

Westbrook + Glen Grove

PTA Meeting

February 11, 2020

Glen Grove 9:30AM

- Prior to our regular meeting District 34 held an information session on the upcoming referendum. The information was presented by Dr. Delli and Cathy Kedjidjian.
- The district has tried to maintain the school facilities spending \$40 million over the last 15 years to only maintain (repairs and capital improvement).
- The average age of our schools is 57 years old (this includes the young Attea).
- It has been a long time since the community was requested to cover not just one facility but the district as a whole.
- There are currently 4500 students being served in our district.
 - Enrollment is expected to stay steady in the upcoming future.
- The district has a strategic 5-year plan for the schools, there are both educational and facilities goals in this plan.
- There are several structural issues with all the buildings (with the exception of Attea) some of them include
 - Roofs at the end of their life, deteriorated often leaking. Sealed many times over
 - Galvanized plumbing also coming to its end of life often causing water/flooding issues
 - HVAC systems that are completely outdated
 - Storage is an issue at so many of the schools that hallways are being used for educating and storage of items.
- Science Rooms at Attea will be upgraded to improve configuration.
- In addition, renovating every single classroom (in all 8 buildings) for modernized teaching but also to be ADA compliant. Rooms will be instruction based, contemporary where children are working together. The GFE donation gave us pilot rooms at school that helped us learn what works, and what can work even better!
- Another goal is full day Kindergarten for a full model focus. The kindergarten class will have play, PE, Music, Science/Social studies, Math and Literacy. It is recommended that students have 90 minutes of literacy alone, this cannot possibly be done during a half day. We also need the space to accommodate those students.
- Referendum Bonds is \$119,000,000.00
- What will this cost the taxpayer? There is a tax calculator on the D34 website

- Construction begins 2021
- First School year with upgrades will be 2023 (2025 for Springman)
- The referendum will appear on a March 2020 ballot. Early voting is March 2nd-16th at Village Hall.
- There are many more facts regarding our district and the referendum which can be found on D34's website.
- Attendees: Leslie Galer, Heidi Bicking, Maggie Wade, Laura Coleman Brehart, Margo Shaw, Ellyn Thompson, Amy Downey, Katina Tullis, Stefanie Shefler, Helena Vena, Jenny Bergeron, Patrick Hoeft, Heather Hopkins, Kate Ahmed, Jenny Jarosick
- Second Special Presentation was given by citizens in support of Glenview School District 34 Referendum. This group provided their contact information and Website address of YesD34.org for attendees to be able to get involved in several different ways, or to request a yard sign. They also requested to use our PTA platforms to get the word out.
- Jenny and Kate took a vote from present members on who would like to assist this group by sharing our website and contact information. To be clear we have not decided to provide funds.
 - Vote was taken with 9 yes and 0 opposed.
- Minutes Approved from previous meeting:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Treasurer report
 - Current balance of \$98,150.00
 - No Fuss Fundraiser at \$1275 so far
- Heather Hopkins from D34 HR (director) provided information on how the new principal for Westbrook will be found.
 - There is a long process with several steps but it is to ensure that the candidates are screened in different ways by different people to be sure they are the perfect fit. There will be even be a parent/staff interview team set up. Our PTA presidents will be offered positions on the team first.
 - The ultimate decision is Dr. Delli
 - The goal is to be completed by early March (16th). Mrs. Sung will complete her contract June 1 and new candidate's contract begins July 1st.

- Grants for teachers We have budgeted \$7K for the teacher grants but we hope to increase after the no fuss fundraiser. Helena asked for an extension on the due date as teachers may need a little more time with the new processes.
- Why we love our school is in effect for the month of February.
- We are remodeling room parent duties and structure, if you would like to be a part of that team, please contact Kate or Jenny.
- Parents: please consider how you would like to be involved next year with PTA. Consider your strengths, what you enjoy to do, consider a roll for yourself. It is a great way to connect our community.
- Principal notes:
- Westbrook (Patrick):
 - Last week's love lunch was great, student services coordinator Karen H, having parent night and really doing a great job increasing parent communication.
 - 100 day celebrations are underway
 - We have a huge literacy push-building funds have been allocated to this. Students are writing more, stamina is increased/increasing we are really focused on instruction right now.
- Glen Grove: Stephanie
 - Literacy growth is incredible
 - April 17 and 18 is Math and ELA testing
 - Illinois Science Assessment for the 5th grade coming up in March.
 - Associate breakfast tomorrow-funded by PTA so thank you.
 - Bus lessons this week. Safety and respect is being focused on after data from last year. Training will be held in the classrooms
- Glen Grove: Helena
 - Day to day assessments are completed. This is where teachers look at each child individually to locate concerns, make a plan for the student or maybe change a plan for the student.
 - 4th grade musical is 2/28
 - Conferences are coming up in March, please always check the calendar for the dates. Our goal is to be at 100% parent contact for these conferences.
 - The tour of Glen Grove for referendum is 2/19 at 2:45-3:35.
- Meeting was adjourned

