



PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

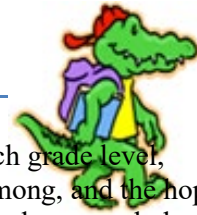
Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Remote Meeting via Zoom

- I. **The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA President.**
- II. **49 members/participants present. Quorum satisfied. (See Attendance)**
- III. **Officer Reports**
 - A. President's Report, Mary Quirion
 - i. MemberHub is our new/current portal – Beth Poston will discuss tonight
 - ii. Yearbook: still no update on when they will arrive, will notify when we have a shipping date. Probably 3-4 weeks.
 - iii. We will be voting on a few topics tonight.
 - iv. MD PTA has failed probation by National PTA. One of the reasons for that is because they didn't provide advice on how local PTAs could vote during COVID-19 absent stating electronic voting would not be permitted. We are following MCCPTA's protocol tonight.
 - v. Thanks to the following people:
 1. Kandi Barakat – has held numerous positions for years, was MCCPTA rep with Lauren Zarren last year.
 2. Lindsay Vilardo: VP and many committees
 3. Christina Conroy: Secretary, running for another position for the next two years
 - B. Treasurer's Report, Mandy DeRoo
 - i. 2020-2021 proposed budget review/discussion
 1. Developing budget for this year was challenging because there are so many unknown variables
 2. Highlights from proposed budget:
 - a. Reduced membership fee.
 - b. We'd like to still have events, even if they're virtual, so we've budgeted for those which we think are still feasible.
 - c. We plan to still give teacher/staff stipends to support them with expenses during remote learning
 - d. We are budgeting to spend more than we bring in this year, using last year's surplus to fund the year
 - e. Question response: We do not have a sister school/PTA.
 - f. The budget can be amended at a later date.
 - ii. Volunteer needed for 2019-2020 budget review
 1. We need one volunteer to audit our financials from last year – cannot be a board member.
 2. Must be done by 9/30/2020
 3. Thank you MEGHAN BISS for volunteering!
- IV. **Committee Reports**
 - A. MemberHub Introduction and Membership Update, Beth Poston

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- i. MemberHub has a lot of capabilities – we will use hubs for each grade level, class, and school. We can have large scale communications among, and the hope is if we have room parents, they can be administrators for their classroom hubs.
 - ii. The MemberHub store is where you can go to purchase your membership. All voting members must have their own memberships. PTA membership gives you access to the directory if you also join MemberHub.
 - iii. After purchasing your membership, you also want to join the PTA MemberHub site. This is what will give you access to MemberHub.
 - iv. Links are in the agenda, these minutes, and on the PTA website.
- B. MCCPTA Update, Lauren Zarren or Mary Quirion
- i. Lauren Zarren running for another 1 year term as MCCPTA rep
 - ii. National PTA will be restructuring MD PTA
 - iii. Boundary analysis is still ongoing – paused due to COVID so the final report is delayed to 12/1/20. We will discuss more at a later date.
 - iv. Safe technology committee will host first informal meeting tonight at 7pm. Will post details on PTA website.
- C. Spirit Wear, Dawn Daly
- i. You can design your own GES Spirit Gear online and have it shipped right to your home!
 - ii. Free shipping 9/25/2020-10/12/2020 – we will send out code when it happens.
 - iii. Also, free shipping anytime with orders over \$50.
 - iv. Benefit to GES – we get a percentage of the sales
 - 1. \$1,000 = 10%
 - 2. \$1,500 = 15%
 - 3. \$2,000 = 25%
 - v. The first year we did it we raised over \$700. Last year, we stopped in March (COVID) and still raised over \$400.
 - vi. Link to purchase spirit wear and discount codes will be sent out via email.

V. **New Business/Discussion**

- A. PTA Elections/Candidate Introductions
- i. Thanks to everyone who contacted the nominating committee within the past few weeks. We had no interest in the spring, but a lot of interest in the fall, and interested parties have all found areas where they would like to be involved.
 - ii. Micole Haris, Nominating Committee
 - 1. Candidates were announced 10 days prior to the vote
 - 2. Any PTA member in good standing can run – there is a place to write in candidates on the ballot
 - 3. Candidates:
 - a. President: Mary Quirion
 - b. Vice President: Christina Conroy
 - c. Secretary: Deb Schechner
 - d. MCCPTA delegate: Lauren Zarren
 - 4. Call for additional interested candidates – no response.
- B. 2019-2020 surplus spending update: we are hoping to table the discussion until we have a clearer picture of what will occur this year.
- i. No opposition.

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- ii. Bini Abraham suggests adding budget line to supporting a sister school.
Lindsay Vilardo suggests contacting Mrs. Lee as she may have advice, and forming a committee may be appropriate.
- C. Ideas for modified PTA programs and events (Bingo, Book Fair, Rock ‘n’ Roll Recess, Variety Show, Virtual Run, Other?)
 - i. Benjamin Corb expressed interest in doing Bingo via Zoom chat.
 - ii. Harveen Anderson is exploring options for virtual variety show.

VI. Official Business

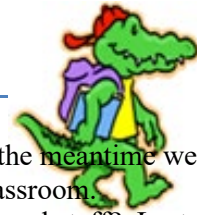
- A. Voting not permitted via Zoom. Therefore, official business to be conducted via ballot votes, accessible on the PTA website after tonight’s meeting. (<http://greenwood-pta.org/>)
 - i. Ballots will be collected at Greenwood Elementary School on Thursday, September 10, 2020 between 2-4 pm.
 - ii. Must be a PTA member to vote. Join the PTA on MemberHub (details on page 2 of agenda and on PTA website).
- B. Ballot votes for the following:
 - i. Elect President, Vice President and Secretary (2020-2022 term)
 - ii. Elect MCCPTA Delegate(s) (2020-2021 term)
 - iii. Approve 2020-2021 PTA Budget
 - iv. Approve March 3, 2020 PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

VII. Principal’s Report, Carrie Zimmerman

- A. Remember our last meeting as we’d just finished the Gator Gala – great memories from that.
- B. Mrs. Sinon has shared information re: MAP testing – please review the email. Please create a good testing environment at home for your student.
- C. Back to school night will be “live” online at 6pm on Tuesday. There will be two sessions – 6:20-6:40 (Grades K, 2, and 4), 6:45-7:05 (Grades 1, 3, and 5). Will do it one, but will broadcast on Canvas after. Will be presentation-style ... will not take questions because it will be recorded.
- D. Will send an email to Grade 5 parents to set up 5th grade recognition committee.
- E. ParentVUE – if you are still having problems, please contact Sandy Carroll.
- F. County-wide Social Emotional Learning Lesson that the County has developed. We have been doing our own SEL in the mornings coinciding with GGTV. The county SEL lesson is longer than ours – will take approx. 40 minutes. The classroom teachers will offer the students Gator Pond time to engage in this SEL lesson. Will overlap with MAP testing.
- G. 50th Anniversary of Greenwood – Mrs. Zimmerman has been in contact with the Principal from Greenwood’s 25th Anniversary. We would like to highlight some of our Greenwood parents who are also alumni.
- H. Want to hear what parents are seeing on “your side of the classroom” and ways to make remote learning better.
- I. Questions:
 - i. Jen Madison: Any updates on 4/5 compacted math: We are evaluating class size and may add additional section(s) when class goes live.
 - ii. Ben Corb: Why are we waiting until the spring to reevaluate class size? We are allocated staff based on homerooms, not sections. We have brought this to our director’s attention. We also need to figure out how the kids will be able to

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switch classes in a way that promotes the CDC guidelines. In the meantime we are working to make sure there is permanent support in that classroom.

- iii. Mary Quirion: Can parents or the PTA help with getting additional staff? Last year yes, but this year I don't think it will help. I do forward the director parent emails.
- iv. Mandy deRoo: What is going on with class pictures from last year? We spoke with Lifetouch on Friday and reminded them they still haven't been received.
- v. Dawn Daly: There were some problems with music last week. Any improvements? We've given the music teacher a 2nd chromebook. Teacher had a power outage today that knocked her off Zoom. We are working with her to provide technology support so things get better.
- vi. Harveen Anderson: Are we doing school pictures this year? Not sure yet.
- vii. Christina Conroy: Is there a protocol in place if specialists are having technology issues? Our media specialists are working on this.
- viii. Melissa Springer: Wouldn't it make more sense for the classroom to invite the specialist into their classroom? We have gone back and forth with this because of the recording component. This discussion continues.
- ix. Melissa Petropoulos: Is there a way to disable chat in the breakout rooms? We are aware that this is something that needs to be utilized in a more structured manner.

VIII. Announcements/Open Forum for Q&A:

- A. PTA Meetings: will resume first Tuesday of each month via Zoom until further notice
 - i. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 7-8 pm, Zoom
- B. Save the date: NAACP Black/Brown Forum, Thursday, October 15, 2020, 7pm
 - i. Jackie Abercrombie, NAACP rep: last year was the first NAACP Black/Brown forum. We will be talking about what progress has been made in Mont. Co. to better serve black and brown families with low income.
- C. Creative Enrichment/After School Programs: Registration now open. Classes start October 5th. For more information visit <https://creativeenrichment.org/>.
- D. Questions? Please email president@greenwood-pta.org

IX. Meeting paused by Mary Quirion pending at 8:24 pm pending ballot vote ... Meeting resumed on September 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA President. 13 members present. Quorum satisfied.

X. Election/Vote Results Announced:

- A. President (2020-2022): Mary Quirion
- B. VP (2020-2022): Christina Conroy
- C. Secretary (2020-2022): Deb Schechner
- D. MCCPTA Delegate (2020-2021): Lauren Zarren and Christen Sandoval
- E. Budget approved unanimously by ballot vote.
- F. March 3, 2020 meeting minutes approved unanimously by ballot vote.

XI. The meeting was adjourned by motion on September 10, 2020 at 7:07 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA President. (Motion to adjourn: Bini Abraham, Second: Dawn Daly)

Meeting minutes by Christina Conroy, PTA Secretary.

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HELPFUL RESOURCES

PTA Website:

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

MemberHub FREE Online Portal:

Our school has started using an online communication tool called MemberHub.com. Greenwood uses MemberHub to bring you into our school community and keep you informed and engaged with what is happening. Within our MemberHub site, you will find our e-store, newsletters, signup sheets, shared calendar events, files, photos, reminders, and much more all in one place! With MemberHub you can:

- **Join the PTA** by [clicking here](#)
- When you join the PTA your receipt will include a [link to create your Memberhub account](#)
- **Donate** to the Greenwood scholarship funds by [clicking here](#)
- Sign up for volunteer time slots or needed items and receive reminders
- Receive emails and/or texts with communications from all levels of your school
- Share files and photos in a secure environment
- Utilize a school calendar and receive event reminders
- Access a private online school directory with PTA membership
- Install the MemberHub app on your smartphone for info on the go

Your information is stored securely and privately. [Please click here to add you and your family to our organization's MemberHub site.](#) We would love to have you as PTA members; [please visit our e-store to join the PTA.](#)

Social Media:

Twitter: @GreenwoodPTA

Facebook: Greenwood Elementary School PTA

- Kindergarten: Greenwood Elementary Class of 2026 Mamas
- 1st Grade: Greenwood Elementary-Class of 2025
- 2nd Grade: Greenwood E.S. - Second Grade Parents (class of 2024!)
- 3rd Grade: Greenwood Gators Third Grade Parents
- 4th Grade: Greenwood Elementary Class of 2022
- 5th Grade: Greenwood Elementary class of 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2020

10 Cast your PTA ballots @ GES, 2-4 pm
15 Back to School Night
17 Instrumental Music Parent Meetings
28 No School for Students and Teachers

October 2020

2 Early Release Day
5 Creative Enrichment Classes Begin
6 PTA Meeting, 7-8pm, Zoom
15 NAACP Black/Brown Forum