

# Westbrook + Glen Grove PTA

Board Meeting  
December 10, 2019  
Glen Grove 9:30AM

## AGENDA

### Welcome & Attendance

### Review & Approve Minutes From Previous Meeting

### Treasurer's Report

#### TBD

#### Updates On Last Treasurer Report

- Filed an extension for our 2019 tax return. Have sent documents to accountant but waiting for confirmation that return will be completed before deadline.
- IRS had assessed a penalty (\$2,300) for the late 2018 return. Our external CPA sent a letter appealing the decision. We haven't heard back yet
- Haven't seen an Amazon deposit since September 30<sup>th</sup> - will look into why. Please use Amazon Smile if you are an Amazon shopper!
- Biggest open item is corporate fundraising. To all members, please pound the pavement

### New Business

- Thank you to Jenny for organizing not one, but TWO amazing Veteran's Day Breakfasts! PTA will plan to sponsor these breakfasts next year as well!
- Thank you to Tanya Klatt, Marianna Memmos, and all of the wonderful parents, staff, students, and performers who helped make our 4th annual International Night a success!
  - Also, thank you to all of the teachers and principals who volunteered experiences for our International Night Teacher Experience Raffle!
- Thank you to our student volunteers who made a Holiday Helpers carpool karaoke video!
- PTA sent a "Special Thanksgiving Message" email to parents, noting that we are so thankful for our wonderful school community and our parent volunteers! We linked to another video we made which expressed thanks to parent volunteers and showed photos of some of those volunteers at various events from Fall 2019.

In this same email, we also noted the Amazon Smile opportunity ahead of Black Friday :-)

- Thank you to principals allowing us to host “Melt Their Hearts” bulletin boards near the office at each school. We are seeing a lot of wonderful messages about students, staff, and teachers and it is nice to have these positive comments visible in the school. Next year, we will add to the hand-out that this is a PTA sponsored event :-)
- Holiday Helpers - All 203 kids sponsored, which is 77 families! We had over \$1,000 in cash and more than \$1,900 in gift cards!
- We will share the WB/GG directory publicly in January. Kolla Fass will be leading effort.
- Power Hour will begin in January at Westbrook!
- We will try to schedule another Spirit Night soon!
- We are working on a new online form for teacher grants. Teachers wanting to request PTA money for their projects or classrooms can fill out a straightforward online form, which is then reviewed by the principal, D34, and PTA. D34 and PTAs are hoping to create a consistent grant process across D34 so that administration knows what teachers need, and, so that the district has an opportunity to expand requests to other clusters if relevant, so that new developments can benefit everyone.

### **PTA Council Updates**

- 3 PTAs (WB/GG, LY/PR, and HE/HO) will share the maintenance cost for GEF-funded Learn-to-Ride program. Total bill \$1,230.70. We will receive invoice from D34 for our 1/3 (\$410.23)
- Paid PTA Council annual fees and advertising - \$200
- Superintendent Dr. Delli addressed LATE START for next year
  - The need for additional time in the school day has been discussed since 2007
  - There is no common planning time across any given grade level
  - Reasoning behind placing professional development (PD) time in the morning is that it is when teachers are fresh, i.e., late start for students
  - Will be adding 100 minutes per week, then taking 60 for PD.
- Superintendent Dr. Delli addressed REFERENDUM
  - Board is asking D34 to “tweak” the funding so that full day kindergarten can still be added, but tax payer increase will remain below \$499/10K
  - Informed voters support the referendum - the basic need for new buildings is very clear. Key question: if not now, when?
  - 70% of voters do not have children in D34

- Not from Dr. Delli, but key sound bite about referendum: Firehouses (3), Police Station/Municipal Center, Train Stations (2), Library, Ice Rink, Park Center, and The Grove have all received upgrades or been reconstructed since 2001. What about the public school buildings?
- Cathy Kedjidjian asked PTAs to promote 5 Essentials Survey. The response rate impacts our school rating. Parents with kids in multiple schools asked to take the survey 1x per school.
- BPAC looking for new president for 2020-21
  - Hoping to find new candidate by February 18 (BPACs Next Meeting). Contact Alan Hernandez at D34 with candidate ideas.
  - Smie Zepeda attended the meeting and noted that BPAC and PTAs should come together and focus on full community initiatives
  - PTA should post translated information to BPAC Facebook page to reach bi-lingual parent population most easily
  - Next BPAC meeting is in FEB, will host workshop on nutrition and finding healthy food for your family. Will also be meeting in April and May. May theme will be Family Game Night.
- Cori Mohr noted that NSSSED will be hosting a FREE parent seminar by Ross Greene, child clinical psychologist and author of *The Explosive Child*, *Lost at School*, *Lost & Found* and *Raising Human Beings*. The seminar is open to all, free, and will be held on February 26 from 7PM-8:15PM at the Molloy Education Center in Morton Grove.
- Titans Helping Titans program generated cash as well as over 1,000 clothing items for GBS students
- Pleasant Ridge school will be hosting a Science Fair January 25
- Middle School (I think Springman?) will be hosting an OPEN GYM on Saturdays in the winter to create a community space to gather during cold months. In addition to games (basketball, ping pong, etc.) they will offer homework help and free snacks. Funding for Open Gym comes from building funds, not PTA, but PTA definitely wants to help promote this event to families.
- Thank you to Mrs. Sung for attending the PTA Council meeting and offering her support to the WB/GG PTA! We are so excited to be connecting so many families this year, and Kate & Jenny look forward to building more community in the coming 1.5 years.

### **Principal's Report Westbrook**

### **Principal's Report Glen Grove**

### **Questions & Any Additional Items**

Questions for principals:

1. Can we create a voiceover for the GG Writing Curriculum Video so that we can share both the WB and GG videos with parents on our website?
2. Can we forward our PTA emails (weekly, to parents) to Pam/Natalie and have them send it out to teachers? We don't have the resources right now to create another email, but, this will allow teachers to know what we are communicating to parents if they would like to know.
3. Feedback on International Night in terms of how it functions as a community event. Does it accomplish the goal of connecting families? Are there opportunities for growth/development?
- 4.

Next Meeting: **January 14 @ 6:30PM Westbrook**