

# GREENWOOD ES PTA

3336 Gold Mine Rd  
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**PTA General Board Meeting Minutes** Tuesday,  
March 3, 2020  
Greenwood Elementary School, All Purpose Room

- I. Call to Order:** the meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA President.
- II. Attendees:** Quorum satisfied (see attached attendance sheet)
- III. Officer Reports**
- A. President's Report, Mary Quirion
- i. Purchases to benefit GES
    1. We have done very well fundraising this year
    2. Would like to vote on how to spend funds next year. Ideas:
      - a. Library renovations (\$3700)
      - b. Sensory path (\$1500)
      - c. Buddy bench (\$1500)
      - d. A/V system in APR (\$500)
      - e. Risers and/or ramp for the APR (maybe through MCPS)
      - f. Manipulatives
      - g. Assemblies
      - h. Electronic marquee
      - i. GGTV upgrade (GES getting upgrade as part of "tech mode" this summer)
      - j. Spring fair (reduced pricing)
      - k. Shade for playground
  - ii. Book fair:
    1. Going very well – kids love it
    2. This is our first year having 2 book fairs
    3. The PTA took this one on; administration did the one in the fall
    4. Still need help breaking down on Friday
  - iii. Nomination committee:
    1. Jen Madison, Micole Haris, and Mr. St. Gerard have volunteered
    2. Please contact Jen Madison if you are interested in running for President, VP, Secretary, or MCCPTA
    3. Job descriptions will be posted on the PTA website
  - iv. After school programs
    1. Registration open now
    2. Coding and Yoga need more people or they are at risk of being cancelled
  - v. Yearbook
    1. On sale now
    2. Price will increase soon
- B. Treasurer's Report, Mary Quirion (for Mandy DeRoo)
- i. Budget on back of agenda
  - ii. Gator gala money still coming in
  - iii. Have made down payments for inflatables and fair
  - iv. 5<sup>th</sup> grade fundraising is in budget – but will go back to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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- v. Mamma Lucia DNO raised \$420
- vi. There are several teachers who have not spent their stipends yet
- vii. Chick fil A DNO did very well but not in budget yet

## IV. Official Business

- A. Motion to approve February 4, 2020 PTA General Board Meeting Minutes
  - i. Motion: Lindsay Vilardo
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bini Abraham
  - iii. Unanimously approved by voice vote

## V. Committee Reports

- A. MCCPTA, Lauren Zarren
  - i. 3/24, Richard Montgomery HS, 6pm: Math Madness Seminar
    - 1. This coincides with Eureka
    - 2. GES also doing hosting a meeting here about this
  - ii. 3/26, Johns Hopkins Shady Grove Campus, Anti-Vaping Symposium
    - 1. Flyer available
- B. Gator Gala/Silent Auction, Christina Conroy/Lindsay Vilardo
- C. Wellness Night, Jess Hawkins
  - i. 4/23, 6:30-8:30 pm, Fun family event focusing on physical and mental wellness
  - ii. Activities/stations:
    - 1. OrangeTheory will come to do a warmup
    - 2. Yoga
    - 3. Flourish Counseling & Wellness Stress Busters Activity
    - 4. Ways to help your family becoming a nutrition detective
    - 5. Bela Vita Farms
    - 6. Mindful Art
    - 7. Raffle – Golds Gym, Pure Barre, OrangeTheory, In-Motional Development, Harris Teeter
- D. Variety Show, Harveen Anderson
  - i. Ticket sales went live 7pm Sunday:
    - 1. 410 tickets sold in less than 20 minutes
  - ii. Idea to postpone K-4 pictures to dress rehearsal – not going to work this year
    - 1. Sherwood doesn't have space where the photographer could take photos and the photographer has a child in the show so dress rehearsal won't work for her
    - 2. Picture day needs to stay the same this year
    - 3. People could "opt out" of pictures this year if they want or take picture in alternative costume
- E. Spring Fair, Melissa Petropoulos
  - i. Currently under budget by about \$1500
  - ii. Will have fire department, DJ, food trucks, etc.
  - iii. Will do a bake-off: information will come off in the next month or so
  - iv. Question: could we lower pricing even further since our fundraisers did so well? TBD next month
    - 1. All sales will be online



## VI. Principal's Report, Priscilla Sinon

- A. Reading and Math Night 3/18, 6-8 pm: please RSVP via the flyer that came home
- B. We got additional allocation to GES for next year; Mrs. Zimmerman was at job fair today to seek 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher:
  - i. K: projecting 4 sections
  - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> grade: 4 sections (will need to replace Mrs. Kahn, who is moving to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
  - iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 4 sections
  - iv. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 4 sections (Mrs. Kahn will replace Mrs. Delaney)
  - v. 4<sup>th</sup> grade: 4 teachers next year (Mrs. Delaney moving to 4<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - vi. 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 3 sections
  - vii. Mrs. Chang should continue as reading initiative teacher, focus on K-2<sup>nd</sup>
  - viii. Mrs. Kim is currently part time, and likely won't be here next year
- C. Gator Gazette went out today – new guidelines for nut free table
- D. Testing dates:
  - i. MISA 5<sup>th</sup> grade testing dates changed county-wide. Now they are 3/25 and 4/1.
  - ii. MCAP testing will be 4/20-5/15
  - iii. MAP testing will follow MCAP.

## VII. New Business

- A. Lunch discussion –
  - i. Mrs. Comeau, speaking for several parents, raised concerns about:
    - 1. Kids are constantly being reprimanded at lunch – lots of negativity coming from certain lunch aides
    - 2. Assigned seating – severely limits kids' ability to choose how to develop socially/emotionally
    - 3. Kids not allowed to play capture the flag or even run at recess – kids are not able to get their energy out during lunch and therefore have a difficult time performing academically after lunch
    - 4. Kids feel ridiculed, shamed, etc.
  - ii. Mrs. Lewis spoke in support of assigned seating:
    - 1. Assigned seating gives kids who are ordinarily isolated a time where others sit with them – they feel secure during that period of time having someone to sit with
  - iii. Question – have the reasons for assigned seating or recess rules been explained to kids/parents:
    - 1. Mrs. Sinon re: lunch seating:
      - a. At the beginning of the year this was explained to students (and parents)
    - 2. Mrs. Sinon re: recess:
      - a. The reason for no running on the blacktop is because there are times when we don't have the field available (due to rain, weather, etc.), and kids are unaware of their surroundings, so the "no running" rule is to prevent injuries

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- b. Today there was a focus group with several students on how to improve the playground. Kids came up with ideas for zones (reading, 4-square, etc.)
- c. Last year Playworks came to consult – maybe they could come back to teach our kids how to play safely on the playground
3. Discussion cut-off at 8:30 with suggestions:
  - a. Focus group
  - b. Reexamine next month
  - c. Document concerns with any particular adults
  - d. Parent volunteers at lunch

## VIII. Announcements

- A. Dining Night Out: March 19, 2020 @ Greene Turtle
- B. Skate Night, March 21, 4-6 pm @ Rockville Ice Arena

## IX. The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:30 pm

- A. Motion: Melissa Petropoulos
- B. Second: Melissa Frye
- C. Unanimously approved by voice vote

Meeting Minutes by Christina Conroy, PTA Secretary.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### March 2020

2-6 Spring Book Fair/  
Read Across America Week  
3 PTA Meeting, 7-8 pm  
18 GES Math & Reading Night, 6-8 pm  
19 Dining Night Out @ The Greene Turtle  
21 Skate Night, 4-6 pm, Rockville Ice Arena  
27 Early Release @ 12:55

#### April 2020

6-13 No School, Spring Break  
14 PTA Meeting, 7-8 pm  
20-24 Earth Week  
20 Dining Night Out: Jersey Mike's  
23 Family Health Night  
28 No School