26—event open to all 5 elementary schools in the district.
 - About 13 organizations signed up so far with a good mix of different types.
 - More organizations needed—will start advertising once flyer is ready.
- **Used Book Sale – Bethanie**
 - Need four volunteers for cash handling (2 in the morning, 2 in the afternoon).
 - Leftover books will be donated to Grassroots Givers.
- **Spring movie night – Bethanie**
 - Second-time attendees will be asked to wait before signing up to allow others a chance to participate.
- **Spring pictures – Bethanie**
 - Need 3-4 more volunteers—mainly to assist kindergartners.
- **Grand Event – Sara**
 - Opportunity for grandparents/relatives/friends/special guests to join students for lunch and the book fair—May 22.
 - Volunteers needed.
- **Anxious Generation Book Club – Sara**
 - Cafeteria settled for May 1; light refreshments will be provided.
 - Open dialogue about technology use while parenting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Pot of Gold Fundraiser:** 2/24 - 3/17
- **Chipotle Fundraiser:** March 12
- **Next PTA Meeting:** Thursday, April 10 @7pm
- **STEM Night:** March 20
- **Activities Fair:** March 26
- **Author visit with Jason Chin:** March 26
- **Conference Day, No School:** March 31
- **Used Book Sale:** April 1
- **Lip Sync Rehearsal:** April 2
- **Lip Sync:** April 4
- **Yearbook Orders Due:** April 4
- **April Break:** 4/14-4/18
- **Anxious Generation Book Club:** May 1
- **Spring Movie Night:** May 9

YOUR Fundraising Dollars at work!

- STEM Night
- Author Visit

Door Prize

- **Winner:** Malwina
- **Prize:** 6 Front row seats to Lip Sync!

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 PM

Appendix

Glenmont PTA Treasurer's Report 3/06/2025

Expenses February: PTA Checking

Bus Driver Appreciation	-396.33
DEI	-300
Enrichment	-21.05
Grand Total	-717.38

Income February: PTA Checking

4th Grade - Pizza Dough	656.63
Dividend	1.97
Membership	15
Movie Night	240
Pies and Rolls	325
PNO	50
Grand Total	1288.6

Balances, as of 3/1/25

PTA Checking: \$26,177.43

5th grade Fundraising Total: \$7,063.37 (in PTA Checking account, includes \$2,000 from PTA)

4th grade Fundraising Total: \$2120.51 (891.96 in PTA Checking account)

Fourth Grade Fund Balance: \$1885.35 (+.17)

Fifth Grade Fund Balance*: \$0.01 (No expenses or income)

Big Backyard Balance: \$712.11 (No expenses, \$0.08 in interest income)