



# Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization

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## **Glencairn Parent Teacher Organization Minutes - Board Meeting**

**November 9, 2021 Meeting**

**Zoom Meeting**

**In attendance:** Olivia Kurajian (Vice President), Tariq Sumbal (Co-Treasurer), Karin Polischuk (Co-Treasurer), Kim Roland (Secretary), Natalie Bertoia (Social Media Coordinator), Jen Pace (Volunteer Coordinator), Terah Chambers, Elizabeth Guerrero Lyons

**Unable to attend:** Jessi Kauppi (President), Lorraine Ware (Principal)

Meeting start at 7:00 p.m.

- Upcoming Meeting Dates
  - January 11th, March 1st, May 24th
    - Other dates could be scheduled if needed
  - Olivia will make a Zoom link that can be used for the year with the password “glencairn”
  - Olivia will create a document to print with the dates that can be given to the kids to take home to their parents
  - These dates are on the Glencairn PTO page and will be included in each PTO newsletter
- Budget Discussion
  - Arts Grants Discussion - There was a request from an East Lansing High School Art teacher to help with funding the school/community art collaboration.
    - This event was held last year and included three shows with photographs of student’s art. We think the three shows were split by elementary, middle, and high school students. Unsure if any Glencairn student art was included.
    - It sounds like whatever funding was used last year is not available this year and the high school art teacher is inquiring about help with funding. They are planning to cut out some costs to make this work on a slightly smaller scale.
    - Olivia will reach out to Ms. Valente and/or the high school teacher to discuss how the PTO can help.
  - Safety Budget - We have \$200 allocated for the year
    - Mrs. Ware has typically used this money for pizza parties, hot chocolate, and pins
    - Mrs. Ware was hoping to do a Pizza Party soon

- Tariq will follow up with Karin about the Safety Budget
- Covid Update
  - Vaccine clinic for the younger students tonight and also on November 20th
  - There are openings on the 20th. Kim will mention this in the upcoming PTO newsletter.
- Field Trips
  - Big Zoo Lesson is scheduled for May for the 3rd graders.
  - Are there other opportunities for field trips for the rest of the school?
    - Busing is likely difficult because students may be limited one child per seat
    - Maybe in the spring more field trips could be arranged to come to the school? These could include smaller outside events such as a Fire Department or MSU athlete visit or any other ideas
  - Are there other ways for the students to have something to look forward to? Build a larger community feel in the school? Do the covid protocol pods hinder some of this development?
- Fundraising
  - Big fundraiser is the Fun Run. Will we be able to do that this year?
    - Maybe we need a special meeting to talk about this or other fundraisers
  - Glencairn Spirit Wear
    - Can this be kicked off soon? Need to touch base with Jeremy and Kristin Kratky as they organized it last year
    - Could payment be done online this year? How does delivery usually work? Orders have typically been sent home in students' backpacks
    - We think spirit wear is done through Underground Printing company in downtown East Lansing
    - Olivia will look into the Spirit Wear topic and/or connect with the Kratkys.
- Social Media Idea
  - Highlight teachers and staff on Facebook periodically with a short bio and photo. Also want to highlight the social support dog, Charlie Dog. Natalie will work on a Google Doc form for the staff to fill out so we can kick this idea off.

Meeting finished at 7:53p.m.