

WB/GG PTA Board Meeting in Person at Glen Grove

3-5-25 Meeting Notes

Attending:

- Joanna Soupos
- Patrick Hoeft
- Kate Ellison
- Mehreen Rajabali (zoom)
- Anna Youkhana
- Terri Lakowski
- Dhyana Brummel
- Vasilios Soupos
- Allison Dawson - PM Secretary (zoom)
- Christina Leong
- Shelly Baker
- Kristen Folan

Anna Motioned to approve minutes and Dhyana seconds.

Principal Elison's Update

1. 5th grade is starting the science assessment
2. After spring break, all students take the IAR for math and reading (total of 5 tests) - This is not about stressing, it's about the work that has been done all year. Families are reminded to give good sleep and good breakfast, not pressure.
3. Updates on what 3rd, 4th and 5th grades are working on
4. Assembly coming up before spring break also
5. 5 Essentials Survey - reminder for parents to complete it and 2 adults in one home can fill it out. Data is used to plan around the feedback. Due end of March.

Principal Hoeft's Update

1. Busy time for staff with staff evaluations. Report cards going home this week.
2. Hats off to PTA and everyone for pulling off all the parties.
3. April 10 is Family Math Night at Westbrook - the date is decided based on staff availability
4. PE teachers used to deliver a Bike unit pre-covid. They are aiming to bring it back. Anticipated 2nd or 3rd week of April. Principal will be asking for volunteers. They will be using the back part of the building so bus lanes will be blocked off.
5. New outdoor space will be built on the south side of WB, construction possibly starting this year.
6. New behavior strategy called Panda PAws to reward students for good behavior, rolling out in the next several weeks.

Terri Updates

1. We are in a deficit for the first time this year. Deficit of about \$7,000 which does not include 10k grants so total deficit will be \$17k. We did approve a \$19k deficit at the beginning of the year but we need to be diligent. Mainly this is due to fundraising. We do have a plan to bring it up but we don't want to go beyond the \$19k. We have enough trickling in to cover monthly expenses but the big things, we will need to find sponsors or be creative about how we do them.
2. We will close the grant process for this year due to this but we are able to approve what has already gone through the process and receive approval.

Joanna Updates

1. 3 Grants from Glen Grove (Gator Games Night, LRC Storage Bins, and Poster Maker)
 - a. All approved by board and principals
 - b. Everyone voted yes
2. PTA Council - Holiday Helpers will be revamped next year. The district is looking to help out with that because it's not equitable across all the schools. The way we are providing to our families is also different (money, food, gifts, etc.) so the District wants to make it more consistent all across.
3. Also, we have access to volunteers if we need them for events. These will be middle school students. For example, the movie event coming up.
4. Parents will be paying for 5th grade picnic

Anna Updates

1. Board of Education Updates
2. Citizen Financial Advisory Committee that advises the school board. They talked about stability in the financial world. Recommended that the District is spending at about 40% and they should be spending at 50%. They do a budget analysis to come up with this. The school board appreciates that kind of advice.
3. Library updates - We have students that are in Niles who were not able to get Glenview library cards. The school board was able to make sure that these students can get it now and get Glenview resources.
4. Schools are getting new software.
5. We did not get approval to withdraw from TruNorth so will be going through an appeal process.

Shelly Updates

1. Grandpa's said Friday in April for parents night out. There's a \$400 minimum that the parents need to spend. Last year we bought the food for \$400 and parents bought drinks on their own.
2. Need to make sure events don't overlap with math night or anything.
3. Our Ultimate Ninja event will be taking place this Friday March 7th. Most families have paid and we are hopeful that remaining families will pay before or at the event. We hope to make around \$1500 or so for this event. We are considering adding another Ultimate Ninjas event if this one is successful for fundraising.

Kriten Folan

1. Kristen is asking for bylaws
2. She requests for definition of quorum or amend that
3. She requests for bylaws to be revisited and followed
4. She requests for people to have the opportunity to review the budget before voting.
5. She motions to review the bylaws and get a committee to redline
6. Joanna mentioned that we need to work off the original bylaws and not the drafts because they were never approved.
7. Terri proposed that a committee should be formed and no one opposed. Shelly, Terri and Kristen will be a part of the committee to redline the bylaws and get back to the board.

Meeting adjourned.