

Westbrook + Glen Grove PTA

March 10, 2020 @ Glen Grove 6:30PM

AGENDA

Welcome and Attendance

Review & Approve Minutes From Previous PTA Meeting

Treasurer Report

- Treasurer Report TBD

New Business

- PTA Members voted to donate \$750 to "Vote Yes" in a 9:4 vote
- Teacher Grants will be completed this week. Principal and Parent reviews are complete. Teachers should hear results before Spring Break. Jenny & Kate are meeting with D34 (Brian Engle) this Wednesday, after which we will be able to complete the final Board Review and approval of grants.
- No Fuss Fundraiser Final Results: \$2,255 (last year was \$9,000)
- Classroom Basket Flyers Due March 18 (one printed copy to school, plus digital copy to Jenny)
- Search to fill open PTA Chair Positions for 2020-21 School Year
- We had a meeting with parents regarding remodeling Room Parent Duties and Structure. Still forming our new plan for room parent role.
- PTA-sponsored D34 Parenting Through Puberty last week
- PTA-sponsored author visit Thyra Heder at Westbrook this week
- Early voting on referendum ongoing until election day, March 17

PTA Council Updates

- D34 joining with Northbrook to form Coronavirus Task Force; Seeking to supply communities with consistent messaging each Friday.
- Principal Vena spoke to discuss Glen Grove upcoming events; transition from this school year to next; 5th grade picnic; period of the year with high instruction time; love new writing and reading programs; student testing and how results illustrate growth over school year.
- Late-start details will be coming together soon. Will be offering on-site options as needed.
- Deadline for GEF grants March 16
- Henking/Hoffman PTA Benefit raised \$54,000; 175 people; online bidding, teacher parties earned \$8,000 of the total sum
- Ideas from HE/HO for our PTA: publicize big ticket items that PTA funds so parents are aware, have fundraisers for specific causes (not just "for PTA"), target K-1st grade parents for involvement, 5th grade picnic includes t-shirts, pizza, fruit, service project station, tug-of-war, and seniors come back to offer their perspective on going to middle school. Likewise, HE/HO noted their strong communication with teachers and parents as key to their success.

Action Items

- Principals: based on our conversations with other PTAs, we feel the need to connect with teachers is essential to have a successful and connected PTA. Could you help us identify opportunities for us to communicate directly with teachers? Should we make a video?
- Communicating with families has been our main challenge -- can we send information via the school newsletter (provide you with biweekly JPGs highlighting our announcements)?

