

## **Glenmont PTA Meeting Minutes - April 2025**

Date: 4/24/2025 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**: Tiffany Bolduc, Jess Dively, Meet Chadda, Rachel Peselev, Arjana Delia, Daphne Jenkins, Kirpaul Babar, Abe Bajaj, Katie Gianotti, Alison Rosenblat, Andrea Hecht-Zaki

### **Welcome – Sara**

### **Introductions – All**

### **Principal's Report – Laura**

- **Author Visit**: Jason Chin's visit was well received by students.
- **NYS ELA Test**: Widespread technical issues disrupted testing; some students had to complete make-ups.
- **Upcoming Tests**: Math: May 6-7; 5th Grade Science: May 21.
- **Class Placement 2025-26**: Families may send input on student pairings (e.g., separations or concerns).
- **First in Math Tournament**: Glenmont's 1st grade team qualified again; event will be held on May 31 at the NYS Museum.

### **Recording Secretary Report – Lei**

- Recap of March meeting minutes.

### **President's Council Report – Farrin**

- **District Budget Vote**:
  - May 20, 7 AM–9 PM at the high school gym.
  - Bethlehem has chosen to raise tax by 1.12% – approx. \$30 more tax per \$100,000 assessed property value.

### **Treasurer's Report – Bethanie and David**

- Recent transactions included enrichment program checks and fundraising income.
- See Appendix for itemized details.

### **Annual Meeting Business – Sara**

- **Board Positions**
  - Open for election at the May meeting
  - Current candidates:
    - Co-President: Katie Gianotti
    - Co-Treasurer: Kirpaul Babar
    - Corresponding Secretary: Chelsea Cerutti Ducharme
  - Nominations still open.
- **Proposed Budget for Next Year – David**
  - Highlights: Added Movie Night and Winter Carnival; Adjusted income and expense expectations.
  - Proposed deficit reflects conservative projections and may be offset through expanded use of electronic payments, broader donation requests, etc.
- **Proposed PTA Membership Dues Increase**
  - Vote at the May meeting.
  - Portion going to NYS/National PTA increased.
  - Single membership to be raised from \$12 to \$15; double/family membership from \$15 to \$20.
- **Newsletter Guidelines – Chelsea**
  - Discussion on creating formal guidelines to handle advertising non-PTA events in the newsletter.
  - Three options considered: Accept all with disclaimer; Limit to PTA events only; Middle-ground policy: clearer criteria needed.

- Further discussion to continue at a future meeting.

#### **Event Reflections & Feedback**

- **STEM Night:**
  - Enjoyed by students.
  - Need improved signage of locations of activities.
- **Enrichment:**
  - Strong participation and positive responses.
  - Hoping for more variety; classes filled quickly—add a waitlist option.
- **Activities Fair:**
  - Great turnout (293 attendees); families appreciated learning about local offerings.
  - Event was a little crowded and noisy—consider gym use next year.
- **Lip Sync:**
  - Highly successful and fun for families.
  - Clarify group guidelines; bleacher seating was not permitted due to middle school safety rules.

#### **Upcoming Event Updates**

- **Anxious Generation Book Club – Katie**
  - Previewed plans for the May discussion, including theme review, small-group conversations and light refreshments.
- **Movie Night – Tiffany**
  - Prepaid registration only; no cash.
  - Volunteers still needed.
- **CAPER (Children and Parents Enjoy Reading) – Chelsea**
  - Students read aloud with a buddy in a relaxed, story-time setting.
  - Still seeking student readers and announcers.
- **Teacher Appreciation – Farrin**
  - Preparing a “Feel Good Folder” for each teacher, with at least one student contribution (letter, drawing, etc.) per folder.

#### **YOUR Fundraising Dollars at work!**

- Lip Sync
- Bus Driver & Front Office Appreciation

#### **Door Prize**

- **Winner:** Jess
- **Prize:** Free Student Field Day T-shirt

**Meeting adjourned: 8:03 PM**

## Appendix

### Glenmont PTA Treasurer's Report 4/23/2025

#### Expenses March: PTA Checking

1000 Books	-20.51
4th Grade	-656.63
Activities Fair	-174.89
Author Visit	-3706.2
Change for 4th Grade Bake Sale	-100
Change for Used Book Sale	-50
Character Breakfast	-29.98
Enrichment	-9018
I Love Books	-1176.52
STEM Night	-190
Teacher Grants	-100
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-15222.73</b>

#### Income March: PTA Checking

Activities Fair	505.45
Dividend	2.18
Enrichment	11168.3
I Love Books	1225
Pot of Gold	4507.52
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17408.45</b>

#### Balances, as of 4/1/25

PTA Checking: \$28,363.15

5th grade Fundraising Total: \$6,663.37 (in PTA Checking account, includes \$2,000 from PTA)

4th grade Fundraising Total: \$3707.84 (891.96 in PTA Checking account)

Fourth Grade Fund Balance: \$2815.88 (+930.53)

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

Big Backyard Balance: \$712.25 (No expenses, \$0.07 in interest income)