

# GREENWOOD ES PTA

3336 Gold Mine Rd  
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## PTA General Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Greenwood Elementary School, Media Center

- I. **The Greenwood ES PTA met on February 5, 2019 in the Media Center. The President, Mary Quirion, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.**
- II. **Attendees (See attached)**
- III. **Official Business**
  - a. Approve January 8, 2019 PTA General Board Meeting Minutes – approved by vote
- IV. **President's Report, Mary Quirion**
  - a. Babysitters for PTA Meetings: Looking for leads – SSL coordinators are not getting responses from High Schools
  - b. Recess
    - i. Items purchased by PTA: Indoor recess carts: Games, Coloring Supplies, Matchbox Cars (Total cost \$500)
    - ii. Request for donations
      1. K and 1<sup>st</sup> recess are together, they could use more things to play with rather than games and/or age-specific games (suggestion: Legos, building blocks, more matchbox cars)
      2. Donations can go to box in front office
    - iii. Volunteer
      1. Can sign up through PTA website or school website by recess block
  - c. Fundraiser Updates
    - i. Readathon: all the winners were given gift cards and announced on GGTV
      1. Will put winners on bulletin board within coming week
      2. Next year hope to make it more public
    - ii. Boxtops for Education, Kelly Woodside
      1. Overwhelming amount coming in
      2. Next due date 3/1/19
      3. Have been coming from the teachers
      4. So far, more than \$3600
      5. Announcing winners has motivated kids to bring in/turn in
      6. Every box top that comes in is \$0.10 to PTA
      7. The winning class for each grade has won movie day in class
  - d. Board of Education Meeting
    - i. Tomorrow night at Farquhar Middle School from 7-9 pm
    - ii. MCPS facilitators will meet with community prior to meeting (5:30-6:30 pm) to discuss boundaries, class sizes, programming and allotting resources, and security
    - iii. There will also be presentations by most schools in our cluster
    - iv. There is child care there – movie and games
    - v. Additional info on PTA website, in PTA newsletter, and Gator Gazette

### Helpful Resources:

#### PTA Website:

<http://greenwood-pta.org/>

#### Online Portal:

<https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/>

Invitation Code: JoinGreenwood

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- e. Treasurer Shadow
  - i. Tim Abercrombie ends 2-year term at end of year
  - ii. If you have interest in being treasurer, please let us know
  - iii. Responsibilities: count money from fundraisers, write checks, produce budget and track against actual income/expenses, knowledge of QuickBooks, attend all PTA meetings and Executive Board Meetings
  - iv. Shadow needed March/April

## V. **Treasurer's Report, Tim Abercrombie**

- a. Through Jan we've raised over \$20K w/ readathon, craft night, bingo night
- b. \$11K expenses thus far
- c. \$8K surplus at end of January
- d. Projection of \$8K surplus overall so we're in good place now
- e. Lots of expenses coming for spring but we're trending well

## VI. **Committee Reports**

- a. Bingo Night, Katie Phillips
  - i. Thanks attendees and volunteers
  - ii. Event was a success
  - iii. Last year sold 140 advance sales; This year, advance family sales were popular – sold 237 packets in advance
  - iv. Sold 56 at door (compared to 90 at door last year)
  - v. Bought 60 pizzas this year (compared to 24 last year) – sold almost all of the pizzas bought
  - vi. Spend \$946.97, spent: \$2708, profit: \$1761.03
  - vii. Hope to revamp prize table next year
  - viii. May consider parent round for next year
- b. Valentine's Day, Micole Harris
  - i. Parties are on 2/14/19 – 2pm through end of day
  - ii. Reach out to room parents with questions
  - iii. 4 volunteers per room plus teacher (same as Halloween) – include set up, clean up, and party help
  - iv. If you don't want child participating, there is alternate option
- c. Culture Night, Melissa Frye
  - i. February 26
  - ii. If you'd like to put up a display, it doesn't have to be your culture
  - iii. Signup will ask if you want to participate in parade
  - iv. There's also a signup for presentations starting at 7pm
  - v. Looking for SSL volunteers and volunteers for language lab
  - vi. Budget is set for \$250 based on last year's budget. Request an increase in budget this year. No objection from members present to increase up to \$100 more

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- d. Yearbook, Mary Quirion
  - i. A few changes have happened this year
  - ii. Photographer not coming into the school to take pictures this year
  - iii. Need room parents to take group photos and send to Mary Ellen Zack
  - iv. Looking for Yearbook shadow as Mary Ellen is done after this year
- e. Variety Show, Mary Quirion
  - i. Dates of interest:
    - 1. 5<sup>th</sup> grade ensemble meets every Thursday – dates in newsletter
    - 2. 5<sup>th</sup> grade picture day 3/1/19
    - 3. K-4 picture day 2/28/19
    - 4. Ticket sales start 2/18/19 at 6pm – [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com)
    - 5. Show: 4/6/19
  - ii. To purchase products (pictures, ads, etc.) visit [www.myschoolanywhere.com](http://www.myschoolanywhere.com)
- f. Color Run/Future Fundraisers, Lindsay Vilardo
  - i. Three new members added to committee based on interest forms at beginning of year
  - ii. Tentative date: 5/18/19
  - iii. Discussion about timing of fundraisers – should we switch fun run to the fall and readathon to the spring?
    - 1. Readathon would be better for K in spring because K can read by spring
    - 2. General support in room for switching run to fall in readathon to spring
    - 3. Also support for having fair with run to make it more of an “event”
- g. Black History Month, Mary Quirion
  - i. Mary has been speaking with Mrs. Zimmerman and Jackie Abercrombie about what we can do for Black History Month
  - ii. Information has been and will be broadcast on GGTV throughout month
  - iii. Looking forward, may look to put together a culture committee to do something every month to recognize different cultures

## VII. MCCPTA update, Kandi Barakat

- a. National PTA dues will increase next year

## VIII. Principal's Report, Priscilla Sinon

- a. MESA (5<sup>th</sup> grade science assessment) scheduled 3/11/19 and 3/12/19 – it didn't used to be measured for school performance but it is measured now
- b. PARCC is renamed to MCAP – 4 units of ELA (reading and math) for 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade
- c. Window for MCAP is 4/23-5/28 – specific dates will come out by end of month
- d. Hearing and vision assessments are this week – thanks to all parent volunteers
- e. 2<sup>nd</sup> parent community circle: Tuesday 2/12 – Mrs. Zimmerman sent signup genius in Gator Gazette if you would like to attend
- f. 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is 2/13/19
- g. Group pictures are 2/19/19 and 2/20/19 – schedule should come out through teachers
- h. Community furlough supports in January were fantastic – breakfast at GES and dinner at RPMS for Sherwood Cluster

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- i. Power Up Curriculum Night: 3/7/19 from 6-8 pm
- j. Read across America week: 2/25/19-3/1/19
  - i. There will be spirit days each day
  - ii. Flyer to come home next week
- k. Thank you for returning Chromebook agreements
- l. Kindergarten Orientation dates: Gator Gazette says 4/15 and 4/16 (dates confirmed immediately following meeting)
- m. Snow days: school year extended to 6/14 already due to snow closures
  - i. If one additional snow day: will have school on 6/5
  - ii. If two or more additional snow days: will lose Spring break day(s)

## IX. Discussion:

- a. Fundraising allocation:
  - i. Ideas:
    1. Buddy bench
    2. Sensory path
    3. Water bottle filling stations
  - ii. Please forward any additional ideas to the board
- b. Dining Night Out: 2/21 at Mamma Lucia's
- c. Speaker Next Month: See below for details, speaker bio is on PTA website
- d. Other:
  - i. Staff basketball game cancelled
  - ii. Guidance counselor at RPMS lost her husband last week tragically
    1. Plan to forward email from RPMS Principal
    2. May also consider having hospitality committee in future

## X. The meeting was adjourned by motion 8:17 pm.

Minutes by Christina Conroy, PTA Secretary

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### February 2019

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

#### March 2019

1	Early Release – 12:45 pm
5	General PTA Meeting, Media Center, 7-8 pm
7	Curriculum Night
21	Dining Night Out: Greene Turtle
23	Skate Night, 4:00 pm

March PTA Meeting Featured Speaker: We have invited Jen Cort, LCSW-C to bring parents into a deeper understanding of how different life is for kids today. There are four constructs which either were non-existent or have changed in their understanding within the last four years, these constructs are:

- Athletics as an entity around which family life orients
- Devices as a means of communication, information gathering, and connection
- Elongation of adolescence beginning earlier and concluding later
- Diversity topics including race, gender, changing language use in society & inclusion through social media