

Glenmont PTA Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2026

Date: 9/24/2026 Time: 7:00 pm

Google Meet Link: meet.google.com/reo-obxa-zps

Attendees - Exec Board: Katie Gianotti, Kristin Carknard, Kirpaul Babar, Lauren Porter, Chelsea Ducharme, Marisa Santos, Andrea Hecht-Zaki, Meeta Chadda,

Admin/Faculty: Laura Heffernan, Ashley Bucklin, Jody Keese, Lauren Ward

Parents: In Person: Claudia Torres, Jen Carabis, Jess Dively, Sara Bailey, Martha Egan, Marjorie Bunch, Katherine Granuzzo, Sarah Racine, Diana Santamaria, Carolin Supple, Lauren Wong, Janine Goetz

Via Google: Ashley Cunningham, David Flores, Christine Michalow, Cristina Martinez

Welcome – Katie

Introductions – All

Principal's Report – Laura

- Enrollment
 - Current enrollment: 325 students
 - The extra classroom is being used as a conference room; really beneficial.
- Essential 55
 - Life lessons for children focusing on showing respect to everyone, listening when others are speaking, etc
 - Will focus on about half of the lessons through the year, in a positive way, incorporating them across grade levels as appropriate.
- Mastering math facts:
 - October will be Let's Make Math Magic
- Safety drills ongoing
- Ready & FastBridge
 - Grades 2-5: iReady benchmarking underway (done 3 times a year to ensure no one is slipping through the cracks)
 - Grades K-1: New this year, grades K-1 are using Fastbridge. Assessments are done 1 one 1 with each child. Chromebooks are not used for Fastbridge assessments.
- Chromebooks will remain in school grades K-5
- George Steele visited with grades 3-5. K-2 will have the visit in the spring.
- School Picture Day is Sept 29.
- 5th Grade Students have begun making morning announcements.
- Character assemblies will resume: monthly recognition of one student per class for being kind, respectful and responsible, plus Glenmont Gold Awards for ongoing positive behavior.

Board Reports

- **Recording Secretary Report – Marisa**
 - Procedures (Motions):
 - Motion to Approve Lauren Porter, Kirpaul Babar, Katie Gianotti and Kristin Carknard as check signers for the PTA bank account: Approved.
 - Motion to Approve June Meeting Approved
 - Minutes are posted on the district website under Glenmont PTA
- **Corresponding Secretary Report – Chelsea**
 - PTA members receive weekly email update, sent at 5 PM on Sundays

- Reviews and responds to messages to the PTA Gmail account
- Updates PTA Facebook Account
- If you are running an event or have a question reach out to glenmontpta@gmail.com
- **Treasurers' Report – Kirpaul and Lauren**
 - See Appendix for June 10 – Sept 24 income and expenses.
 - Budget Changes - broken up by last school year vs this school year
 - Reduced Book Fair numbers due to credit card income since we do not technically take that money (we do not handle).
 - Jericho Drive in - income and expenses.
 - Changed membership numbers
 - Reallocated DEI expense for this year
 - Gaga Pit - 1 time cost.
 - Motions:
 - Motion to Approve 2026-2027 Budget: Approved.
- **SEPTA – Jen (Special Ed PTA)**
 - First meeting Monday, September 28
 - District-wide PTA providing resources and support to parents, teachers and children in special education.
 - Glenmont liaison (Jen) is the point of contact; questions/ideas can go to her or the SEPTA board.
 - Currently focuses on spreading awareness, sharing resources, and advocating on issues raised by families.
- **President's Council – Katie**
 - First Meeting in Early October

Membership Update - Katie

- 166 current members; Goal of 175
 - No meeting/volunteer requirement to join. Membership dues alone help support programs.
 - If membership fee is prohibitive contact Ms. Heffernan who will confidentially facilitate membership.
 - Please join by October 16.

Membership Perks - Kristin

- Early Sign Up for Field Day Volunteering
 - Members had 6 days to sign up before the rest of the school.
 - Other district elementary schools have same or more stringent requirements
- Weekly Newsletter with live links

Brief Directory Update – Kirpaul

- You will gain access to students in your kid(s)' grade(s). Contact PTA via email for contact information of students in a different grade.
- Once you sign up you will receive instructions how to log on.
- If you forgot to opt-in or sign up you can still do so. You need not be a PTA member to join the directory.

September Events Recap - Katie

- Welcome back coffee (1st day of school)
- Open House
- PTA provided teacher and staff breakfast the day after the open house.
- 1st PTA meeting

Open Chair Positions - Katie

- Pot of Gold (biggest fundraiser)
- Halloween Ball (Co-Chair needed) - working with Pamela who is very seasoned. Email to come.
- Movie Nights
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon - lunch for teachers on a half day during conferences. Ashley Cunningham interested.

Fall Family Picnic - Kristin

- Sunday's picnic canceled due to rain
- Looking for new dates

Picture Day - Sara

- Tuesday, Sept 29.
- Looking for a volunteer for the morning

Custodian Appreciation - Katie

- October 2nd
- Theme is "Treat Yourself"

Parents' Night Out - Andrea

- October 2nd
- Normanside Country Club
- Light bites included
- Lots of raffles (gift cards)
- Silent Auction
- Cornhole competition (weather permitting) 5 dollars to enter
- Opportunity to meet other parents sans children

Movie Night - Katie

- Drop off event - 6-8 PM, 20 dollars per child
- Would like to do several throughout the year
- If you volunteer to run a movie night - your child gets to attend the following event for free.
- HS student volunteer as well

Backpack Program – Kristin

- Food donations for families in the community
- Ran with open house - feel free to donate throughout the year

1000 Books - Claudia

- Open to children in Grades K-2. Each week they receive a tote bag filled with 10 books. Once finished children return tote bag for a new set each Thursday. Children are exposed to many books that they would not otherwise choose.

- Free to join
- Current enrollment about 60 student
- Accepting donations to support updating tote bags and revamp books.

Halloween Ball - Pamela

- October 30, Drop off Event - 6-8 PM
- Various stations throughout the school including: Games, a DJ in the Gym, Mad Scientist Lab Experiment, Batty Bingo, Trunk or Treat, Spooky Stories in the Library, Haunted Hallway for Grades 3-5.
- Children visit each station with their class
- Well attended – almost all students participate
- Reach out to Katie if interested in joining the committee
- October meeting will have Sign-Ups for volunteer opportunities.

Anxious Generation - Katie

- Book club for families from each elementary school
- Focused on Anxious Generation book
- More information about the book club to come in the new year.

Looking ahead:

- Fall Family Picnic 9/27, 1-3pm (cancelled)
- SEPTA mtg 9/28, 7-9pm, BCHS Rm B-115
- School Picture Day 9/29
- Custodian Appreciation Day 10/2
- Early Release Day (15 mins) 10/2
- Parent's Night Out 10/2
- BOE mtg 10/7, 7-9pm, BCHS D-122
- Superintendent's conference day- No School 10/9
- Indigenous Peoples' Day-No School 10/12
- PTA mtg 10/13, 7-8pm, Library

PTA Fundraising Dollars at Work

- Purchased & installed Gaga Pit
- Updating books and carry home totes for 1000 books program
- Provided teacher and staff breakfast day after Open House

PTA Highlights coming up:

- 9/29- School picture day
- 10/2- Parent's Night Out @ Normanside
- 10/13- PTA Mtg (Tues)
- 10/30- Halloween Ball 6-8 pm Drop off event

Door Prize:

- Prize: Halloween Ball Admission for 1 Child
- Winner: Christine Michalow

Meeting adjourned: 8:01 PM

Appendix

Glenmont PTA Treasurer's Report 09/24/2026

Expenses June-Sept: PTA Checking		Income June-Sept: PTA Checking	
Memo	Amount	Memo	Amount
1000 Books 25-26	-110.14	Art to Remember 25-26	1831.83
4th Grade Fundraising 25-26	-570.64	Author Visit - 25-26	654
5th Grade Fundraising 25-26	-861.65	Box Tops 25-26	10.5
DEI 25-26	-120	Field Day 25-26	13
Field Day 25-26	-706.53	Jericho Drive-In 25-26	2739.42
Jericho Drive-In 25-26	-1330	Movie Night 25-26	178.37
Membership Picnic 25-26	-150	Spring Book Fair 25-26	35.15
Miscellaneous 25-26	-99.16	Teacher Appreciation 25-26	90.68
Spring Book Fair 25-26	-445.75	Yearbook 25-26	74.75
Teacher Appreciation 25-26	-79.25		
Teacher Retirement Gifts 25-26	-43.19	1000 Books	15
Workforce Challenge 25-26	-68	4th Grade Fundraising	570.64
		5th Grade Fundraising	629.54
Gaga Pit	-6213.3	General Donation	181.61
Insurance	-375	Interest	6.19
Miscellaneous	-38.9	Membership	2504.74
Petty Cash	-20	Parents Night Out	228.34
School Calendar Magnets	-201	Spiritwear	2
Technology	-36		
Welcome Back Coffee	-56.2	Grand Total	9765.76
Grand Total	-11,524.71		

Expenses June-Sept: 5th Grade		Income June-Sept: 5th Grade	
Memo	Amount	Memo	Amount
Transfer	-629.54	Dividend	0.56
		Fundraising	20

Expenses June-Sept: 4th Grade	Income June-Sept: 4th Grade
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<i>Memo</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Transfer	-35.64

<i>Memo</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Interest	0.69
Bottle Drive	535

Balances, as of 9/22/26

<i>Account</i>	<i>Amount</i>
PTA Checking	\$23,871.68
5th grade Fundraising	\$1,675.51
4th grade Fundraising	\$3,245.18
Big Backyard Balance	\$712.26
Paypal	\$10,546.77