



PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Greenwood Elementary School, All Purpose Room

- I. The Greenwood ES PTA met on January 8, 2019 in the Media Center. The President, Mary Quirion, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.**
- II. Attendees (See Attached)**
- III. Official Business**
 - a. December 4, 2018 PTA General Board Meeting Minutes approved by vote
- IV. President's Report, Mary Quirion**
 - a. Nominations for exceptional teachers/staff: some deadlines are coming up
 - i. This Friday is first deadline
 - ii. Link for nominations is on website and in PTA newsletter
 - b. Staffing allocation letters
 - i. Some classes are close to limit for additional teachers
 - ii. Lunch/recess – we can ask for more staff there
 - iii. MCPS will start making decisions re: staffing allocation next month
 - iv. Email to Mrs. Zimmerman with request that she forward to her supervisor
 - c. Recess update
 - i. Mary ordered items for indoor/outdoor recess
 - ii. Outdoor ball cart arrived today
 - iii. Other outdoor supplies ordered: chalk, spots, cones
 - iv. Indoor carts have been ordered – teachers were polled for suggestions for contents
 - d. International Night
 - i. Scheduled Tuesday, February 26, 2019
 - ii. Melissa Frye and Mary Quirion are committee chairs – just started planning
 - iii. Open to additional parent volunteers – email Mary/Melissa to volunteer or be on lookout for sign-up
 - iv. Hoping for format similar to last year – tables for each country, flag parade, costume show, language lab, approx. 30 minutes of presentations (3 min per Greenwood student/family)
 - e. MCPS-MCCPTA Mental Health & Wellness Forum
 - i. January 12, 2019, 1-5 pm @ Wood Middle School
 - ii. Information is in PTA newsletter – includes link with information and online registration
 - f. Fundraising allocation ideas
 - i. We are very fortunate that we can give back to GES
 - ii. So far, have purchased recess items and books for Read to Me, Talk to Me
 - iii. Please write down ideas and executive board will discuss/resport next month

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V. Treasurer's Report, Tim Abercrombie

- a. Raised \$16,400 so far
- b. Expenses \$11,500 so far
- c. Surplus \$4,900 currently
- d. We have a lot of spring events planned so we're on track with budget

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Bingo Night, Katie Phillips
 - i. Friday, January 18, 2019, 6-8 pm, Rosa Parks MS Cafeteria
 - ii. Goal is to start calling numbers by 6:20 pm
 - iii. Advance sales end this Friday
 - iv. Highly recommended that you pay online through portal
 - v. Families will receive all of their packets in a bag
 - vi. Raffle baskets: still looking for donations
 - vii. Will do 8 rounds of Bingo including 3 special rounds
 - viii. Still need parent volunteers for set up (~5 pm), clean up, check in, raffle basket sales, oversee student volunteer at prize table
 - ix. So far, 124 tickets sold (on pace with last year)
- b. Variety Show, Mary Quirion for Harveen Anderson
 - i. April 6, 2019 @ Sherwood HS
 - ii. 5th grade practices start this week
 - iii. K-4 should start routine
 - iv. Theme: Circus
 - v. Reach out to Harveen with questions
 - vi. She may need volunteers day-of
- c. Faculty Basketball Game, Mary Quirion for Mary Ellen Zack
 - i. February 8, 2019 @ Farquhar MS
 - ii. Ticket sales info will be posted soon – sold out last year!
- d. Gator Gear Recycling program, Lindsay Vilaro
 - i. Used Gator Gear donations are being accepted
 - ii. Box is concealed in office
 - iii. If we have enough, will sell for \$5 each at Bingo night

VII. Principal's Report, Carrie Zimmerman

- a. GGTV live: 3rd edition was this week
- b. Comfort Cases: we raised \$3800+, kids were happy to give, the rep spoke with the kids yesterday and was a great model for them to see
- c. Health Room update: has improved since last meeting
- d. Science Day (at school): February 7, 2019
 - i. Assembly: Mike Green, The Science Machine (rescheduled from Fall), MCPS graduate
 - ii. The grade levels will do rotations through stations similar to Science Night
 - iii. Looking to get Green School Specialist to come in
 - iv. Science share option: kids will take home that day



- e. Curriculum Night: March 7, 2019
 - i. Parents and students will come together to GES to learn strategies to work with students on Math/Reading
 - ii. Students can bring in their Science Share projects to present (depending on how many, will be in gym and/or APR)
 - iii. There will be a punch card to go to the different rooms
- f. Valentine's Day: February 14, 2019
 - i. Class parties: 2-3:15 pm
 - ii. Will continue with 4 parent limit per room
 - iii. Room parents will solicit volunteers – try to avoid repeats if lots of interest
 - iv. Food, goody bags, favors, etc. all okay
- g. Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 21, 2019
 - i. May have some students come on GGTV each morning that week (start Friday before) to share about MLK Jr., poems, or other information
- h. Black History Month:
 - i. MCPS doesn't require any heritage month curriculum
 - ii. Many teachers do infuse into their instruction each day (i.e. 5th grade focus on African American poets, 1st grade presentations on leaders)
 - iii. Ms. Corrado also does instruction about African-American authors during Black History Month (she has more flexibility than the other teachers re: required components of curriculum)

VIII. Discussion:

- a. Staffing allocation:
 - i. 5th grade is biggest issue (30, 30, and 31 students) – Mrs. Zimmerman requested additional staff
 - 1. Mrs. Chang has taught reading/literacy to allow 5th grade to have 4 sections
 - 2. Mrs. Fox (Staff Development) is teaching 4th math class for 5th grade when she's not at required training through MCPS
 - ii. 1st grade is the best re: numbers (avg. 22 students per class)
 - iii. We've enrolled over 60 kids since 7/1/18, but enrollment was even so didn't trigger additional staffing
 - iv. Currently 521 students enrolled – MCPS looks at whole allocation from 1st-5th grade for staffing and the school decides where to place the staff
 - v. Currently 96 students in K – MCPS determined 4 K teachers appropriate
- b. Parents may also help by volunteering for lunch/recess
 - i. Paraeducators are not allowed to be engaging in games – their role is to monitor the kids to make sure everyone is safe
 - ii. Parents, on other hand, can engage in games with kids

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IX. The meeting was adjourned by motion at 7:50 pm.

Minutes by Christina Conroy, PTA Secretary

Upcoming Events

January 2019

- 8 General PTA Meeting, Media Center, 7-8 PM
- 12 MCPS-MCCPTA Mental Health & Wellness Forum
- 17 Dining Night Out: Jersey Mike's
- 18 Bingo Night
- 21 No school (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- 25 Early Release – 12:45 PM (2nd Marking Period Ends)
- 28 No school (Professional Day for Teachers)

February 2019

- 5 General PTA Meeting, Media Center, 7-8 PM
- 6 Report Card Distribution
- 8 Faculty Basketball Game
- 14 Valentine's Day Parties
- 18 No School (President's Day)
- 21 Dining Night Out: Mamma Lucia
- 26 International Night