



PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Greenwood Elementary School, All Purpose Room

- I. The Greenwood ES PTA met on October 2, 2018 in the All Purpose Room. The President, Mary Quirion, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Attendees (see attached)
- III. President's Report, Mary Quirion
 - a. Agendas distributed (see attached)
 - b. Movie night was a success
 - c. Thank you to all volunteers
- IV. Treasurer's Report, Tim Abercrombie
 - a. Review/discuss 2018-2019 proposed budget (attached)
 - i. Highlights:
 - ii. 81% going toward PTA programs
 - iii. Admin costs 7%
 - iv. Performances at school, supplies for teachers
 - v. Read a thon is new
 - vi. Spring fair is back
 - vii. Fundraisers: Read a thon and color run
 - viii. Will discuss how to use funds
 - ix. Will meet with parents to submit audit to MD PTA
- V. Official Business
 - a. Vote to approve 2018-2019 budget - approved
 - b. Vote to approve September 11, 2018 meeting minutes - approved
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership, Christy Yoshitomi
 - i. Portal is doing well
 - ii. Reminder to sign up and update information
 - b. Volunteer Opportunities, Cathy Lewis & Jen Madison
 - i. Thanks to all who have volunteered
 - ii. Still need international night coordinator
 - iii. Also available: bowling, health week, outreach program, social chair
 - iv. There will be other volunteer opportunities for events that already have coordinators
 - c. Movie Night, Lindsay Vilaro
 - i. Huge success – props to Lindsay for organizing
 - ii. Stayed under budget – cost just under \$970
 - iii. Biggest expense was the inflatable screen
 - iv. We have inventory left over from concessions

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- v. Feedback:
 - 1. Start earlier next year
 - 2. Better on blacktop than field – keep it there in future
 - 3. Purchase screen if this is a recurring event
- vi. Feel free to contact Lindsay with additional feedback
- d. Shop till you drop, Audra Smith
 - i. This is one of our smaller fundraisers – makes \$500-700 now
 - ii. Sell tables to vendors - \$40 for both nights, they keep profits
 - iii. Problem: people don't shop, vendors aren't happy (usually 3-4 do well, 3-4 do okay, and the rest barely make their money back)
 - iv. Question: do we want to advertise more to get the word out?
 - v. Discussion:
 - 1. Do in gym?
 - 2. Can we have alcohol?
 - a. Zimmerman: check with ICB?
 - 3. Can we sell food there?
 - a. Food trucks
 - 4. People don't shop because it's too crowded in the halls
 - a. This year try another location
 - 5. How much do we need the \$500?
 - vi. Vote to cancel shop till you drop? Not approved
 - 1. Vote count: 19-18 to *keep* STYD
- e. Read-a-thon, Kandi Barakat & Bobby Smith
 - i. Coming up end of the month – coincides with book fair
 - ii. Overview: 30 minutes/day of reading, can pledge lump sum to reader, there are incentives for most minutes per class, per grade, and for all participants
 - iii. Looking to raise money for books for bins in AM and read to me, talk to me program
 - iv. Stay tuned for information coming home soon
- f. Variety Show, Harveen Anderson
 - i. April 6, 2019, 2pm, at Sherwood High School
 - ii. 5th graders will have practices on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30 starting in January in APR
 - iii. Flyers will go home first week of November
 - iv. Rehearsal will be Thursday, 4/4/19, from 6:45-9:45 pm
 - v. Trying to get website for Variety Show
- g. Spirit day/Spirit wear, Mary Quirion & Dawn Daly
 - i. Starting in November, will have 1 spirit day/month – first Friday of the month each month
 - ii. Spirit wear is online this year – www.greenwoodspiritwear.com
 - 1. 12 logos to pick from
 - 2. Did not cost us anything to set up site
 - 3. If we sell \$1000, we'll get 10% back

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4. \$2000+ in sales, PTA gets \$20 back
 5. We don't need to carry inventory – ships directly to your house
 - iii. Sizes are fairly true to size – there are measurements on the site, it will indicate if runs small
 - iv. There will be different promotions through the year
 1. Currently free shipping until October 8, 2018
 2. There will be another free shipping promotion toward the end of the year
- VII. MCCPTA Report, Kandi Barakat & Lauren Zarren
- a. MCCPTA is county PTA meeting once a month. This month there were introductions, speakers, discussions
 - i. Budget approved from last year
 - ii. \$43K membership fees expected
 - iii. Embezzlement from last year
 - iv. Advocacy priorities discussed
 - v. Possible bylaws amendments
 - b. Copy of report will be uploaded to PTA website
- VIII. NAACP Report, Jackie Abercrombie
- a. Purpose:
 - i. Encouraging minorities to participate in the school system,
 - ii. Giving every interested citizen to come in and share information
 - iii. Assist, guide and support minority parents and students
 - iv. Information sharing
 - b. 2 meetings to-date:
 - i. First meeting was informational, requirement to join NAACP
 1. We are part of Sherwood Cluster
 - ii. 2nd meeting was during our BTSN so Jackie couldn't attend
 - iii. Parent council kickoff meeting – all are invited:
 1. Date/time: 10/22/18, 5pm
 2. Location: Richard Montgomery High School
 3. Zimmerman:
 - a. Email me if you want to attend – we need to RSVP for this
 - b. This is conference-style
 - c. Fair starts at 5pm, speakers usually around 6:30pm
- IX. Principal's Report, Carrie Zimmerman
- a. Yearbook cover contest just started – submissions due 10/11/18
 - i. Previous year covers on GGTV to promote conference
 - b. Halloween/Fall party updates/changes:
 - i. 4 chaperones/room
 - ii. Parade at 2:50 after the party, dismissal immediately to follow
 - c. Open House:
 - i. Have received a lot of feedback re: staggered start times
 - ii. A lot of parents have pre-registered, encourage people to do so

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- iii. Has received frustration from working parents. The staggered start times are to provide equal opportunity to all classes
- iv. If you can't attend, contact teachers individually to come on another day
- v. Willing to hear feedback after Open House
- d. Assembly for students: 10/25/18 – “The Science Machine”
 - i. Discounted rate because he's in town in October
- e. Want feedback on what cultural events we want at the school
- f. There will be information about social media/privacy in the next newsletter
 - i. A link will go out where people can opt out of social media
- g. Kids have been doing MAP assessments
 - i. Grades 3-5 are done
 - ii. Look really good
 - iii. Primary levels are doing reading assessments
 - iv. Putting supports in place for kids who need
- h. Arrival/dismissal changed on Monday – working well
- i. Security – emphasis is on arrival/dismissal
 - i. Parents still welcome to come to lunch
 - ii. Parents who want to volunteer in class – still able to do so as long as MCPS volunteer training done
- j. Bus incident last week
 - i. We were unaware bus broke down day before
 - ii. We will make ConnectEd phone calls to parents of the kids on the bus
 - iii. MCPS portal will be possible for Elementary Schools 2nd quarter
 - 1. Contact Sandy Carroll if you need help signing on – a password came in the mail, she can give you a new one
- k. Lunch
 - i. More kids are buying lunch
 - ii. 5th graders aren't always getting first choice
 - iii. Kids are throwing away lunches if they don't like them
- l. Recess:
 - i. Start dressing for the weather – if parents send hats/jackets, kids need to take outside with them
 - ii. Will try to get kids outside more
 - iii. Fields have been mowed
 - 1. Back fields: Maintained by parks and recs
 - 2. Playground: MCPS Maintenance
 - 3. Building services responsible
 - iv. There have been some issues with older kids sharing space/equipment with younger kids – working on it
 - v. Will introduce chalk for kids at recess
 - vi. Kids are allowed to run at recess, but can't tag at recess
- m. 12/12: 4th grade instrumental concert
- n. 12/13: 5th grade chorus and instrumental concert
- o. Behavior programs for kids: going well

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- i. Have been having lunch bunches in conference room
 - ii. Prize bins
 - iii. Compliment charts are going well
- X. Other:
- a. Bini Abraham will come next meeting to talk about recess
 - b. Let us know feedback: PTA, speakers, assemblies, etc.
- XI. The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:08 pm.

Minutes by Christina Conroy, PTA Secretary

Upcoming Events

October

5 MCPS Early release – 12:45 pm
8 Open House (staggered times)
8 Spirit wear – free shipping ends!
10 Walk or bike to school
12 Picture Day!
15 Dining night out, Panera Bread
22 Read-a-thon begins
26 Book fair begins
30 Kindergarten field trip
31 Halloween/Fall parties & Parade

November

2 Book fair ends
4 Read-a-thon ends
5 PTA meeting, 7-8 pm
6 No school – Election day
7 MCPS Early release – 12:45 pm
12-13 MCPS Early release – 12:45 pm/
Parent-Teacher Conferences
13 Dining night out, Chipotle
13-14 Craft Night/Shop till you drop
20 MCPS report card distribution
21 MCPS Early release – 12:45 pm
22-23 No school – Thanksgiving