# Glenelg High School PTSA
## Meeting Minutes
### August 10, 2021

**Call to Order:** The Executive Board meeting of the Glenelg PTSA was called to order at 7:07 PM on August 10 by Jen Mertes.

**Attendees:** Jen Mertes, Ben Mertes, Tracey Heller, Chris Shollenberger, Jane Carstea, Amy Gonce, Claudia Davis, Ellen Sowry, Beth DePasquale, Pete DePasquale

**PTSA President: Jen Mertes**

- Last month's minutes could not be approved as Dawn Lipshultz was out of town and unable to attend and share.

- Jen asked if anything should be added to the meeting agenda. Jane asked that in a future meeting, we consider what to do with the money earmarked for the Class of 2020 that was not used in the school year 2020, due to the pandemic. The topic will be readdressed when more attendees are present and when there is a better understanding of the budget and monies by the new Board.

- Amy Gonce was introduced as a volunteer for the Board position Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. Amy Gonce was unanimously voted in as the Treasurer of the GHS PTSA.

**Additional Business:**

- Jen would like to introduce "classroom cash" or "teacher reimbursements" this school year. Currently the teachers at GHS do not receive the option to be reimbursed for limited classroom purchases. The Board will consider an amount ($100 for teachers and $50 for paraeducators) when drafting the 2021-2022 budget. There was conversation as to whether reimbursement would be limited to those teachers who actually join the PTSA. (Teacher dues are a reduced $10 as opposed other single $30 and family $50 memberships.) Chris explained that an administrator at Triadelphia Ridge was opposed to such a program, but the rest of the attendees have not experienced a problem at other schools and it was agreed Mr. Burton would likely welcome such a plan.

- Welcome Back Luncheon: Dawn Madsen, hospitality chair, was not present. Jen suggested, in the light of the on-going pandemic and newest delta variant, that the Welcome Back lunch be a catered event.

- Freshman and New Student Orientation will be held on Thursday August 26. No parents will be allowed to attend due to the on-going pandemic. It was suggested that a PTSA/Boosters Membership table be set up outside of the school, as well as a Boosters spirit wear table. The location of the tables will be announced to parents prior to the event.

- Back-to-School-Night is the evening of August 26th and Chris will have a membership table at the front of the auditorium and in the front lobby of the school. Chris will also create a google form that will be mailed out in the PTSA/Boosters email newsletter so that parents can sign up online.

- A membership mail-out will be completed this week. The two page document, with return envelope (postage is necessary), will go out to all GHS families. As tradition, Boosters will split the cost for postage. It was suggested to see how memberships are completed—at BTS Night, via the mail, strictly online, etc. to see what works best and if the membership mail-out should continue.

- The PTSA plans to hold a Movie Night on Saturday September 18th. This is a free, welcome back-to-school event for our community, akin to the previous "Block Party." The Board felt that there is not enough time to plan the previous party to be a success. The movie will be held out in the "lower practice field" as Mr. Sageman explained events cannot be held on the turf football field. The PTSA hopes to offer free popcorn if food restrictions allow and to have to food truck available for food purchase.

- Tracey Heller met with the After Prom Committee—the previous chair, Chris Chizmadia and current contact Shauna Inarino. Paige King has volunteered to coordinate the donations and acquisition of prizes for the event. Chris explained that After Prom has supplies in storage "under" the school (doors to the right of you, near/under steps as you come in the junior parking lot).

**Adjourn:** Motion to adourn - Jen Mertes, Second - Tracey Heller. Close of meeting 7:45PM.

**Respectfully submitted by:** Dawn Lipshultz and Tracey Heller