Glenmont PTA Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2026
Date: 10/13/2026 Time: 7:00 pm
Google Meet Link: https://meet.google.com/xcn-ttqm-zmc

Attendees - Exec Board: Katie Gianotti, Kristin Carknard, Kirpaul Babar, Lauren Porter, Chelsea Ducharme, Marisa Santos, Andrea Hecht-Zaki,
Admin/Faculty: Laura Heffernan, Mrs. Rachel Juron and Mrs. Crystal Hughes
Parents: In Person: Samantha Nerdahl, Justin McNally, Claudia Torres, Ashley Cunningham, Jen Carabis, Toni D'Amico, Abe Bajaj, Rachel Peselev, Kristy Wyngowski, Carolin Supple, Jen Clark, Farrin Wagoner, Roxanne Ellis, Vanessa Adalian, Marjorie Bunch, Alina Buccella, Gregory Cramer, Jill Monticello, Christine Michalow, Pamela Early, Aaron Critchlow
Via Google: Meeta Chadda

Welcome – Katie

Introductions – All

Principal's Report – Laura

- **Let's Make Math Magic:** Kids demonstrated encouraging progress. Upcoming push scheduled for March. Initiative designed to ensure math facts mastery.
- **Safety drills:** All drills are complete except one remaining shelter-in-place drill.
- **George Steele visit:** Laura thanked the PTA for sponsoring the visit. He will return in the spring.
- **Fall Fun Run with Coach Burger:** Oct 21 at 2:15 pm.
- **Fire Safety Assembly:** Will be held on Oct 21 AM
- **Parents as Partners:** A series of webinars presented by Dr. Jennifer Bashant. Sessions are scheduled throughout the school year. For more information see ParentSquare.
- **Halloween:** Students may wear costumes to school on Oct 30. No weapons, masks or inflatable costumes.

Board Reports

- **Recording Secretary Report – Marisa**
    - Procedures (Motions):
        - Motion to approve the September minutes: 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
    - Members who are not receiving the newsletter should contact Chelsea.
    - If you have not yet renewed your membership, renew now to keep receiving the newsletter.
    - Questions? Reach out to glenmontpta@gmail.com
- **Treasurers' Report – Kirpaul and Lauren**
    - Some items overlap with last month's report.
    - 4th and 5th grade account reconciliations
    - Unused money was transferred out of the Big Back Yard account toward the Gaga Pit. The Big Back Yard account remains open.
    - Volunteers needed: Two non-signers audit the treasurers' report each month. See Lauren or Kirpaul if interested.

- **SEPTA (Special Education PTA) – Jen**
    - SEPTA is district-wide, with parents from each school.
    - Goal: Include all children in school activities and in social activities outside of school.
    - Teacher grants: 21 grants of $100 are available.
    - Membership must be renewed each year.
    - Halloween Ball: Make it more inclusive, including a quiet space this year.

- **President's Council – Katie**
    - PTA presidents from each school in the district meet every other month with Jody Monroe, Erin Sheevers and others. Most recent meeting was Oct 5. Topics:
        - Chromebooks: K-5 Chromebooks will stay in school. The district is seeking parent feedback on change; share with Katie or Erin Sheevers.
            - Testing and homework: Are teachers preparing students for state testing on Chromebooks? If a teacher assigns homework on the Chromebook, it will come home.
        - Digital Equity Survey: This years' survey asks about families' access to the internet and to computers at home.
        - Music (learning instruments): Music teachers will send home more paper charts which will describe what each lesson covers.
            - Video lessons continue as a supplement; plans will account for what the family can access.
            - Google Classroom notes are also available.
            - Orchestra and band teachers did not know that chromebooks were not going home. Computers will not be required moving forward. The expectation is practice only
            - Reach out to your child's music teacher for clearer expectations.
        - Smart Boards: Bond approvals are in progress to replace Smart Boards.
        - District Logo: More groups are using and modifying the district logo. The logo may not be modified.
        - Are teachers prepping kids for state testing? If teacher does assign homework on Chromebook it will come home.
        - Digital Equity Survey- looking for access to internet, looking fo access to computers at home.
        - Music - learning instruments- music teachers will be sending home more paper charts
            - Video lessons continue? Work around based on what parents can access. Video lessons are supplemental.
            - The chart gives information about what the lesson is.
            - There are Google Classroom notes to access. Orchestra and Band teachers didn't know we weren't sending home computers. Computers will not be required - growing pains. Will they be sending home paper lesson - just practicing.
                - Reach out to Music teacher to be more clear about expectations.
        - Smart Board bond approvals - replacing smart boards
        - District Logo - more groups are using the logo and modifying it. To parents - if you are going to use BC logo you can not modify it.

- Phishing incidents: Many districts have had business email compromised. The district had to send 1,000 emails to people who had received fake emails.
- Shuttle bus: To ease traffic at the High School, the district is trialing a shuttle to the HS from Glenmont and Elsmere. Glenmont departs at 7:10, making one stop by the town park, and Elsmere at 7:15. The district may add an additional stop by the Four Corners.
- New York Inspires: NYS recently announced that students will no longer be required to pass Regents exams to graduate; various diplomas will be offered. This will take effect in the 2027-2028 school year. The BOE and Board of Regents will provide additional guidance.
- Bond project: submitting to state ed to be approved and then will get bids - Elsmere construction pushed to Sept 27- Feb 28. Thinking the timeline should be okay since the whole school is being closed.
- Rezoning update: Class sizes are balanced across the district. The Kindergarten goal is 18, but classes are at 20-21 across the district due to late enrollments. Over half of all kindergartners registered after the deadline. Parents who are unsure about Kindergarten should register anyway; they can always decide to keep their child out for additional year later. Registration for the 2027-2028 school year is open now.

Halloween Ball: Pamela & Farrin

- Reimbursements: Anyone who purchased items for the ball should submit a reimbursement request (via QR code) by Dec 1.
- Invitations: Invitations go out on Friday.
- Admission: $10 or 3 bags of candy (nut-free).
- Accommodations: If you have a child with special needs who may not do well, you may attend as an escort. Email Laura.
- Chill Zone: New this year: a sensory-friendly quiet area where children can color.
- Information: A write-up of what to expect will be sent home.
- Logistics: Drop off in the child's classroom. Children travel as a group and are signed out in their classroom at the end of the night.
- Volunteers: Looking for non-parent volunteers. An email went out 10/13 to the high school seeking student volunteers.
- Setup help: If you have time on the 28th, meet on the stage anytime between 10 and 1 to help set up, so Friday's setup is less hectic.
- Prizes: More prizes are needed; drop them off at the office.
- Costumes: No warm costumes.

4th Grade Update: Andrea

- Fundraising ideas: Bottle drive: Nov 7, 9–12.
    - Krause's Candy Sale: catalogs will go home in January.
    - Possibly All-In Athletics.

Five Below Fundraiser: Kristin

- Bring the paper form to Five Below and the PTA receives 10% of your spend. Forms are available now and the fundraiser runs through the 31st.
- A digital version is also available; use it if you are buying supplies for the Halloween Ball.

- Dumplings will be delivered on Thursday.

CAPER: Chelsea
- Marjorie and Chelsea are planning three CAPER events (Children and Parents Enjoy Reading).
- First event: Nov 19 at 6:30 pm. About 8 children will read to the room; attendees wear pajamas and listen to stories.
- November's Essential 55 rules will be incorporated: student readers will choose books on those themes. Sign-ups to come.

Book Fair: Katie
- Week of Nov 9; details to come. The fair takes advantage of the half day.
- Classes visit on Monday; all classes shop on Thursday.
- Students can bring money or set up an e-wallet. Volunteers will help students shop.

Parent's Night Out Recap: Andrea
- Very successful: budgeted $600; results came closer to $2,000.
- Feel free to reach out with ideas for next year.

Teacher Luncheon - Jill Monticello
- A flier and SignUpGenius link will go out with the newsletter. The luncheon can be held after Halloween; Staff Appreciation is Monday, Nov 16.
- Only a couple of volunteers are needed the day of, mostly to set up and clean up the room. The meal is buffet style.
- Volunteers are asked to send in paper products, drinks, desserts, etc. Gift cards will be raffled.
- Goal: teachers do not need to monitor anyone and get a break for themselves.
- Needed: a point of contact from the main office for dietary restrictions, and a headcount.

Custodian Appreciation Recap: Katie
- Oct 2nd. PTA purchased treat bags for the 3 custodians, Dan, Rodney and Brooke.

Movie Night: Lauren
- December 11, 6–8 pm, in the library. Drop-off event. Movie to be determined (possibly the new Minions movie).

1000 Books Update: Claudia
- The K-2 program is moving along, with a few more enrollments. Thank you for the donations.
- Next step: use funds to replace bags and books.

5th Grade Update: Kristin
- Pit Party and DJ on May 21. Students visit the middle school that day.
- 5th grade parents: stay tuned for additional messaging.

Yearbook Update: Katie
- Meeting next week

Calendar:

- PTA Dues Date: 10/16
- Halloween Ball: 10/30
- Conference Day/Early Dismissal: 11/4
- Picture Retakes: 11/5
- Book Fair: 11/9-11/13
- Conference Day/Early Dismissal: 11/10
- Veteran's Day: 11/11
- PTA Meeting 11/12

PTA Fundraising Dollars at work!

- Custodian Appreciation Treat Bags!!
- Still collecting donations to update 1000 books bags- THANK YOU!
- Collecting Halloween Ball Toy/prize donations
- Hot Works gift certificates for teachers

Door Prize:

- Prize: 10 Scholastic Dollars
- Winner: Abe Bajaj

Meeting adjourned: 8:00PM

Appendix

Glenmont PTA Treasurer's Report 10/13/2026

Expenses Sept-Oct: PTA Checking

Memo	Amount
4th Grade Fundraising	-570.64
George Steele	-1190
Jericho Drive-In 25-26	-175
Miscellaneous	-90.72
Petty Cash	-20
School Calendar Magnets	-201
Teacher Appreciation Week - 25-26	-79.25
Welcome Back Coffee	-56.2
Grand Total	**-2382.81**

Income Sept-Oct: PTA Checking

Memo	Amount
1000 Books	120
4th Grade Fundraising	35.64
5th Grade Fundraising	826.73
Author Visit - 25-26	654
Big Backyard Consolidation	712.26
General Donation	163.61
Interest	1.79
Jericho Drive-In 25-26	1499.51
Membership	2589.74
Movie Night 25-26	178.37
Parents' Night Out	228.34
Petty Cash	20
School Calendar Magnets	9
Teacher Appreciation 25-26	90.68
Grand Total	**7129.67**

Expenses Sept-Oct: 5th Grade

Memo	Amount
Transfer 5th Gr 25-26 Expenses	-826.73

Income Sept-Oct: 5th Grade

Memo	Amount
Dividend	0.18
4th Gr Fundraising from 25-26	3245.18

Expenses Sept-Oct: 4th Grade

Memo	Amount
Fundraising from 25-26 to 5th Gr	-3,245.18
Transfer 4th Gr 25-26 Expenses	-35.64

Income Sept-Oct: 4th Grade

Memo	Amount
Interest	0.24
Bottle Drive	535