



PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 5, 2018

Greenwood Elementary School, Media Center

- I. The Greenwood ES PTA met on November 5, 2018 in the Media Center. The President, Mary Quirion, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Attendees (See Attached)
- III. President's Report, Mary Quirion
 - a. Comment cards
 - i. There will be a mom's event
 - ii. School supplies will return
 - b. Halloween Feedback
 - i. Loved teacher signs during parade
 - ii. Parade at end went well
 - c. Parking
 - i. You should not park where the busses are or on Goldmine Road
 - ii. Don't have kids cross street by themselves
 - iii. Carpool circle – go all the way to the front cone
 - iv. Child should exit on sidewalk side – if you want to kiss and ride, you should park
 - v. Parent volunteers may help with parking issues and recess – more discussion to come
 - d. Parents Night Out
 - i. With change in party format, we are looking in to parent night out options
 - ii. K/1 parents had meet/greet in Oct and ice cream social at end of year
 - iii. Looking at Olney Winery in January
 - iv. Open to other ideas
 - e. Box Tops for Education:
 - i. \$236.40 has already been earned
 - ii. Tracking by teachers – will have winner for each grade, make sure you put your child's teacher on the paper/bag when you send in box tops
 1. K leader – Carretti is leading
 2. 1st Grade – Mankulish and Loengrath tied
 3. 2nd Grade – Edwards
 4. 3rd Grade – All tied
 5. 4th – All tied
 6. 5th Grade – Wisnieski winning
 - f. Grocery Program:
 - i. Harris Teeter, \$200+ earned so far
 - ii. \$234 earned from Giant
- IV. Treasurer's Report/Budget, Tim Abercrombie
 - a. \$4036 raised through 10/31 – mostly through membership

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- b. This doesn't include Read A Thon revenue
- c. Working on audit and charitable contribution reports
- V. Official Business
 - a. October 2, 2018 meeting minutes approved
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Readathon, Kandi Barakat
 - i. 99 raffle tickets submitted – there's a winner from every grade except combined 4th/5th grade due to participation
 - ii. 55 submissions received for end of read a thon
 - iii. Please don't wait until end of week
 - iv. Email Kandi with suggestions for improvement
 - v. Will have totals next month
 - vi. If you are submitting paper copies, you can submit cash, but checks are easier to track/trace
 - b. Dining Night Out, Lauren Zarren
 - i. Panera earned \$281
 - ii. DNO scheduled for every month through end of year
 - iii. Next DNO is Chipotle 11/19
 - iv. We have DNO scheduled at Rita's where we'll have guest teacher/admin scoopers in May
 - c. Shop Till You Drop (format and vendor list), Audra Smith
 - i. Thank you for suggestions at meeting, in person, or with comment cards
 - ii. STYD will be in the gym this year, with chairs for parents to sit
 - iii. Kids will be sent to gym when they finish crafts
 - iv. Will be holiday-themed
 - v. 20-22 vendors – to be finalized in the next day or two, will come home via backpack express, current vendors on back of this month's agenda
 - vi. May have popcorn machine in hallway; no food or drink in gym
 - vii. We couldn't get tables through the county this year; some vendors bringing their own but we need a few others
 - viii. We also need parent volunteers for setup 5-6pm
 - 1. If you can donate table(s) or volunteer, email Audras2001@yahoo.com
 - ix. Craft Night still needs student volunteers, SSL hours available
- VII. New Business
 - a. Recess/Parent Volunteers, Bini Abraham
 - i. Power point presentation – see highlights from attached handout
 - ii. Changes starting Thursday, beginning of 2nd marking period:
 - 1. K/1 will be together, all other grades will have grade-independent recess
 - 2. K/1 will have lunch together, 2/5 will have lunch together, others will have grade-independent lunches
 - 3. Will look at new solutions if this doesn't work

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- 4. Updated times will be in newsletter
 - iii. Parent volunteer meeting Wednesday 11/7 @ 9:30 am
 - 1. Looking for 2 parents/grade to volunteer
 - iv. Parent suggestion: get a “buddy bench” – idea for 5th grade gift
 - v. Teach kids cheers in anticipation of Staff Basketball Game – scheduled February 9, 2019
 - vi. Give staff tools to help get kids back on track after recess
 - b. Gator Gear Recycling, Lindsay Vilardo
 - i. Looking for donations of gator gear from the past, sell for discounted price in anticipation of basketball game or bingo night
 - ii. Proceeds will go to PTA, but will give kids who can’t afford new gator gear opportunity to get gear for lesser price
 - iii. Mrs. Sinon’s daughter’s school does that – there’s a box at school for ongoing collections, committee chair sets up table at events for sales
 - c. Fit 4 Mom, Lindsay Vilardo
 - i. Nationwide company, locally owned, same company as stroller strides
 - ii. Holds classes here on Wednesday nights, 7:30 pm
 - iii. They will offer free class Wednesday 11/28 – moms only
 - iv. Meet/greet with treats after along with incentives for registration
- VIII. MCCPTA Report, Kandi Barakat & Lauren Zarren
- a. This is the last year for PARCC – will be replaced with something else next year
 - b. County looking at fresh water options
- IX. Principal’s Report, Carrie Zimmerman
- a. Recess volunteers: meeting this Wednesday at 9:30
 - i. Has ordered pink vests for volunteers – safe adults kids can talk to at recess
 - ii. Would like if parents could volunteer for all grades’ recess for a day to lead a “special” activity – kids could continue with what they learn for remainder of week
 - b. New scheduled for lunch/recess – see above
 - c. Today was first “GGTV Live” town hall event – K/1 and 2-5
 - i. Kids enjoyed this
 - ii. Was in the gym
 - iii. Considering doing this the first Monday of each month in the gym
 - iv. Discussed comfort cases – more info will come home at end of month
 - d. Media Center – Mrs. Corrado put in for MCPS small grant and got \$1K for additional seating, etc. to update media center
 - e. NAACP Conference earlier this month – Mrs. Abercrombie was a greeter for the event
 - f. Grade 5 Math – 90 kids in 5th grade, classes bustling, GES hasn’t received additional staffing
 - i. Staff development teacher returning 11/19 from maternity leave – has agreed to split largest class to work with them

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- g. Book Fair – was amazing success
 - i. Mrs. Corrado appreciates all the parent volunteers
 - ii. Would like to see more evening hours
- h. Will look at parent volunteers for carpool line
- X. The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:08 pm

Minutes by Christina Conroy, PTA Secretary

Upcoming Events

<u>November 2018:</u>		<u>December 2018:</u>	
5	General PTA Meeting, Media Center	4	General PTA Meeting, Media Center
6	No School (Election Day)	12	4 th Grade Choral Winter Concert
7	Early Release (12:45 pm)	13	5 th Grade Instrumental & Choral
12-13	Early Release (12:45 pm) Parent Teacher Conferences		Winter Concert
13-14	Craft Night/Shop ‘til You Drop	19	Dining Night Out (California Tortilla)
19	Dining Night Out (Chipotle)	24-28	No School (Winter Break)
21	Early Release (12:45 pm)		
22-23	No School (Thanksgiving)		
29	Picture Retake Day		