

PTA Meeting Minutes: September 10, 2019

Attendees: Kate Ahmed
Jenny Jarosick
Naheed Amdani
Kelly Yusufi
Jeannie Sung
Helena Vena
Jenn Crouse
Anne Engro
Elaine Carrozza

-Minutes from last meeting, May 14 2019 approved

- Treasurer Update
 - Connecting with Raquel on how to allocate funds
 - We are currently at a \$5150 surplus with \$11,500-\$14,000 in Income Requests.
 - This year's budget, delayed, will be provided very soon
 - GSB generously gave \$500 donation, we are meeting soon to discuss and evaluate corporate sponsorships. Sponsorships will be advertised throughout the year and businesses can also receive a table at our events for \$20.
 - Some larger companies who our members work for may also have donation match programs
 - 27 Platinum Memberships
 - 100 Regular
 - Memberships can be renewed.

- Jen and Kate-Old Business
 - 2018 Tax Returns
 - ATG Application in progress
 - Non Profit Application with Sec. of State completed
 - Quench invoicing - this is the water cooler at Glen Grove. PTA purchased the unit with the understanding that Glen Grove would cover ongoing maintenance costs (\$500/yr). GG said they will look into having the cost covered by non-PTA source since drinking water is necessary to the teachers, they did not anticipate a problem in doing so.

- Jen and Kate
 - We are now including Early Childhood in PTA Events
 - Westbrook Ice Cream Social New Changes this year
 - Teacher Bucket Drop, still looking for volunteers
 - Alumni invited back from Glen Grove to bucket drop
 - Not ordering through Baskin Robins

- Still Preordered
 - Free Face Painting
 - Requesting Crossing Guard from Glenview PD
- New Event -Veteran's Day Breakfast
 - Need a committee
 - B4 School
 - Students with Vets in their family can attend
 - Working with boy scouts as well as local military
- Facebook Page total members are at approximately 300, with 50 being in the last 30 days
- Communication with teachers and parents
 - Every 2 weeks they will receive info newsletter
 - PTA Bulletin boards one for parents and one for teachers will be posted in both schools
 - Teach wish list -we are working on it
 - Will offering parents a opportunity to fulfill wish list
- Holiday Helpers-Jen and Anne Engro
 - It has grown a great deal, therefore some changes will be implemented, there is a issue of keeping the gifts even for all (such as having siblings receive drastically different scale of items – one sibling receives a new bike and the other receives a small toy). Last year over 1,000 gifts were given through Holiday Helpers. At our meeting there was a team brainstorm to come up with possible ways to increase efficiencies. Team will be working with social workers for ideas as well. Wrapping gifts on the weekend was discussed but Thursday was also a possibility.
- PTA Council
 - Challenges we face. -Community engagement sessions regarding our infrastructure. Buildings are from 1950s and in need of updating. Westbrook has had multiple plumbing issues in the past couple of weeks as noted in emails that were sent to parents
 - How to communicate with parents via Parent Connect
 - District is asking for each PTA donation of \$2500.00 to help offset the cost of these Sessions. District will cover \$4,000.00 of total \$14,500.00
- Gifted Scheduling-Question was purposed of why it went from 90 minutes to 60.
 - Helena advised that the gifted program this year will only consist of reading, writing will be done for 60 minutes within each classroom. Having 60 minutes of writing in Gifted was not feasible for scheduling and other reasons. Jeannie and Helena also agreed to have "Morning Chat" to explain the curriculum at each

school. Both Helena and Jeannie wanted to clarify the curriculum because they thought it was very good and will be beneficial to students in the district.

- Westbrook Principal Notes
 - 3 days of plumbing issues. Major work this weekend on pipes which collapsed.
 - REACH is now called Early Childhood (EC) Program
 - It's been a smooth beginning of the school year.

- Glen Grove Principal Notes
 - 7 New Staff Members
 - New Asst. Principal, Stephanie Scheffler (who used to be AP at Westbrook)
 - Day to Days are starting -looking at each child individually and making recommendations
 - GG has a new social media presence with the new AP helping out.

- Kate-wants to build better relationships with teachers. Asked both principals to consider ways the PTA can do this in the future.

- Jenny-Dinning for Dollars is now called Spirit Week.

Meeting Adjourned