

Glenmont PTA Meeting Minutes - October 2025

Date: 10/9/2025 Time: 7:00 pm

Attendees - **Exec Board**: Sara Bailey, Katie Gianotti, David Flores, Kirpaul Babar
Chelsea Ducharme, Lei Gao

Admin/Faculty: Laura Heffernan, Alexis Averill, Ashley Bucklin

Parents: Nicole Derucher, Diana Santamaria, Whitney Braunlin, Pamela Early, Toni D'Amico, Bethanie Fagerquist, Ashley Cunningham, Meeta Chadda, Marisa Santos, Jen Carabis, Jess Dively, Todd Smith, Aaron Critchlow, Meghan Lennox, Andrea Hecht-Zaki, Marjorie Bunch, Emily Wallsh, Arjana Delia, Rachel Peselev, Lauren Porter, Katherine Granuzzo, Greg Cramer, Maureen Marsh, Farrin Wagoner, Jeremy Romeiko, Megan Brody, Polina Shkolnik, Roxanne Ellis

Welcome – Sara

Introductions – All

Procedures: Katie

- Motion approved for the September meeting minutes

Principal's Report – Laura

- 5th graders are returning from their NYC field trip
- Thanks to Alexis and Ashley for joining the meeting
- Thank you to the PTA for helping sponsor George Steele's visit and for the teacher breakfast after Open House
- Fire safety assemblies were held on Tuesday with the Selkirk Fire Department
- Fall Fun Run is scheduled for 10/22 (afternoon during school day): students and staff only
- Monday is Columbus Day, and the following Monday is the Superintendent's Conference Day

Board Reports

- Recording Secretary Report: Lei
 - No report
- Corresponding Secretary Report: Chelsea
 - PTA DEI committee is collecting Glenmont/Bethlehem spirit wear donations in the main lobby through the end of October
- Treasurer's Report: David and Kirpaul
 - See appendix for October income and expenses
 - Open House donations: ~ \$100
- SEPTA Update: David
 - Next meeting: Monday, 10/20 at the high school
 - Yard sign: \$10
- President's Council Report: Katie (meeting was 10/6; next in December)
 - Zones of Attendance
 - Glenmont and Eagle at capacity; class sizes not equitable across the district
 - Next committee meeting 10/15
 - Final proposal to go before BOE in December for Fall 2026 implementation

- Committee will share potential maps before BOE vote for an open community forum
 - Note: Hamagrael, Elsmere and Slingerlands borders may also shift
- Capital Project 2025-26
 - Almost at board action to approve
 - Main goal: increase teaching/learning spaces and to be budget neutral with no additional tax impact
 - Project size: total: \$58.6M; Glenmont proportion: \$5.26M (9%)
 - District-wide allocation: 34% for classroom renovations; 17% AC
 - Glenmont scope: AC in library/media center and cafeteria, modernization of 11 classrooms including hallways and bathrooms
 - Timeline: project finalization—>Board vote—>community vote (12/2)—>NYSED approval—>bids; likely will not see impact until 2027
- Food Service Update
 - Huge jump in free breakfast (135%) and free lunch (55%) in September
 - Postponed free 2nd meals: must be purchased
 - Removed ice cream as a snack option; a la carte snacks continue (whole grain, low sugar, food dye free, etc.)
 - Check with classroom teacher for how to get free breakfast
 - Qualified families should still fill out the Free & Reduced Meal Form: additional benefits and supports State Aid
- Digesting of Parent Square messages
 - Parents can customize notification timing on their own devices
 - Laura/Lisa/office can override and push out time sensitive emails immediately

Attendance Zone Committee (AZC) Update – Sara

- Glenmont reps: Sara and Mr. Wargula
- Preparation for next AZC meeting:
 - Mapping neighborhoods: PTA meeting attendees split into three area-based groups to identify Glenmont neighborhoods
 - Transition support: collected input on four prompts: concerns if reassigned, needed supports, ideas to ease student/family adjustment, and how to ensure a fair, transparent process

Halloween Ball Update – Pamela and Farrin

- Drop off event 6-8pm, Friday before Halloween; parent volunteers needed for setting up the day before, the event day, and after event clean up
- Admission: \$10 per child or 2 bags of nut-free candy (email Laura if a waiver is needed)
- Reimbursement to the front office by Monday, 11/3
- Theme: Howdy Halloween Ball
- Decorations: Pamela Early & Erin D'Angelo
- Haunted Hallway: Jack Bailey & Geoff Decrucq

- Spooky Science Lab: Rachel Peselev & Abe Bajaj
- Gym w/DJ: Farrin Wagoner
- Cafeteria Games: Jess Shultis & Carolin Supple
- Trunk or Treat: Bethanie Fagerquist & Christine Michalow
- Spooky Stories: Chelsea Cerutti Ducharme & Justin Ducharme
- Batty Bingo: Kasey Aloisi

4th Grade Update – Katie and Kristin Carknard

- Next fundraiser: Bottle drive in the parking lot on 11/1
- Basket of Cheer
- Photo opportunity on 11/13
- Get involved: contact Katie or Kristin to join

Calendar:

- Indigenous Peoples' Day: Monday, 10/13–No School
- PTA Dues: By 10/19
- Superintendent's Conference Day: Monday, 10/20–No School
- Halloween Ball: Friday, 10/24, 6-8pm
- Picture Retakes: Thursday, 10/30
- 4th Grade Bottle & Can Drive: Saturday, 11/1, 9:30am-12pm
- Conference Day: Tuesday, 11/4–Dismissal at 11:50am
- Veterans Day: Tuesday, 11/11–No School
- Conference Day: Thursday, 11/13–Dismissal at 11:50am, 4th grade fundraiser: Pictures
- PTA Meeting: Thursday, 11/13 @7pm
- Conference Day: Wednesday, 11/19–Dismissal at 11:50am (Teacher Appreciation Lunch)
- Thanksgiving Break: Wednesday, 11/26-Friday, 11/28–No School
- Capital Project Vote: Tuesday, 12/2 @BCHS from 7am-9pm

Door Prize

- **Winner:** Aaron

Bank reconciliation reviewed by: Andrea Hecht-Zaki

Meeting adjourned: 8:12 PM

Appendix

Glenmont PTA Treasurer's Report 10/09/2025

Expenses September: PTA Checking

<i>Memo</i>	SUM of Amount
George Steele	-1500
Halloween Ball DJ	-600
Teacher Breakfast	-270.06
Grand Total	1044.47

Income September: PTA Checking

<i>Memo</i>	SUM of Amount
Dividend	1.87
Field Day 25	3412.66
Grand Total	1044.47

Balances, as of 10/1/25

PTA Checking: \$22,650.19

5th grade Fundraising: \$5,366.10

4th grade Fundraising: \$1.20

Big Backyard Balance: \$712.61 (No expenses, \$0.06 in interest income)

Expenses September: 5th Grade

Income September: 5th Grade

+.44 Dividend

So far in October, 5th Grade put a deposit on their DJ, we paid out some Teacher Grants, and deposited membership checks and some found money for old fundraisers like Memo pads!