

Westbrook + Glen Grove PTA

February 11, 2020 @ Glen Grove 9:30AM

AGENDA

Welcome and Attendance

Introduction of Special Presentations

- D34 Referendum Information Presentation by Dr. Delli; Q&A
- "Vote Yes" Referendum Group Presentation by Dana Doffin; Q&A
- Where does PTA Stand? "The Illinois PTA Statement of Policy on School Tax Referenda makes it clear that it is appropriate for a PTA to 'enthusiastically support and actively work for school tax referendum' authorizing a local real estate tax rate increase when it is necessary. The Illinois PTA would certainly direct any PTA that is considering supporting a referendum to be sure that the decision is made BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP AT A MEETING OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PTA."
- As noted above, we would like to ask all current members of the PTA who are present here today to please vote by show of hands all those in favor/opposed of having the **Westbrook + Glen Grove PTA** support and circulate "Vote Yes" messaging among the parents of our schools, including sharing the link to the "Vote Yes" website YesD34.org.

Review & Approve Minutes From Previous PTA Meeting

Treasurer's Report

- TBD

New Business

- Mrs. Sung's Announcement
- Valentine's Day Parties This Week
- No Fuss Fundraiser Has Begun!
- "Why We Love Our School" Bulletin Board & Video
- Classroom Baskets Flyers Due In March
- Search to fill open PTA Chair Positions for 2020-21 School Year
- Remodeling Room Parent Duties and Structure
- Teacher Grants Submitted
 - As discussed at our January meeting, the rationale behind our decision to provide money to teachers through grants only (no gift cards or receipt reimbursement) is due to budget. Careful review with a financial professional revealed that we simply do not have funds to do both grants and gift cards, and the most effective use of the funds in a way that will benefit the most students is via grants.

- Schools were provided with Grant Submission information on January 9, 2020, with a deadline of submitting all grants February 3, 2020. Upon request we extended the deadline to February 10, 2020 to both Westbrook and Glen Grove schools.
- We have received grant applications from all grade levels EC-5th, plus both WB and GG LRCs
- Principal, Parent, D34, and Board Reviews Up Next In Review Process
- Principals - please let us know by Friday a date/time in the next two weeks that will work to review and rate your school's grants. We will provide the rating scale.
- Parents - if you would be willing to be part of the parent teacher grant review committee please let us know
- We would like to complete the rating and review process ASAP so teachers can receive their money

PTA Council Updates

- D34 Superintendent Update: Primary focus now is educating the community on referendum via community information sessions. Most common questions are "Why now?" and "How did we get to the point of asking for a referendum?"
- Late Start for 2020-21: D34 is continuing to identify more options for childcare. Have been asked to consider the options available to special needs children.
- Principal Jason Kaiz from Springman offered his updates on that school. There were many positive happenings, including effective use of Professional Development time for teachers, Bilingual Buddies program that connects middle schoolers to Pre-K kids at Westbrook, noticeable positive impact of bilingual teachers in the school, successful Paws-ative reward program where students can redeem tickets for items from the school store or experience like "Principal for a Day," and good attendance at Saturdays at Springman program where students from Attea and Springman are invited to come to the school on Saturday mornings to participate in open gym or do art/STEM/Coding in the library. Additionally, Springman is doing an 8th grade mentor program where 8th graders mentor 6th graders, as well as a teacher-student mentor program where students check-in with their teacher mentor weekly.
- Student Services Parent Liaisons will be hosting breakfasts for Associates at all D34 schools. At Westbrook and Glen Grove these breakfasts are taking place Wednesday and Thursday of this week.
- Gelfand Fund is moving toward becoming Gelfand Foundation. Thirtieth anniversary of the Gelfand Fund is next year. Upcoming Culver's fundraiser will be evening of 3/5 and all day 3/6.
- GBS Student Connection Survey asked nearly all students (2,900) during class time how satisfied they were with the school. Result: 80-90% rate of satisfaction.
- Other PTAs are preparing for upcoming fundraising and community events.
- Henking/Hoffman, Lyon/Pleasant Ridge, and Springman/Attea PTAs have all voted to support the "vote yes" position and are promoting this to their members.

WB/GG Principal Reports

Action Items

****PRINCIPALS:** please let us know by Friday, February 14 a date/time that works to review your school's grants. We are looking to review them ASAP, before the end of the month so we can continue to the next step in the approval process.

****PARENTS:** please consider how you would like to be involved with PTA next year. It has been a great 2019-20 and we would love additional parents to become involved with PTA and our school community in 2020-21. We can really do SO MUCH with the help of our parents to connect our community.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, March 10 @ Glen Grove 6:30PM**