



PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 5, 2020

Remote Meeting via Zoom

- I. **The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA President.**
- II. **29 members/participants present. Quorum satisfied. (See Attendance)**
- III. **Officer Reports**
 - A. President's Report, Mary Quirion
 - i. Bingo night went really well, was well attended for the first event. Thanks to our leaders for stepping up!
 - ii. Virtual Assembly with Corey the Dribbler went well too. The kids seemed to enjoy it. We're looking for more assemblies to do throughout the year.
 - iii. We want to do more virtual social events! Reading night or other kind of reading initiative? Dance party? Another Bingo? During lunchtime, or evening/weekend. Jen Madison will coordinate ideas/volunteers. Please jump in! Email Mary or Christina Conroy with your brilliant IDEAS.
 - iv. Olney HELP food drive for Thanksgiving, by the Sherwood cluster. Greenwood was assigned jelly: we need about 40 jars. Deliver to Mary's porch - she's in the directory.
 - v. The meeting agenda is on the PTA website under Meeting Minutes.
 - vi. Teacher Appreciation, Melissa Frye. We sent the teachers Starbucks cards earlier in the year. Every Thursday in November, it's Thankful Thursday! There will be a box in front of the school (from 8 am to 8 pm) to deliver notes, gifts, whatever you'd like, to show your appreciation to our teachers. Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Sinon will help distribute everything. We're delivering more treats to them by the end of the month. You can give things to teachers, administrators, staff, or anyone specific, or a general gift/note to all.
 - vii. See website for all of this, including agenda/minutes for this meeting, and budget report.
 - B. Treasurer's Report, Mandy DeRoo
 - i. 2020-21 Budget v. Actual - it's on the Meeting Minutes page of the PTA website.
- IV. **Committee Reports**
 - A. MCCPTA, Lauren or Christen
 - i. Lauren: no updates for us. We're still in limbo in re: Maryland/National PTAs.
 - ii. Board of Ed meeting tomorrow (11/6) and 11/10, discussing the plan for how to bring us back into school.
 - B. NAACP, Jackie Abercrombie
 - i. No update. (Jackie not in attendance.)
- V. **New Business/Discussion**
 - A. Scholastic Virtual Book Fair, Jackie Sass (email in the newsletter)
 - i. November 6 - 19.

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- ii. Our unique link goes live tomorrow! It has been shared on the newsletter, on our social media pages.
 - iii. The spring book fair did fairly well.
 - iv. This is our big fundraiser this year! Profits will cover costs of virtual assemblies, teacher appreciation, 5th grade recognition, etc.
 - v. Q: Can we donate a book to our teacher? A: In the past, yes. We will look into how to do direct donation without multiple steps, since the books are shipped to the orderer.
- B. Room Parents, Micole Harris, bklyn_girl@hotmail.com
- i. We need more volunteers! Progress has been slow filling all the slots this year.
 - ii. Reach out to Micole, and help us cover every class.
 - iii. End of year teacher gifts are a Room Parent responsibility, and we really want to pull that off. (Halloween parties would have been too, but they didn't pan out this year.)
 - iv. We're not limited to 2 parents per class this year since we're not even going into the building.
 - v. Micole will help you out by having the teachers fill out questionnaires about their favorites and likes.
 - vi. Room parents can set up classroom contact lists too, or arrange for a birthday celebration for their teacher..
- C. Yearbook, Andrea Hesse, yearbook@greenwood-pta.org
- i. We want to optimize the yearbook.
 - ii. Fred at Lifetouch is very responsive (fblanton@lifetouch.com) regarding individual pictures.
 - iii. We still have yearbooks from last year! Email Mary if you haven't picked yours up yet.
 - iv. We're still trying to figure out yearbook pictures outdoors for this year.
 - v. Let's gather pictures! Particularly of your child doing any school event.
 - vi. Andrea made a Shutterfly file for each event where you can upload your photos; see the newsletter.
 - vii. Lifetouch separately emailed people (separate from PTA) about setting your own background and getting your own picture, but those aren't compatible with the yearbook.
 - viii. Mrs. Mankulish: at her child's school, a parent photographer volunteered to pitch in and it became a fundraising event.
- D. Greenwood Gives (formerly the sister school committee), Bini Abraham
- i. We finalized our sister schools (Bel Pre and Strathmore elementary) and are working on how to help them.
 - ii. There will be a supply drive for headphones, dry erase boards/markers, comp books, and lined paper, in November/December. We hope to coordinate the drive in time to deliver the supplies in coordination with their materials pickup for next quarter. They very much need supplies and lack access to them.
- E. Sign up for MemberHub! - Check and update your family profile in Memberhub so that your information is all in the directory. (Add your children because otherwise they're not



searchable.) Memberhub is also how you'll get the newsletter. Question
Beth Poston.

- F. Boundary analysis - see the newsletter for link. Please take the time to look into the Interactive Boundary Explorer findings and complete the survey. It affects all of us in the county!

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. Thank you, PTA Board! You're doing great things for our community.
- B. Conference link will be shared next Friday, 11/13, and go live at 6 pm. Conferences will be the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week.
- C. Veteran's Day link was sent out last week and today. Submit photos and names of students' family members who have served to be in a slideshow that will be shown on GGTV. Please submit by Monday 11/9.
- D. Materials pickup went very well. Thank you to all for coming during the time slot. Very little is still left.
- E. The compressed 4/5 math class has been resolved. Note: we are very low in enrollment in proportion to staff right now. We don't want to lose staff! We were given a 0.2 allocation, and Ms. Chang stepped in to help even though she's not a math teacher. She's excited to help, and Ms. Krantz is grateful for the assistance.
- F. Wednesday schedule
 - i. The Board of Ed meetings are full of a lot of information. Mrs. Z. encourages us all to listen in at the next ones.
 - ii. New Wednesday morning schedule: Learning block 1 from 9:30 to 10:15 for independent learning, working with teacher individually, small groups. 10:15 to 10:30 meet with class again. Learning block 2 for additional independent work, meet with teacher or para, "asynchronous learning" from 10:30 to 11:30. Follow your teachers' (your grade team) lead regarding whether they work on reading or math during the blocks.
 - iii. Kindergarteners will still have specials on Wednesday afternoons. The specialists coordinate among different schools.
- G. Questions:
 - i. Christina: can parents schedule meetings with individual teachers, or are they with homeroom teachers? A: they'll be with the homeroom teachers, but contact specific teachers (reading, math, etc.) if you want to meet with them.

VIII. Announcements/Open Forum for Q&A:

- A. There are still books checked out since last year despite all the returns already. Use the new media center system!
- B. PTA Meetings will resume first Tuesday of each month via Zoom until further notice
 - i. Next meeting: Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 7-8 pm, Zoom.
- C. Dining Night Out: Wednesday, November 18, Chipotle from 5-9 pm.
- D. Spirit Wear: November promotion: 10% Coast Hoodies.
www.greenwoodspiritwear.com. Items are mailed directly to your home.
- E. Questions? Please email president@greenwood-pta.org

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IX. The meeting was adjourned by motion at 7:49 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA F
(Motion to adjourn: n/a, Second: n/a)

Meeting minutes by Deborah Schechner, PTA Secretary.

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Important Dates

November 2020

- 6 BOE meeting
- 6-19 Virtual Scholastic Book Fair
- 9 School closed
- 10 BOE meeting
- 23 Early release
- 24 Early release
- 25 Early release
- 26 School closed
- 27 School closed

December 2020

- 9 Chik-Fil-A Dining Night Out



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.](#)

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