



PAWS Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 18

- 1) Welcome and Thank You's Carrie Silver
 - a. **Book Fair:** Kelly Batiancila, Becca Kohn
 - b. **Fall Family Fun Night:** Diana and Josh Fore, Rashira and Mark Johnson, Dawn Zapiec
 - c. **Storybook Parade:** Jami Leavitt, Christine Williames
 - d. **Breakfast with a Buddy:** Lisa Beitman, Becca Kohn, Jen Silverman, Sarah Thornburg
- 2) Ice Breaker Kelly Batiancila
- 3) Summer Learning Experience Dr. Riley
 - a. The Voyage summer program is a project-based summer STEM program around a theme
 - b. The program was a 5-week program by invitation and cost free to families for the first 2 years
 - c. The 3rd and 4th year, the program was 3 weeks, cost subsidized by the district
 - d. Program is for rising 2nd to rising 7th graders, at an elementary school, which rotated each year
 - e. The district is seeking feedback about the program to plan for the coming summer and determine if the program will run
 - i. Send feedback to voyage@cheltenham.org
- 4) Book Fair Recap Kelly Batiancila
 - a. Book fair earnings can be in scholastic dollars or cash
 - b. 2018 book fair: \$1600 cash to PAWS, \$1900 in scholastic dollars for school last year
 - c. \$5964 in scholastic dollars total this year, PAWS will take no cash
 - d. Standing desks, which were previously on the PAWS budget, will be purchased from scholastic dollars
 - e. \$3400 left for the school to spend at their discretion
- 5) Bear Store Brandi Eyler
 - a. We are getting a good number of volunteers
 - b. Parent led experience
 - i. Art project last month
 - ii. Gingerbread houses this month
- 6) Background Checks Kelly Batiancila
 - a. Background checks are not needed for some volunteer opportunities
 - b. They are needed for extended volunteering, chaperoning field trips or after school activities
 - c. 3 clearances are needed: PA, child abuse, and FBI clearance
 - d. Signature sheet



- e. TB skin test, done within a year of turning in documents
- 7) Interview with Principal Robinson Carrie Silver
 - a. Currently reading Engagement by Design district-wide
 - b. School has been working for 2 years on mission to become more reflective
 - c. The best thing to help students is to encourage them to read
 - d. Best way for parents to support: student attendance, stay involved, spread the word about events

Reminders:

To Join Facebook Group – search for **Glenside P.A.W.S**

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- a. Go to the Glenside Elementary Website
- b. Click on the PTO link across the top
- c. Scroll down until you see “Subscribe to our mailing list”

January Dates to Remember:

Jan 13 – Next PAWS meeting

Jan 20 – MLK Day of Service

Jan 23-24 – Book Swap