

## **Glenmont PTA Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2026**

Date: 4/16/2026 Time: 7:00 pm

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

**Admin/Faculty**: Laura Heffernan, Kristen Hugles, Ashley Bucklin, Abby Devaney

**Parents**: Claudia Torres, Lauren Porter, Bethanie Fagerquist, Megan Brody, Meeta Chadda, Christin Carknard, Rachel Peslev, Alison Rosenblat, Andrea Hecht-Zaki, Whitney Braunlin

### **Welcome – Sara**

### **Introductions – All**

### **Procedures – Katie**

- Motion approved for the March meeting minutes

### **Principal's Report – Laura**

- 8th graders will visit 5th graders to discuss kindness, responsibility, and preparing for middle school
- NYS ELA Testing scheduled for next Tuesday and Wednesday
- John Robinson, a Glenmont resident and international speaker on disability awareness and rights, will visit next Thursday
- Award-winning author Stacy McAnulty will visit on April 30
- Third graders will participate in Star Lab, a mobile planetarium experience
- Teacher Appreciation Week coming up the week of May 4
- Glenmont has a qualifying team for the NYS Math Tournament again this year; the team is from 2nd grade

### **Board Reports**

- Correspond Secretary Report – Chelsea
  - Reminder to send announcements for PTA communications
- Treasurer's Report – Kirpaul and David
  - Enrichment expenses appear higher because some income remains in PayPal
  - Full April financials available in the Appendix
- SEPTA – David
  - Events coming up include STEM night with Innovation Station and Basketball Clinic
  - District special education leader Douglas Morrissey is retiring
  - Information continues to be shared through ParentSquare
  - Placed neurodiversity-focused book displays in school libraries for Autism Awareness Month
  - SEPTA is also offering teacher grants/resources related to neurodiversity
- President's Council – Katie
  - Updates on technology:
    - Chromebook/device monitoring tool still piloting; families may email Erin Cheevers to join; possible rollout over summer/fall
    - 3rd graders will not take Chromebooks home next year

- Middle school filtering will use an “allow list” model next year, expected to be more restrictive
- Budget update:
  - Current budget gap is about \$1.9M, leading to a tax levy increase of 2.61%
  - For a copy of detailed budget presentation, email [Katiecarse@gmail.com](mailto:Katiecarse@gmail.com)
  - Budget vote is May 19 at the High School
- UPK: Enrollment open; district expects 105 slots
- Capital project: Contracts are in place; architectural team developing schedules
- BOE: Three seats open; Sara is running; petitions due April 20. Meet the Candidates Night May 13

### **Annual Meeting (May) Business:**

- Proposed Budget for 2026-27: David & Kirpaul
  - Draft budget shared; provisional vote next month, final vote in September
  - Format updated for more transparent reporting of income and expenses
  - Income projections reduced by about 20% where tied to enrollment/families
  - Budget is narrowly balanced with about a \$400 surplus; fundraising results may require adjustments
  - PTA savings available if needed
- Board Nominations 2026-27: Sara
  - Proposed slate (self-nominations still welcome):
    - Co-President: Kristin Carknard
    - Co-Treasurer: Lauren Porter
    - Recording Secretary: Marisa Santos
    - VP of Events: Andrea Hecht-Zaki
    - VP of Fundraising: Meeta Chadda
    - Continuing in second year of terms: Katie, Kirpaul & Chelsea

### **Transition Planning Committee: Katie**

- Two transition planning groups formed for families moving
- Glenmont-to-Hamagrael mixer: Chili’s, next Wednesday at 7 PM

### **Teacher Appreciation Preview: Sara**

- Plans are being posted on the PTA webpage

### **Support Staff Appreciation Events: Jamie**

- Includes bus drivers, nurse, front office, principal, cafeteria staff and noon aides
- Volunteers may sign up to help with notes, gifts, or delivery

**Member Appreciation Picnic Details: Sara**

- Event will include a bounce house, grill, yard games, and food. Families may bring a dessert or side

**Enrichment Debrief: Sara**

- A family survey will be sent to gather feedback for next year
- Feedback noted that having three to four classes per day worked well and made logistics more manageable

**4th Grade Fundraising: Kristin & Katie**

- Bottle drive scheduled for April 25, 9:30-noon
- Fourth graders are encouraged to participate and a basket/prize is planned to encourage student involvement

**Spring movie night: Sara**

- May 15, additional details and sign-up information will be shared soon

**Door Prize: A free book for the upcoming author visit**

**Door prize winner...Megan Brody**

**Motion to adjourn: Katie 7:56**

Appendix

Glenmont PTA Treasurer's Report 04/16/2026

Expenses March: PTA Checking		Income March: PTA Checking	
<i>Memo</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Memo</i>	<i>Amount</i>
5th Grade Pit Party	-300	5th Grade Reimbursements	1820.8
Administration	-238.68	Activities Fair	157.34
Enrichment	-8453.99	Cookie Kits	230.16
Parent's Night Out	-141.48	Donation	69
Petty Cash	-105	Enrichment	4921
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-9239.15</b>	Dividend	2.25
		Parent's Night Out	1038.45
		Petty Cash	105
		Pizza Dough Fundraiser	515.46
		Used Book Sale	215
		Winter Carnival	917.59
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9992.05</b>

Expenses March: 5th Grade		Income March: 5th Grade	
<i>Memo</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Memo</i>	<i>Amount</i>
5th Grade Check Reimbursement	-58.3	Dividend	.34
5th Grade Gift Reimbursement	-1462.5		
5th Grade Pit Party Reimbursement	-300		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-1820.8</b>		

Expenses March: 4th Grade		Income March: 4th Grade	
<i>Memo</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Memo</i>	<i>Amount</i>
	0	Interest	.22
		Used Book Sale	13.75

**Balances, as of 4/1/26**

Account	Amount
PTA Checking	\$24,997.97
5th grade Fundraising	\$3,077.71
4th grade Fundraising	\$2,581.78
Big Backyard Balance	\$712.90 <i>(No expenses, \$0.05 in interest income)</i>
Paypal	\$8,696.07