



PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Remote Meeting via Zoom

- I. **The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA President.**
- II. **37 members/participants present. Quorum satisfied. (See Attendance)**
- III. **Officer Reports**
 - A. President's Report, Mary Quirion
 - i. Thank you for all the jelly donations! There may be another food drive in the future, based on need as the pandemic drags on.
 - ii. Thank you also for all the teacher thank-you gifts last month. The teachers were super grateful.
 - iii. Volunteers for virtual social events? Check the newsletter to find a Google form to gather your interest for any kinds of activities, so please fill it out. Other ideas for virtual events? A Virtual 5K? Walking Wednesday? Please tell us! Even better, please take charge and make an event happen!
 - iv. Virtual Bingo night will return in January. Brooke Cecil will make it happen again.
 - v. Maryland PTA lost its appeal, so National PTA has taken over.
 - B. Treasurer's Report, Mandy DeRoo
 - i. The budget looks very similar to last month since there hasn't been another event.
 - ii. One teacher took advantage of the stipend so far, a few extra yearbooks from last have been sold. There are still some left. Over 80 are still in Mary's possession, unclaimed.
 - iii. If you want to get involved with an event that has a financial component, please reach out to Mandy or Mrs. Lee for assistance. There's a budget for that, and we're here to help.
 - iv. Re: last year's class pictures, Mrs. Z. will reach out about undelivered pics.
- IV. **Committee Reports**
 - A. MCCPTA, Christen Sandoval
 - i. Office of Technology and Innovation will be sharing a digital backpack (all the programming we've been using) tutorial with helpful tips and tricks. There will be a Google Doc addressing some common concerns.
 - ii. Also to be sent out will be a presentation about returning to school. A cluster coordinator shared information that Christen will share with us.
 - iii. MCPS will no longer be requiring names/IDs for food service. All students under 18 will be eligible to get meals, thanks to MCCPTA.
 - iv. Question from Bini: meals pickup at Rosa Parks MS? Answer: yes. Mrs. Z.'s kids enjoyed picking up pizza from school for lunch and she encourages us to take advantage and pick up food if our kids want.



- v. The SSL requirement is being discussed and there will be an up older children - don't worry about this if you only have element

V. New Business/Discussion

- A. Scholastic book fair results, Jaclyn Sass
 - i. YAY for Jackie for raising 840 Scholastic dollars for the school! You rock and thank you!
 - ii. Scholastic was very happy with our results, and thanks for all your support, everyone.

- B. Teacher appreciation (Gator Gratitude), Melissa Frye
 - i. Thanks for all the teacher gifts during November. They also all got cute t-shirts.
 - ii. Room parents will be taking care of class gifts for our teachers.
 - iii. **Wednesday, December 16**: drop boxes will be out at the school for delivering personal holiday gifts to your teacher if you'd like. There will be two delivery times, mid-day and near the end of the day.
 - iv. Send your classroom teacher a joke or a funny card. Hallmark is providing free cards for teachers, so look at the newsletter for how to get yours.

- C. Room Parents, Micole Harris, bklyn_girl@hotmail.com
 - i. 3 classes still need room parents! (Cox, Andriani, Peters) Please volunteer (contact Micole or Mary) if you're with one of the classes still missing one! This can absolutely be a group effort, there's no limit if you want to be a team of room parents.
 - ii. We're not giving out teachers' home addresses, so either drop off gifts in person at the school on December 16 or send a gift virtually (e.g. e-gift card).
 - iii. Mrs. Z: if you can't come by on December 16, there is a security officer at the school every day, so just ask if you need to coordinate another day/time for gift delivery.
 - iv. Room parents can also coordinate fun surprises for a teacher's birthday (for example), like everyone making signs to share on Zoom.

- D. Yearbook, Andrea Hesse, yearbook@greenwood-pta.org
 - i. There will be a yearbook this year! Andrea is working with LifeTouch.
 - ii. There is a shared Shutterfly account with many folders already set up, for us to upload selfie-themed pictures fitting a lot of different themes and events.
 - iii. The individual portraits will likely be "selfies" we take of our children and will submit to the email address above.
 - iv. More information will come out as we know more, including school portraits. We're working on it.
 - v. If you have a 5th grader and have ideas for how to make things special for them, please reach out.

- E. Greenwood Gives, Bini Abraham
 - i. Supply drive! It's going really well so far. If you're donating, don't forget to set up the Amazon purchase as a gift so you can identify yourself as the donor, and Bini can reach out to email you a thank you.



- ii. And join Memberhub to make sure your email address is available to thank you.
- iii. Check the newsletter for the Amazon wish list for this supply drive for Del Rio and Strathmore.

F. Jingle Jam!, Christina Conroy

- i. Right before winter break, on Friday December 18. It'll be free on Zoom, and a DJ from Everything Entertainment will be MCing so the kids can all have a fun little party during their lunch and wellness break.
- ii. Chat will be disabled. The DJ will set up the playlist.
- iii. It will be noon to a little before 1:00 so everyone can return to class on time.

VI. Official Business

- A. Voting on approval of Meeting Minutes is paused for now since we can't meet in person.

VII. Principal's Report, Carrie Zimmerman

- A. MAP scores are now available on ParentVue!
- B. Wednesday, December 9, the staff development teacher and math specialist will host a parents Eureka Math night, at 7 pm. The webinar will help us parents understand how the kids are learning this curriculum. Everyone is welcome and invited.
- C. Thanks for the t-shirts, PTA. Thanks for the gifts throughout November too, everyone. The staff is working hard and they appreciate all of this.
- D. Mrs. Wepasnik returns tomorrow, and she's hosting a winter sing-along the last day before winter break (Wednesday, December 23).
- E. Look ahead to Spirit Week and every themed day.
- F. Please submit the MCPS survey now if you haven't! It's very important for staffing in the building. The link is in today's Thursday notes from Mrs. Z.
- G. Q from Bini: can we do something for Mrs. Johns? We loved her. A: Mrs. Z. has set her up for her next sub job with another principal friend. She's local to Olney, and we like to have familiar subs whom we like.
- H. Mrs. Z. and Mrs. Sinon will be busy over winter break, planning out in-person instruction schedules for February for those who choose it. You'll be given an "offer" of a schedule and a teacher. If you've chosen in-person for your student and change your mind, or don't like the schedule you're offered, you can opt back to virtual only at any time. There are three phases to returning, and the logistics are tricky.
- I. Q from Harveen: are there a lot of parents opting for in-person? A: as of mid-day today, 103 students have not responded; 136 are remaining virtual; 261 choose in-person. Family groups are being taken into account to be on the same schedule too.
- J. Q from Micole: does the family group scheduling only apply to Greenwood or older children too? A: Just within the one school building at this point, but you can try to advocate for all of your children on the same schedule if you want.
- K. Q from Micole: if we are unhappy with in-person, can we switch back to virtual at any time? A: Yes. We want all of our students to be happy with how this works out because we love our students.
- L. Mrs. Myers: my kids went to school in person for 4 weeks (in Carroll county), twice a week, and they were happy to be back and see everyone in person, even with masks and distancing and everything, before having to return to virtual.

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- M. For the K and 1st students (Phase 1 of returning), enough students have in-person to keep them with their all current teachers (as long as the teachers come back to teach in person, of course).
- N. If you choose virtual, there's a camera on the teacher in the classroom. MCPS will figure out if we can have the teachers teach in-person and virtual at the same time. This is all being figured out. Questions about whether the teachers will be teaching the class virtually and in person at the same time, or how virtual students will participate and ask questions, are being figured out.

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, January 5, 2021, 7-8 pm, Zoom.
- B. Dining Night Out: Tuesday, December 8 @ Chik-Fil-A, 4-8 pm
- C. Greenwood t-shirts for our students, probably \$10 each. Info will come out soon so we can submit orders before the holidays and distribute in January.
- D. Questions?

IX. **The meeting was adjourned by motion at 7:55 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA President.**
(Motion to adjourn: Harveen, Second: Mrs. Z)

Meeting minutes by Deborah Schechner, PTA Secretary.

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Important Dates

December 2020

8 Chik-Fil-A Dining Right Out
17-23 Spirit Week
18 Jingle Jam
24 School closed for 2020!

January 2021

4 School resumes
5 PTA meeting
18 MLK Day (no school)
29 Professional day (no school)

HELPFUL RESOURCES

PTA Website:

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

Yearbook:

yearbook@greenwood-pta.org

MemberHub FREE Online Portal:

Our school uses an online communication tool called MemberHub.com to bring you into our school community, and keep you informed and engaged with what is happening. Within our MemberHub site are our e-store, newsletters, signup sheets, shared calendar events, files, photos, reminders, and more! 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.](#)

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