

## PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Remote Meeting via Zoom

**I. The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Mary Quirion, PTA President.**

**II. 36 members/participants present. Quorum satisfied.**

### III. Officer Reports

#### A. President's Report, Mary Quirion

- i. Olney Help food drive brought in a whole carload of donations! Thank you, everyone, for your generosity!
- ii. We need a Treasurer and one or two MCCPTA representatives! Volunteers? Both are good ways to be active in the school.
  1. See the newsletter for a description of the open positions.
  2. Mandy explained her job as Treasurer, and Lauren explained her job as MCCPTA rep.
  3. MCCPTA meetings are virtual for now. They start at 7pm, once a month, in Rockville.
  4. Daisy Espinoza volunteered for MCCPTA rep. (Thanks, Daisy!)
- iii. This Saturday, Family Portraits with Beth Caldwell.
  1. 3 open slots at this time.
  2. If you need someone to replace you in your time slot, the PTA can help advertise to fill it.
- iv. End of year events for the students in late May or early June - does anyone have ideas? Contact Mary ([president@greenwood-pta.org](mailto:president@greenwood-pta.org)) if you have suggestions.
- v. Yearbook deadline to order is April 18th. Info is in the newsletter. \$15 for regular, \$20 for hardcover.
- vi. Incoming Kinder parents have a Facebook group now! Link is in the newsletter and on social.
- vii. If you know anyone who is homeschooling or otherwise not at Greenwood this year, reach out to them about re-enrolling because the numbers impact our staffing.
- viii. Black and Brown Coalition published its first newsletter!
- ix. MCCPTA: National PTA revoked Maryland PTA's charter on 3/26, but National took over so this doesn't affect us at all.
- x. There was one positive COVID case at Greenwood just before spring break. Greenwood has two form letters: a general notice letter (to inform that somebody tested positive), and a direct contact letter for students who have been sitting next to a positive-testing student (with prolonged contact). This is by MCPS directive.
- xi. There is talk within MCPS to streamline the math curriculum in 4th and 5th grade, deciding whether to continue with the compacted math classes. Keep an eye out for further news on this.

#### B. Treasurer's Report, Mandy De Roo

- i. Biggest changes since last month was more office supplies, particularly with Zoom. Science assembly, and teacher lunch expenses (staff appreciation).

### IV. Committee Reports

#### A. Teacher appreciation - Melissa Frye -

- i. May 3-7. She has ideas but please make suggestions if you have any.

- ii. We want to do a boxed lunch for staff, so if you have a restaurant contact nearby, please email Melissa.
  - iii. You can start writing letters and notes to staff now to get them ready in advance, if you want.
- B. 5th Grade - Mandy de Roo
- i. Parent volunteers will be solicited to run three different aspects of the class recognition. 1) Class photo via Zoom, 2) Time capsule (the kids' choice), and 3) Driveway chalking and school sidewalk chalking.

**V. New Business/Discussion - none**

**VI. Official Business**

- A. Vote to approve PTA General Board Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2021.
  - i. Website is down, so we can't do this.

**VII. Principal's Report, Carrie Zimmerman**

- A. Thank you, PTA, for the boxed lunch from Sisters Sandwiches.
- B. MAP testing will happen from April 26 to May 28. More specific details are forthcoming.
- C. Classes will be shuffled for next year, unlike this year when they were kept together.
- D. There will be an in-person summer school opportunity at Greenwood, partnered with Belmont, for the month of July. Mrs. Newman will offer an art class, for example.
- E. The county will offer virtual summer school programs but not with Greenwood teachers.
- F. Material distribution for virtual-only students is tomorrow between 12 and 3:30 for marking period 4. Students will need them by April 19.
- G. Students who come in person will get theirs at school, and they will also receive a laptop case for lugging the laptops back and forth.
- H. 3rd graders will be getting dirt and seeds for an upcoming science unit.
- I. April 16th is end of the 3rd marking period and submission of any outstanding work.
- J. Please read the complete messages sent out by Mrs. Z.
- K. COVID pool testing: will start this Friday. Not every child is doing it though. If you submit the consent form, then your child can participate. It will be done in the classroom. It's supposed to happen weekly, though we don't know if it will be every Friday.
  - i. If there is a positive in the pooled results, Mrs. Z. (as team champion) will get the result and students in that class will be notified of the positive (per the close contact letters Mary explained). This includes recess and lunch contacts.
  - ii. If you take your child for a COVID test and it's positive, please contact the Greenwood front office for next steps.
  - iii. If Mrs. Z. gets a positive in the pooled tests, she will contact MCPS regarding what to do next.
- L. Kindergarten webinar is next Wednesday, 9:15 am. Hopefully there will be an in-person orientation in August. The webinar will be recorded and posted on the website.
- M. Per MCPS: compacted 4/5 math is out. The current 4/5 students will do compacted 5/6 next year, and that's it. Each class will then do straight grade level Eureka math.
  - i. Mrs. Sinon explains that because of the learning loss due to COVID, when planning the trajectory for next school year, they are working to reclaim lost time.
  - ii. What about enrichment for future kids who would otherwise do compacted math? This will happen in the classroom by teachers.
  - iii. Tune in to Rosa Parks PTA meetings with Mrs. Jewel Sanders if you have current 5th graders regarding their math for next year.

- N. Thanks to the teachers who joined us tonight! You're awesome!
- O. Mrs. Z is sending tooth boxes to kids who report wiggly teeth and lost teeth, to bring home, instead of the health room getting involved.
- P. What happens if the weekly attestation form is not submitted? Unclear.
- Q. Consent forms can be signed and sent in or submitted through Kami.
- R. Sending in art supplies: Mrs. Newman is working on how to make this easier.

**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, May 4, 2021, 7-8 PM.
- B. Dining Night Out: Wednesday, April 14th at California Tortilla, 11am - 8:30 pm.
- C. Do you have extra time on Saturday to help people get checked in for the photo sessions?  
Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAFAF29A5F85-greenwood>
- D. Questions? None.

- IX. The meeting was adjourned by motion at 7:53 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA President.**  
(Motion to adjourn: Carrie Zimmerman, Second: Deborah Schechner)

**Meeting minutes by Deborah Schechner, PTA Secretary**

## Important Dates

### April 2021

- 7 Material Distribution (virtual students)
- 8 Return of grades 4&5
- 10 Family photo event
- 14 DNO @ California Tortilla
- 16 End of quarter (no school)
- 18 Yearbook purchase deadline

### May 2021

- 4 PTA meeting
- 11 DNO @ Chik-Fil-A
- 31 Memorial Day (no school)

## HELPFUL RESOURCES

### **PTA Website:**

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

### **Yearbook:**

[yearbook@greenwood-pta.org](mailto: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