



**PTA General Board Meeting Agenda**  
Tuesday, March 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. Guest Speaker, Jen Cort, LCSW-C**

### Discussion

- Four new constructs:
  - Athletics
  - Elongation of Adolescence
  - Diversity
  - Technology
- Navigation: Challenging Topics
- Application: Now what?

Jen is a former principal and school counselor now consulting with schools around the Country, speaking at National Conferences, prolific writer, and podcast host. She will meet with faculty, administrators, trustees, students, and parents to help the Greenwood community grow in its understanding of these, and other topics. Jen will share how research supports her long-standing belief that understanding these constructs add to academic excellence and prepare students for higher level education and employment.

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### Equity and Equality

- **Equity:** Everyone gets the same thing
- **Equality:** Everyone gets what they need

### JEDI, *May the force be with you*

#### Interconnected concepts of Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- **Justice:** A concern for justice, peace, genuine concern for equity for all
- **Equity:** You get what you need
- **Diversity:** Understanding that each individual is unique
- **Inclusion:** Embracing, inviting, welcoming, creating space for others

### New Constructs in Parenting and Teaching

1. **Devices:** As continuous presence in our lives, primary means of communication, and source for information
2. **Athletics:** Entity around which family life and school engagement are scheduled
3. **Earlier onset of adolescence:** new timelines for onset of adolescence
4. **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice:**
  - a. Gender Identity
  - b. Sexual orientation
  - c. Race
  - d. Media portrayal
  - e. Belief systems

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## Time and Energy

Worried you won't have the right answers?

### Now What?

- **Values articulation**
  - Family
  - Individual
  - When values are conflicted
- **Tips for parents:**
  - Use language during conversations with your kids: "I don't know what it's like to be your age these days..."
  - Own your mistakes
  - Expand your child's feeling vocabulary

## IV. Official Business

- a. February 5, 2019 PTA General Board Meeting  
Minutes approved by vote

## V. Officer Reports

- a. President's Report, Mary Quirion
  - i. Volunteer Guidelines
    - 1. Contact Mary or volunteer coordinators if you are interested
    - 2. If you are running an event and need to change budget, please contact Executive Board
  - ii. Treasurer Shadow
    - 1. One person interested so far. Please contact Mary if you are interested.
    - 2. If more interest, will vote next month
  - iii. Board of Education Meeting: synopsis posted on portal
    - 1. BOE wants feedback on boundary analysis
    - 2. Analysis will be ongoing until the end of next Spring
    - 3. Class size, diversity, and safety/security were touched upon briefly
- b. Treasurer's Report, Tim Abercrombie
  - i. In total, \$21,885 raised through February
  - ii. We are on track with budget (\$56K for year)
  - iii. Total expenses: \$13,439 so far
  - iv. Surplus of \$8,400 through end of February (projected \$8,600 for year end)
- c. MCCPTA update, Kandi Barakat
  - i. Next year will see more emphasis on positive behavior/implementation

### Helpful Resources:

#### **PTA Website:**

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

#### **Online Portal:**

<https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/>  
Invitation Code: JoinGreenwood

## VI. Committee Reports

- a. Culture Night, Mary Quirion
  - i. Overall a success
  - ii. Attendance was down from last year

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- iii. Event was on budget
- iv. Please provide feedback to coordinators
- v. Suggestions:
  - 1. Plan for a Thursday next year
  - 2. Limit presentations by companies (i.e. Master Method)
- b. Earth Week, Ginger Naglee
  - i. Aiming for more participation from parents/volunteers
  - ii. Plan:
    - 1. Dept. of Environmental Protection will do a presentation on watershed help
      - a. We will mark storm drains with the kids in front of the school
      - b. Asking parents to mark storm drains in the community
    - 2. We will plant the courtyards during recess – need parent volunteers for that
    - 3. We will run a poster contest this year, will announce on GGTV 4/1/19
      - a. Clean water theme
      - b. Due after spring break
    - 4. Walk to school day: looking into options for bus riders, carpools for car riders, meetups, etc.
    - 5. Bringing back the mural during lunch time
- c. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition, Erin Ruane
  - i. 5GR includes ceremony and end of year party for 5<sup>th</sup> graders
  - ii. Ceremony: will be at SHS the Monday before end of school
  - iii. End of year party: traditionally has been at GES, but this year will be offsite at Adventure Park USA
  - iv. Offsite includes more costs (i.e. transportation)
  - v. Valentine fundraiser was successful but still need more money to cover costs
  - vi. Asked for money from Mrs. Zimmerman
  - vii. Seeking increased budget this year. Budget was decreased a few years ago when we didn't have to pay for venue or transportation
  - viii. Transportation is \$6/kid plus adults – total approx. \$600
    - 1. Motion to approve increase in budget by \$600 – approved unanimously by vote
- d. Variety Show, Harveen Anderson
  - i. 600+ tickets sold – available on [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com)
  - ii. T-shirts sales reopened until March 13, 2019 on portal (need at least 12 to order to guarantee \$20 price)
  - iii. Shout outs reopened on portal this week, will close on Sunday March 10, 2019
  - iv. Advertisement sales are up this year
  - v. Pictures and DVDs are also available on portal
  - vi. Green room parents – still need volunteers! If we don't get 9 volunteers, will need 1 parent from each group with their kids. Signup genius available online

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- vii. Greenwood PTA website has a tab specifically for Variety Show: <http://greenwood-pta.org/2019-variety-show/>
- e. Color Run/Spring Fair, Lindsay Vilardo
  - i. May 18, 2019, 1-4 pm: Spring fair/color run
  - ii. Budget: motion requesting amendment to budget for both expenses and income to '16/'17 numbers – approved unanimously
    - 1. We didn't have a spring fair last year, so when we generated budget at the beginning of the year
    - 2. The PTA budget this year doesn't reflect historic costs for spring fair

## VII. Principal's Report, Carrie Zimmerman

- a. Thank you PTA for recess carts
- b. Recycling program happened at school
- c. Green school recertification is up
- d. Curriculum night is this Thursday – open from 6-8 pm, self-paced – 10 classrooms with teachers working on math and literacy activities; will also showcase science share experiments; will have punch cards for classrooms
- e. Staffing update: we have 1 additional homeroom for next year (22 total),
  - i. MCPS recommended class sizes for next year:
    - 1. K: 24 (was 25)
    - 2. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>: 25 (was 27)
    - 3. 3<sup>rd</sup>: 26 (was 28)
    - 4. 4/5<sup>th</sup>: 28 (was 30)
  - ii. Anticipate 4 sections 1-3<sup>rd</sup> grade next year, 4/5<sup>th</sup> will likely have 3 sections
  - iii. Still seeking more paraeducator support
- f. Field Day: 6/6/19 (rain date 6/7/19)

## VIII. Announcements

- a. Skate Night: Tickets on sale now \$9, flyers went home, can pay in advance or onsite
- b. Yearbook Sales: Yearbooks now on sale – link in PTA newsletter, early bird pricing \$18 until 3/18/19, will increase to \$23
- c. Kindergarten Orientation: April 15-16, no school for K students, incoming K can register now! (45 already registered)

## IX. The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:48 pm.

Minutes by Christina Conroy, PTA Secretary.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### March 2019

5 General PTA Meeting, Media Center, 7-8 pm  
7 Curriculum Night  
21 Dining Night Out: Greene Turtle  
23 Skate Night, Rockville Ice Arena, 4-6 pm

#### April 2019

2 General PTA Meeting, Media Center, 7-8 pm  
3 Early Release, 12:55 pm  
5 Spirit Day  
6 Variety Show, Sherwood HS, 3-5:30 pm  
11 Dining Night Out: Café Rio  
15-16 Kindergarten Orientation (No school for K)  
17-22 No School (Spring Break)  
22-26 Earth Week