



PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Remote Meeting via Zoom

- I. **The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA President.**
- II. **51 members/participants present. Quorum satisfied. (See Attendance)**
- III. **Officer Reports**
 - A. President's Report, Mary Quirion
 - i. Next Tuesday, January 12, Board of Education meeting will discuss (at about 12:30 PM) reopening schools.
 - ii. December BOE meeting highlights:
 1. MCPS developed safe in-person dashboard
 2. We must have 15/5 (14 day average test positivity rate of < 5% and at least < 15 cases per 100K residents). Right now we're 9.9/44 and haven't been below 15 since 11/3, so it is unlikely we will meet these metrics. Once we meet metrics, need to maintain for 2 weeks before reopening schools.
 3. MCPS Parent Survey – if you said virtual or did not respond, you will remain virtual. If you said in-person, you can opt for virtual at any time. Once you go virtual, cannot return to in-person. Also, keep in mind that our school reopening plan may look different than other schools. Our area (Olney) has had a larger percentage of students opt for in-person versus other parts of the county.
 - iii. We are hoping to have virtual events. Jingle Jam was a hit! Will likely have another DJ party/Rock n Roll Recess toward the end of the year. Also keep eye out for bingo this month, Valentine's in February, and other virtual events in the spring.
 - iv. Teacher appreciation – we have an amazing community. End of year gift collection showed that Greenwood families are incredibly generous. Thank you!
 - v. We're selling Greenwood t-shirts, for kids and adults! "Greenwood Gators can do virtually anything." Will be selling starting next week through Memberhub. Kids sizes will be \$10, adult sizes \$15. Sale window will be limited so get your orders in 1/10/21-1/20/21! Anticipate delivery in early February!
 - vi. Yearbook – Andrea is working on getting a contract with Lifetouch and creative yearbook ideas. Please send your child's selfie and any other pictures to yearbook@greenwood-pta.org or upload to Shutterfly site (info on PTA website).
 - vii. Dining Night Out Thursday, 1/14/21 from 4-9pm @ Mamma Lucia
 - viii. Questions/concerns? Please email president@greenwood-pta.org
 - B. Treasurer's Report, Mandy de Roo
 - i. Not a ton of new activity. We had Jingle Jam and some teacher appreciation items. Membership has been rolling in.
 - ii. No questions/comments.
- IV. **Committee Reports - none**



V. New Business/Discussion

- A. Room Parents, Micole Harris, bklyn_girl@hotmail.com
 - i. Thank you room parents for coordinating end of year gifts.
 - ii. Next on agenda: Valentine's Day. We don't have a set plan yet. We are waiting for the 1/12 BOE meeting for more guidance. Would like to have a brainstorming session on Zoom 1/13/21 at 7pm.
- B. Save the date! 4/10/21 for professional photography mini-sessions at reasonable prices for families who want them!
- C. Greenwood Gives, Bini Abraham
- D. Spirit Wear, Dawn Daly
 - i. To date we've sold about \$600 in spirit wear. To qualify for the program next year, we need to have \$1000 total sales by 5/31/2021. We will also get a portion back for sales over \$1000 – percentage increases as sales increase. January promotion is 15% off t-shirts, and we also have a free shipping promotion coming up.
- E. Bingo Night, 1/22/21, 7-8 pm – will be Disney Character Bingo. Sales will be this Friday through next Wednesday on Memberhub store, \$5 per ticket. You will use the same card the entire time – can purchase one per family or one for each student.

VI. Official Business

VII. Principal's Report, Carrie Zimmerman

- A. Impressed there are 51 people on this call, in January. Wow!!! Thanks to Manculish, Van Eyk, Chang and Sinon for signing on.
- B. Return to school:
 - i. 66.5% of current Greenwood students and/or homeschooled students who responded to the survey opted for in-person experience (318 students). 198 are K-3, expected to come back first. We are looking at what we need to do to follow CDC guidelines – measuring classrooms, removing partitions, etc.
 - ii. Once MCPS gives the green light, will send “offers” to parents who have opted for in-person, and parents will have a week to accept/decline. The offer will include the teacher that the student is assigned to, whether they are gaining a teacher, how the learning structure will be (class and teacher with no virtual component, simultaneous instruction, A/B rotation, etc.). There is not a negotiation period. The in-person experience will follow the virtual schedule, which will remain the same. Some schools are talking about having in-person on partial days/weeks – we are not doing this. If you opt for in-school, you will be in school every day.
 - iii. Information will also be sent to virtual students. Some virtual students may switch teachers or have 2 teachers based on the response per grade level. Every grade level has a different model.
 - iv. Different grades/classes may have different needs. Some days may have teachers teaching in the classroom, while others may involve the students in the classroom learning virtually with their classmates.
 - v. We want to make sure the in-person experience is positive for the kids – whether the kids *want* to be in building or are there because their parents *need* them to be in the building. We also want the virtual students to remain part of the classroom

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instruction. We are especially sensitive to Kindergarten friends
a teacher.

- vi. The BOE meeting on 1/12 starts at 11:00 am, but the discussion regarding reopening schools is scheduled for 12:30. Encourage parents to tune in to be informed.
- vii. Lunch, recess, and specials:
 - 1. Lunch will be at the desks. If students buy lunch, the lunches will be delivered by cart to the classrooms.
 - 2. Specials will be at the desks, on Zoom
 - 3. Gym cannot be used but working at a plan for ways to rotate kids outside.
- C. 1/20/21, 12-4 pm: MP3 Materials Distribution – ALL students (virtual or in-person) should come through to pick up materials
- D. 1/21/21, 3:15 pm: 5th grade parent committee is meeting. 14 parents have expressed interest. Any 5th grade parents who are interested are welcome to join in.
- E. Thank you everyone for well wishes and outpouring of love to our teachers.

VIII. Announcements/Open Forum for Q&A:

- A. **LOTS of dates coming up – all will be listed in newsletter. Here's the highlights:**
 - i. PTA Meetings: will resume first Tuesday of each month via Zoom until further notice
 - 1. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 7-8 PM.
 - ii. Dining Night Out: Thursday, January 14, at Mamma Lucia. Yum, pizza!
 - iii. Materials pickup for Marking Period 3: Wednesday, January 20, 12-4 PM.
 - iv. Bingo night!, Friday, January 22
- B. Questions? None

IX. **The meeting was adjourned by motion at 7:56 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA President.**
(Motion to adjourn: Bini Abraham, Second: Lindsay Vilardo)

Meeting minutes by Christina Conroy, PTA Vice President for Deborah Schechner, PTA Secretary.

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Important Dates

January 2021

- 5 PTA meeting
- 12 Board of Education meeting
- 14 Dining Night Out: Mamma Lucia
- 18 MLK Day (no school)
- 20 Materials pickup for 3rd marking period
- 22 Bingo!
- 29 Professional day (no school)

February 2021

- 2 PTA meeting
- 12 Professional day (no school)
- 15 President's 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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