

Glenmont PTA Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2026

Date: 6/11/2026 Time: 7:00 pm

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

Admin/Faculty: Laura Heffernan

Parents: Kristin Carknard, Marisa Santos, Lauren Porter, Valentina Davidyuk, Rachel Peselev, Claudia Torres, Whitney Braunlin, Ashley Cunningham, Bethanie Fagerquist, Pamela Early, Nathan Gerencir, Megan Brody, Alison Rosenblat, Jessica Shultis, Andrea Hecht-Zaki, Roxanne Ellis, Lia Thompson

Reminders – Katie

- Return any outstanding 1000 Books blue bags
- Limited extra yearbooks available; email Glenmont PTA if interested (first-come, first-served)

Welcome – Sara

Introductions – All

Procedures – Katie

- Motion approved for the May meeting minutes

Principal's Report – Laura

- Kindergarten celebration and senior celebration were both held today
- Field Day rescheduled to Monday due to heat; school continues adjusting schedules to use air-conditioned spaces when possible
- Fifth Grade: Pit Party scheduled for next Thursday; Moving Up Ceremony on Tuesday at 9:45 am; fifth-grade parade and whole-school assembly planned for the last day of school
- Families encouraged to participate in the Bethlehem Public Library summer reading program and continue reading and math activities over the summer
- School supply kit ordering available for both Glenmont and Hamagrael
- Staffing Update:
 - Two kindergarten sections next year; Ms. Ganley will move to first grade
 - Ms. Donnelly will transfer to Slingerlands
 - Mrs. Riegel will move to the middle school
 - Four 5th grade sections, new hire to be announced later
 - Specials anticipated to remain the same but not finalized
 - Service providers may be adjusted based on needs
- Enrollment is expected to decrease next year: class sizes look good and one extra room will be available

Field Day Volunteering Feedback

- Lia shared concerns that requiring PTA membership for Field Day volunteer sign-up was viewed negatively by some families
- Sara clarified that Field Day volunteering was not restricted to PTA members; PTA members received priority volunteer sign-up as a membership benefit. This was consistent with how most other PTA/PTOs approach Field Day volunteering; PTA membership reached 213 members this

year, representing a large portion of the school; future approach will be determined by next year's board

Board Reports

- Recording Secretary Report – Lei
 - Minutes are posted on the district website under Glenmont PTA
- Correspond Secretary Report – Chelsea
 - Fifth-grade families who no longer wish to receive PTA emails can email Glenmont PTA to be removed from the mailing list
- Treasurer's Report – Kirpaul and David
 - May-June financials available in the Appendix (report covers part of June instead of just May due to no meeting next month)
 - Major revenue included the Book Fair and Field Day
 - Year-to-date balance is approximately \$3,000 higher than last year, with strong fundraising from Halloween Ball, Winter Carnival, and Art to Remember; Lauren reminded everyone to save trinkets for next year's Halloween Ball prize baskets
 - Jess asked about the Big Backyard; Laura noted that the outdoor learning space remains available but is used less frequently due to increased tick concerns, higher curriculum demands, and varying teacher interests
- SEPTA – David
 - Meeting next Monday
 - Families encouraged to check ParentSquare for SEPTA updates and events
- President's Council – Katie
 - Summer breakfast will be available for students participating in the Extended School Year program
 - High school conducting a traffic study to evaluate student drop-off and parking
 - Following the recent fatal motorcycle accident on 9W, there is a push to designate that section of 9W near Glenmont as a school zone; BOE is expected to support a resolution and letter
 - Rezoned students transition update: every student will have a card with prior teacher contacts so information is readily available for new teachers; coordinated care teams have been meeting to support students moving schools
 - Hamagrael playground popsicle meet-up scheduled for June 22, 6:30–7:30pm, for students being rezoned to Hamagrael
 - Capital Project update: construction will be phased across schools to minimize classroom moves; Glenmont's largest renovation involving classroom shifting is currently expected July–November 2028; more information is available in the presentation shared on June 1 via ParentSquare
 - Updates on technology:
 - Chromebook policy change: all K-8 devices collected for cleaning and repairs for the summer; starting September 2026, K–5 Chromebooks will generally stay at school (grades 3-5 teachers will have option to send them home), while grades 6–12 devices will go home nightly

- District is scaling back classroom technology use where appropriate
 - i-Ready for kindergarten and first grade will move to paper form
 - District is aware of AI use issues and is discussing it; district AI Guidelines are available and BOE policy is being developed
 - The Qustodio app will be rolled out district-wide in September, allowing families to monitor students' Chromebook plus one personal device; questions may be directed to district CTO Erin Sheevers
 - New bus tracking app expected to roll out in September
- Schools Beyond Screens – Sara
 - Heads up: Hamagrael parents are working on an initiative called Schools Beyond Screens; more information expected in September

Field Day – Chelsea & Pamela

- Field Day moved to Monday due to weather
- Volunteer info for those on the wait list and general event instructions will be emailed

1000 Books – Rachel

- Volunteers needed June 16–17 to help go through blue bags, update materials, and get bags ready for next year; sign-up link in ParentSquare and will also be in the newsletter

School Supply Kits – Katie

- School supply kit ordering is open; Glenmont deadline June 19; Hamagrael deadline is later

Jericho Movie Night – Sara

- Scheduled for June 24; 34 cars pre-registered so far, with every school represented except Eagle

Book Fair Recap – Claudia

- Book Fair and Grand Event were very successful and continued to promote reading
- Thanks to volunteers and families who attended

Member Appreciation Picnic Recap – Sara

- Member Appreciation Picnic held; thank you to members who attended

Art and Ice Cream Recap – Sara

- Very well attended; a lovely night
- Thanks to volunteers who scooped ice cream and to Laura for securing Stewart's ice cream donation

4th Grade Fundraising – Kristin

- Spring bottle drive raised \$545; bottle drives brought in almost \$1,000 total

Summer Audit and Summer Committee Chair Meeting – Katie

- Summer committee chair gathering tentatively planned for the last week of August

- Board will complete the summer audit

Looking ahead:

9/1/26- school supply drop-off Glenmont 2-4 pm

9/3/26- School supply drop off- Hamagrael 330-430pm

9/8/26- First day of school & Welcome back coffee 920-1030 am (Back Pavilion)

Moving Up Ceremony – Katie

- Volunteers needed approximately 9:30-11:30 on June 23

Open Committee Chairs – Katie

- Openings next year include Halloween Ball co-chair, CAPER support/co-chair, Movie Night, and others to be shared in the newsletter
- Additional Movie Nights are being considered to make fuller use of the annual movie license
- School-wide Five Below fundraiser planned for October
- Interested in chairing a committee? Email Glenmont PTA or any board member

Year-End Recognition – Sara & Katie

- PTA members were recognized with fun superlative awards in appreciation of their contributions throughout the year
- Special recognition was given to departing PTA leaders and volunteers for their years of service and dedication to the Glenmont PTA community

Door Prize: \$10 gift card to Jericho for ice cream

Door prize winner: Jessica

Motion to adjourn approved; meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM

Appendix

Glenmont PTA Treasurer's Report 06/11/2026

Expenses May-June: PTA Checking		Income May-June: PTA Checking	
Memo	Amount	Memo	Amount
5th Grade Activities	-396.46	5th Grade Activities	124.1
5th Grade Shirts	-534.33	5th Grade Shirts	534.33
5th Grade Transfer	-124.1	5th Grade Transfer	403.49
Art and Ice Cream	-81.45	Enrichment	350
Author Visit	-3100	Field Day	3576.52
Door Prize	-10	Interest	1.99
Field Day	-2453.69	Member Appreciation Picnic (refund)	425
I Love Books	-640.39	Membership	35
Jericho Movie Night	-250	Movie Night	90
Member Appreciation Picnic	-1354.76	Spring Bookfair	4037
Misc/Admin	-25.21	Spring Bookfair Pettycash	474
Scholarship	-700	Teacher Appreciation	509.45
Spring Bookfair	-445.75	Used Book Sale	13.75
Spring Bookfair Pettycash	-474	Grand Total	10574.63
Teacher Appreciation	-651.96		
Used Book Sale	-237.25		
Grand Total	-11479.35		

Expenses May-June: 5th Grade		Income May-June: 5th Grade	
Memo	Amount	Memo	Amount
Transfer	-785.71	Dividend	.25
		Transfer	124.1

Expenses May-June: 4th Grade		Income May-June: 4th Grade	
Memo	Amount	Memo	Amount
Transfer	-13.75	Interest	.23
		Five Below Fundraiser	176.66
		Spring Book Fair	35.15

Balances, as of 6/8/26

Account	Amount
PTA Checking	\$25,630.33
5th grade Fundraising	\$2,264.49
4th grade Fundraising	\$2,780.28
Big Backyard Balance	\$713.08 <i>(No expenses, \$0.06 in interest income)</i>
Paypal	\$9,391.22