



PTA General Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Greenwood Elementary School, All Purpose Room

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA President.**
- II. Attendees:** See attached, quorum met
- III. Officer Reports**
 - A. President's Report, Mary Quirion
 - i. Parent craft night: 11/13 & 11/14 taking place of Shop till you Drop
 1. Urban Pallet can come to GES, but the cost is \$50
 2. Parents are interested so Mary will put it out there
 - ii. Volunteer positions
 1. Signup Genius available – link is on PTA website
 2. Assembly Coordinator still available, can work from home
 3. Culture Night Coordinator (February event) – still available
 4. Kindergarten Parents – Read to me, talk to me needs volunteers
 5. Room parents – should have heard from Micole today. Still need some classes filled.
 - B. Treasurer's Report, Mandy DeRoo
 - i. Budget v. Actual is on back of agenda
- IV. Official Business**
 - A. Approve September 11, 2019 PTA General Board Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion to approve: Jason Gebbia
 - ii. 2nd: Tracy Salaam
 - iii. Unanimously approved by voice vote
- V. Committee Reports**
 - A. NAACP Update, Jackie Abercrombie
 - i. 10/15/19, 6-9 pm, Gaithersburg HS: Black and brown forum for Educational Equity and Excellence
 - ii. 11/19/19, Northwest HS: NAACP kickoff
 - B. MCCPTA Update, Kandi Barakat
 - i. Family survey – 739 participants last year, results to be compiled
 - ii. MCCPTA approved budget expenses
 - C. Fall Festival/Glow Run, Christina Conroy/Lindsay Vilaro
 - i. Record high number of people have signed up
 - ii. Shirts have been ordered
 - iii. If you don't have a personal fundraising page yet, don't forget to create one online so your child can start earning fundraising prizes
 - iv. Goal is to raise \$12K
 - v. Mrs. George's K class won last week's competition
 - vi. Sponsors are still being accepted

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- D. Craft Night, Melissa Springer
 - i. Note date change: 11/13 and 11/14
 - ii. Will use technology more this year – pay online, signup with google doc or something similar
 - iii. Crafts will be displayed in school so kids can select which crafts they like
 - iv. This is NOT A DROP OFF EVENT
 - v. Each craft takes about 15 minutes to complete
 - vi. Need SSL and parent volunteers
- E. Room Parents, Micole Haris
 - i. Several classes with no room parents yet: Caretti, Falzarano, Mencia, Percy, Krantz, and Peters
 - ii. Several classes with only one room parent (would like 2nd): Voorhees, Robinson, Delaney, George (Megan), and George (Erica)
 - iii. Contact Micole if interested
- F. Membership, Beth Parker
 - i. 173 members so far
 - ii. Have membership cards tonight to distribute
 - iii. Seeking shadow this year at this is Beth's final year at GES
 - iv. Bulletin board up front shows which classes are in the lead for membership
- G. Gator Gala, Christina Conroy
 - i. Committee has formed – seeking feedback via survey

VI. New Business/Discussion

- A. Restorative Justice, Sandee Lee, Amy Floyd, Priscilla Sinon
 - i. Slideshow presentation
 - ii. Restorative justice does not mean there are no consequences – we still follow the code of conduct – but the focus is more on accountability and empathy
 - iii. Approach focuses on hearing both sides and giving students the opportunity to share their voice
- B. Boundary Analysis Discussion, Guest - Laura Stewart (MCCPTA VP of Advocacy)
 - i. This is a boundary assessment study – at the end there will be suggestions/recommendations, but nothing that BOE is bound to
 - ii. Report expected in December 2019, and a midway report in January 2020
 - iii. Will solicit feedback from community – 11 community meetings
 - iv. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) will be identified, which all schools will be able to see
 - v. Will recommend cluster boundary alignment based on optimum capacity range as identified by MCPS
 - vi. Q&As:
 - 1. What initiated boundary analysis?
 - a. Process over the years with people raising concerns about overcrowding and demographic changes to BOE
 - b. Student member of the board brought up this idea 1/8/19
 - c. Looking at most efficient way, which may involve changes in adjacent cluster boundaries



2. Have other options for reducing disparity between schools been imposed?
 - a. Yes. Beyond the bell, focus schools, Title I, educational foundation, teacher grants
3. What role does MCCPTA have in the study?
 - a. MCCPTA is just one of the communities that will be providing input
 - b. The company that was hired will be in charge of community engagement
4. What influence does MCCPTA have once the results are announced?
 - a. This is hard to quantify. Depends on whether we take a stand as a group. Sent advocacy priorities out to PTA Presidents.
5. What are the possible outcomes? Is transporting students further away geographically possible?
 - a. Yes, this is possible, but long distance bussing is not likely.
 - b. The company will present options using mapping, etc. on how to reorganize the boundaries.
6. What guarantees do we have that GES students will not be displaced to other schools?
 - a. No guarantees
7. Would HOA provisions stating that homeowners in HOA will attend certain schools guarantee that the homeowners there would not be displaced?
 - a. Probably not. County overrules HOA.

VII. Principal's Report, Carrie Zimmerman

- A. October Gator Gazette is available
- B. Open house 10/14 – information about staggered start time in Gator Gazette
 - i. No parents allowed for lunch that day due to capacity
 - ii. Can pre-register with Mrs. Carroll starting tomorrow
- C. Halloween instructions in Gator Gazette – alternative activities available as well
- D. Link for signup geniuses

VIII. Announcements

- A. Dining Night Out: October 15, 2019 @ Chipotle
- B. Tomorrow is national walk/bike to school day

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 by motion.

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

Meeting minutes by Christina Conroy, PTA Secretary.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

November 2019

- 1 Spirit Day!!
- 5 PTA meeting, 7pm Media Center
- 11-15 Book Fair
- 11-12 Early Release, Parent Teacher Conferences
- 13 Craft Night, A-M (*with exceptions)
- 14 Craft Night, N-Z (*with exceptions)
- 18 Dining Night Out @ Panera
- 27 Early Release, Holiday
- 28-29 No School, Holiday