

GREENWOOD ES PTA

3336 Gold Mine Rd
Brookeville, MD 20833



PTA General Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 11, 2019
Greenwood Elementary School, All Purpose Room

- I. The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA President.**
- II. Attendees: See attached (Quorum met)**
- III. Officer Reports**
- A. Officer/Board Introductions
 - B. President's Report, Mary Quirion
 - i. Thanks for coming to Cook Out – great turnout
 - ii. Health night coming in the spring
 - C. Treasurer's Report, Mandy DeRoo
 - i. 2019-2020 proposed budget review/discussion: Highlights changes from last year
 - ii. Volunteers needed for 2018-2019 budget review – will happen at future date
- IV. Official Business**
- A. Approved 2019-2020 Budget by motion/voice vote
 - i. Motion to approve: Jason Gebbia
 - ii. 2nd: Amin Salaam
 - iii. Approved unanimously by voice vote
 - B. Approved June 4, 2019 PTA General Board Meeting Minutes by motion/voice vote
 - i. Motion to approve: Katie Phillips
 - ii. 2nd: Jen Campbell
 - iii. Unanimously approved by voice vote
- V. Committee Reports**
- A. Volunteer Coordinator, Jen Madison, jenemadison@gmail.com
 - i. Event Coordinator Checklist review: if you are in charge of an event – budget changes and event changes need to be approved and publicly discussed
 - 1. Please complete checklist/budget and send to the board
 - 2. The board can approve budget or take to general board
 - 3. After event we'd like you to report outcome at meeting
 - ii. Signup genius will be coming out soon: lists all programs/activities – if interested please sign up
 - iii. Open positions with most immediate need: Monthly Heritage, Hospitality, Culture Night, Assembly Coordinator, Grocery Receipts, Marquee Sign
 - B. Membership Update, Beth Parker/Beth Poston
 - i. Current membership: 132 members (109 families, 6 individuals, 17 faculty) – awesome for this time of year!
 - ii. Directions on how to join PTA are on back of agenda
 - C. Fall Festival/Glow Run, Christina Conroy
 - i. Saturday, October 19, 2019, 5-8 pm
 - ii. Kickoff expected in about 1.5 weeks

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- D. Movie Night, Lindsay Vilardo (remember to vote online for your choice)
 - i. Friday, September 20, 2019, at 7:30 pm, on the blacktop
 - ii. Free event open to all families
 - iii. Rain plan: in the gym

VI. New Business/Discussion

- A. After school programs: Olney Theatre Center option
 - i. Flyers went home about after school programs from PTA
 - 1. Creative Enrichment
 - 2. Creative Adventures
 - 3. FLES
 - ii. We need someone to fill After School Coordinator position
 - iii. There will be a flyer coming home about the Olney Theatre Center after school program – if enough interest they will come here
 - 1. This is taking the place of last year's 5th grade program
- B. MCPS Boundary Analysis, Geno Collins
 - i. Board of Ed has a member pushing hard to change boundaries of Bethesda cluster. A 3rd party has been hired to conduct boundary analysis. There have been 4 poorly-advertised meetings to-date – Geno has attended all. The MCPS rep said they study doesn't guarantee there will be boundary changes. From the meeting, Geno concludes that the goal is that parents want to pull kids from the over performing schools to the under performing schools. Sherwood cluster is at risk for being re-districted to Blake or Magruder HS.
 - ii. Recommendations – speak up. Make the Board of Ed aware of your position.
 - iii. Mary has reached out to other schools in the cluster to try to get the schools to unite together.
 - iv. We hope to have more discussion about this next month.
 - v. Study to be completed June 2020.
- C. Recess School Trial, Mary Quirion for Bini Abraham
 - i. Greenwood was not picked for the pilot program
 - ii. Pilot is underway for 6 schools
- D. Flyer Distribution, Allison Moffett
 - i. PTA flyers will always be yellow
 - ii. If you are in charge of an event, please get the flyer to Allison by Thursday, she will put in teacher mailboxes on Thursday PM to distribute on Friday
 - iii. Half sheets are better: Every time we send flyers out – over 500 copies, \$8-9, average 3 distributions/month
 - iv. Working on doing youngest and only distribution
 - v. Need volunteer to help with Spanish translation
- E. Artsonia, Mrs. Newman
 - i. Thanks everyone for the \$200 enrichment given to teachers
 - ii. Artsonia is a secure internet website where school can upload students' artwork (with parent's permission) and the gallery will be available for viewing/purchase by parent-permitted viewers
 - iii. 20% of proceeds go to Art program
 - iv. Flyer should come home about the program in the new few weeks



VII. Principal's Report, Carrie Zimmerman

- A. Thank you for your support and welcome back
- B. Leadership team worked hard over the summer to make decisions
- C. Gator Gazette went out early this month
- D. Back to school night 9/25 (Grades K-2) and 9/26 (Grades 3-5)
- E. Open House: 10/14/19 (Columbus Day) – more details to follow
- F. Halloween info is in the Gazette – running the same as last year
- G. MCPS has embraced Be Well 365 Initiative. Based on this Initiative, GES will be doing the following this year:
 - i. Leadership team went to Orange Theory Fitness
 - ii. Classroom circles
 - iii. Town Hall meetings (started last year. The first one was this Monday – started reading Energy Bus)
 - iv. Lunch routines:
 - 1. Seats are assigned to encourage even distribution/socialization at each table
 - 2. Once the grade level fills in the compliment chart “LUNCH” they get free seating for the day
 - 3. Expectations were explained to the students and table captains assigned to help meet expectations
 - 4. Delaney’s class got early recess because they followed rules so well
 - 5. Seats will be changed: frequency TBD, possibly quarterly/monthly
 - v. Recess: Kids are playing more
 - vi. Looking in to “Walking Wednesday” – track steps walked
- H. Kids are entering school and going straight into classrooms
- I. Ambassadors are looking into rewards
- J. Enrollment: 533 students as of today

VIII. Announcements

- A. Room parents: will be selected after Back to School night, email Micole Haris if interested
 - i. 2 room parents per class
 - ii. If more than 2 people interested, will be chosen randomly
- B. Must do Online Volunteer Training if you plan to volunteer in the school – good for 3 years, available on MCPS website
- C. Moms Demand Action BeSmart Chapter: Mont. Co. School Safety Meeting
 - i. Sunday, 9/15/19, 2pm
 - ii. Rockville Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe St., Rockville, MD 20850
- D. PTA Meetings: will resume first Tuesday of each month
 - i. Next meeting: October 1, 2019
- E. Dining Night Out: September 18, 2019 @ California Tortilla, 5-8 pm

IX. The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:09 pm.

- A. Motion to adjourn: Jason Gebbia
- B. 2nd: Harveen Anderson
- C. Unanimously approved by voice vote

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HELPFUL RESOURCES

PTA Website:

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

FREE Online Portal:

<https://greenwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com>

- Click on the Register/Login button.
- If you already have an account with My School Anywhere or another organization that uses Membership Toolkit you can use the same email and password to login. You can then proceed to the steps below.
- Select "Create Account" and fill in the name, email, and password information.
- Click "verify my email" and then check your email for a link to complete the process. The link expires in 2 hours. If you do not receive the email, check your spam or junk folders.
- Complete the Parent / Family Student information
- Complete the Directory/Publish Preferences

Once these forms are complete, you will be presented with forms for PTA Membership, Spirit Wear, and Volunteer Opportunities. **All of your Back-to-School needs in one convenient place!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2019

- 15 MCPS School Safety Meeting, 2pm, EOB
- 18 Dining Night Out @ California Tortilla
- 20 Movie Night (at dusk)
- 25 Back to School Night Grades K-2 (6-8 pm)
- 26 Back to School Night Grades 3-5 (6-8 pm)
- 30 No School

October 2019

- 1 PTA Meeting, 7pm, Media Center
- 2 Walk/Bike to School Day
- 4 Early Release/Spirit Day
- 9 No School, Yom Kippur!
- 14 Open House
- 15 Dining Night Out @ Chipotle
- 19 Fall Festival/Glow Run
- 31 Fall Parties/Halloween Parade

Minutes by Christina Conroy, PTA Secretary.