

PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Remote Meeting via Zoom

I. The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Mary Quirion, PTA President.

II. 72 members/participants present. Quorum satisfied.

III. Principal's Report, Carrie Zimmerman

- A. Shout out to all of the teachers joining us tonight! We're excited to see you.
- B. We're going to be running two schools, essentially: a virtual one and an in-person one. This is different and crazy.
- C. Extra special shout out to Mrs. Rakis for being awesome and joining us full time when she'd expected to be a sub for the whole year. But now she has a 1st grade class all her own!
- D. Mrs. Sinon and I are working through all of the logistics.
- E. About 13% of the survey responses declined their in-person offers. As of the end of the survey, it appears we can accommodate everyone on the waitlist who asked to return but hadn't been offered in-person. We hope to have this all plotted out later this week.
- F. The bus rider plan is still in the works but will be all figured out. Some buses may have 2 route numbers on them, but if your child's number is on it, that's their bus. 22 students are allowed on each bus. If more children show up, another bus will be called if necessary - no child will be left behind.
- G. Car rider plan is also still in process. We have a lot of car riders and no "holding" space for students to wait. Drop-off should be the same as before, just with distancing encouraged.
- H. There will be an info package coming next week explaining procedures.
- I. Each grade level will have a bin in the front office for forgotten items that need to be delivered to students.
- J. Walkers will need to approach the school by themselves, without parents. No gathering, please.
- K. We will have more videos to share next week of what the school looks like now.
- L. All meals are free for everyone. Check the menu beforehand to see what's planned and if your child will like it. Breakfast will be picked up and taken to the classroom to eat at the child's desk. Lunches will be bag lunches. Snack/supper bags will be available for taking home at the end of the day.
- M. At least one third of our students are remaining virtual full time, and many 3rd/4th/5th graders will be alternating weeks at home/at school.
- N. Re: numbers: 51 kindergarteners, 39 first graders, 48 second graders, 30 third graders each week, 33 fourth graders, 27 fifth graders (approximately) are returning.
- O. We're using several different models (direct teaching, simultaneous teaching, support model teaching) based on what's the best experience for each class.
- P. Every teacher's class will have one special each week with the instructor there with them in person.
- Q. If a student or staff member has COVID-like symptoms, they will be taken to a *different* health room set up for exactly that purpose. The health room will continue to be for everything else as usual.
- R. Please keep unwell children home! If they're well enough to attend virtual school, we will make accommodations for them to participate that way.

- S. Re: the attestation form regarding COVID exposure - if you leave the DMV+PA+WV+DE area (e.g. for spring break), you will need to stay home for 14 days upon return. You'll be notified what class to log into for virtual school in the meantime.
- T. When possible, doors and windows will be open. The ventilation system has been completely reworked. Teachers will be able to bring in their own air purifiers if they wish.
- U. At no time will grade levels interact, including at lunch time. There are 68 desks set up in the cafeteria, and 50 desks in the gym, and both are more than will ever be used/needed at a time. We have 90 minutes to move all grade levels through the lunch rooms, so it has to move smoothly.
- V. There has been no additional communication regarding A week/B week assignment.
- W. Our staffing will be the same for next year but we will have 2 classrooms for PEP (pre-K) with extra staff to run that.
- X. Please don't hesitate to email Mrs. Z. with any questions. You can also ask your teacher questions.

IV. Officer Reports

A. President's Report, Mary Quirion

- i. Nominating committee: Christina Conroy, Melissa Frye, and __. Thank you!
- ii. If you've been using a personal computer because your MCPS Chromebook stopped working or broke, go take it to Gude Dr. to get fixed ASAP because no personal computers may come to school.
- iii. The Black History assembly went really well, and we had a high participation number for it.
- iv. Sherwood cluster is collecting food for Olney Help. We've been assigned PEANUT BUTTER. Or there is an Amazon wishlist you can order from as well. Contribute by March 18.
- v. We are unable to put on a variety show this year for multiple reasons. We're sad but it can't be helped.
- vi. Run for Treasurer if you'd like! It's a 2 year commitment. Or MCCPTA representative, which is a 1 year commitment.

B. Treasurer's Report, Mandy DeRoo

- i. Only changes since last month's budget are the Cupid Shuffle (which was super fun - thanks, Christina Conroy!) and Maryland PTA dues.

V. Committee Reports - none

VI. New Business/Discussion - none

VII. Official Business

- A. Vote to approve PTA General Board Meeting Minutes from October 6, November 5, and December 3, 2020; and January 5 and February 2, 2021.
 - i. Motion to pass: Mandy de Roo
 - ii. Motion to second: Bini Abraham

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, April 6, 2021, 7-8 PM.

- B. Next week, 3/9: Mike Green the Science Machine assembly, in two sessions. He was on Shark Tank! See the newsletter or Gator Gazette for the Zoom info.
- C. Family photo sessions with Beth Caldwell. \$50 for a 15 minute session, on April 10, gets you 3 family pics and 1 student pic for each student.
- D. Any 5th grade parents who want updates about 5th Grade Recognition, contact Mandy at mandyderoo@gmail.com
- E. Teacher appreciation, first week of May. Ideas are extra welcome. Contact Melissa at Melissafrye13@gmail.com to participate.
- F. A few commemorative t-shirts are still available to buy through Memberhub.
- G. Yearbook sales are live!
- H. No Dining Night Out in March. Stay tuned for April.
- I. Questions? None.

IX. The meeting was adjourned by motion at 7:49 by Mary Quirion, PTA President.
(Motion to adjourn: Christina Conroy, Second: Mandy de Roo)

Meeting minutes by Deborah Schechner, PTA Secretary

Important Dates

March 2021

2 PTA meeting
8 No school
9 Science assembly
9-10 Asynchronous learning
15 Phased in return of K-3
29-April 5 Spring break

April 2021

6 PTA meeting
6 Return of grades 4-5
16 No school (end of quarter)
18 Yearbook purchase deadline

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, sign up 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