

PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Remote Meeting via Zoom

I. The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA President.

II. 38 members/participants present. Quorum satisfied.

III. Officer Reports

A. President's Report, Mary Quirion

- i. It's the end of the year! Wow!
- ii. Last month's vote is official, and our new Board is all set for next school year. Thank you for showing up last month to vote, everyone.
- iii. Thank you to our PTA Board and our fabulous volunteers.
 1. Greenwood always has lots of wonderful people willing to step up and help, so much so that other schools look to us for how to get such participation at their schools too!
- iv. TOMORROW: Wednesday, June 2nd from 4-8pm: our last Dining Night Out of the school year.
 1. Kona Ice truck (Greenwood PTA) and Hangry Panda (Tanterra Foodies) trucks will be at Greenwood.
 2. Bring \$\$ for this one!
- v. Wednesday, June 9th from 12:30-1:00pm: popsicle parade at Greenwood to celebrate the end of the school year.
 1. There was a typo in the Gazette - it does not go until 4pm. Drive through the bus loop and every student gets a FREE popsicle.
- vi. Yearbook distribution will most likely be in July. Updates will be forthcoming.
 1. Andrea is still hunting people down and there are production delays.
 2. Everyone who ordered one will absolutely receive one.
- vii. The June Newsletter will be going out tonight or tomorrow. But the agenda for this meeting, as well as the June budget, are online to see.
- viii. The PTA will start in July to plan events for next school year, and we want to hit the ground running, so we will be looking for volunteers again.

B. Treasurer's Report, Mandy De Roo

- i. Quite a few teachers submitted for reimbursement for their stipends. Others who have not yet, please do.
- ii. We paid the insurance, some box top money came in, some Amazon Smile profits, and money for 5th Grade Recognition is being spent.

IV. Committee Reports

A. MCCPTA - No updates.

B. Room Parents: Micole Haris

- i. It's time to collect for end of the year teacher gifts, all voluntary. Many parents give gifts on their own, which is all good too.
- ii. To drop off gifts for teachers, now is the time to bring them to the main office. Definitely do so well before the last day of school. For any questions, reach out to Micole or the individual teacher.
- iii. For any kind of celebratory gathering, be sure to keep it off of school grounds and COVID restriction compliant. Or, if you want to use school grounds (like the playground), then after school hours only. After 4:30 pm and make sure ALL are included.

C. NAACP: Jackie Abercrombie

- i. Superintendent Jack Smith was honored for his service and his work toward equity.
- ii. There was an excellent NAACP-MC Parents' Council meeting in May. See the newsletter for more details and links to the presentation.
- iii. MCPS is engaging in a comprehensive Antiracist Audit. This is the first time that MCPS is implementing a comprehensive analysis across all policies, practices, and systems. <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/antiracist/>

D. 5th Grade Recognition: Mandy de Roo

- i. For any questions about the activities planned, email mandyderoo@gmail.com.

V. New Business/Discussion

VI. Official Business

- A. Vote to approve PTA General Board Meeting Minutes from May 4, 2021.
 - i. Motion to approve: Mrs. Zimmerman, seconded by Bini Abraham.

VII. Principal's Report, Carrie Zimmerman

- A. Thank you to all teachers and staff who are in attendance tonight! The "T" in PTA is important!
- B. Thank you to the 5th grade parents for their multiple paths of planning to make sure their students have activities planned, even with changing circumstances.
- C. This year's Clap Out for the 5th graders will be a Clap Around on June 11th and 15th (for Week A and Week B students), and Zoom students will be included too. 5th graders are getting shirts in the color approved to be worn for P.E. at Rosa, so they can dress out for P.E. in their new shirts.
- D. New PEP program coming to Greenwood! We will have a PEP Parent Coordinator join us at a PTA meeting in the fall to tell us all about PEP.
- E. Please be kind to your teachers because they are all packing up and most are moving to new classroom locations, so it's a busy time of year for them.
- F. Many teachers and staff are coming and going from Greenwood for next year. See the Gazette for more information.
- G. Mrs. Sinon re: summer school
 - i. July 5th to 30th, at Greenwood. Partnering with Belmont because construction is happening there.
 - ii. Art, music, PE, media, and astronomy will be available in addition to enrichment from Benchmark and Eureka, which will be covering units that were skipped this school year. Registration closes this week, so sign up soon if you are interested.
 - iii. Virtual academy will also take place and is offered through MCPS central office and will also offer Benchmark and Eureka enrichment.
 - iv. Registration for all four weeks of Greenwood's summer program is encouraged, but if you miss time, don't let that stop you from participating in the rest of it.
- H. Eureka compressed math:
 - i. MCPS has recognized that 20-40% of the intended scheduled curriculum was eliminated this year due to pandemic schooling and time lost. All of our students, no matter what program they were in, missed that. Recovery for most of what was missed this school year is being built into the upcoming school year's curriculum, in what they aim to be naturally progressing ways, over the next 2.5 years.
 - ii. However, in the compressed 4/5 and 5/6 math classes, the county has NOT built in any recovery of that 20-40% loss. It has put guidelines in place with

intentionally high standards to ensure that students are successful at the faster pace of compressed math.

- iii. Students currently in 3rd grade: the county has identified which students may proceed to 4/5.
 - iv. Regarding who may be in compressed 5/6 math in the fall, it will be for students who are currently enrolled in 4/5 and
 - 1. If the external measure (MAP) from Fall '20 was 90th percentile or higher, and
 - 2. Spring '21 was 90th percentile or higher, and
 - 3. The district measure (Eureka math assessment) was 4 or 5 for marking periods 1, 2, and 3, and
 - 4. a letter grade of A in math for all three marking periods.
 - v. By these criteria, there is not a 5/6 class for the fall, at most elementary schools in the county. Some students qualify, but not enough. However, Mrs. Z. will be sending out a letter to the students currently in 4/5 math regarding how the student performed per each of these measures, with a recommendation for next year, and a decision will be made together with the parents. But take heart, there is always enrichment available at every grade level.
 - vi. Students in 4/5 compressed math are on a track to be taking Algebra in 7th grade. Taking the regular 5th grade math will put a student in Algebra in 8th grade.
 - vii. MCPS central office will push the MAP scores out through ParentVue, up to two weeks after the testing window closes on June 4. However, parents do not have access to their children's module assessment results.
 - viii. Reminder: we changed from Curriculum 2.0 to Eureka last year, and Eureka is already a much more rigorous math curriculum than we had previously.
 - ix. Curriculum discussion is happening on a county level.
 - x. It's unclear whether a recovery will be built into the middle school curriculum for current compressed 5/6 math students. They may well need a full semester to catch up.
 - xi. Good to note: Kahn Academy follows Eureka pretty closely.
- I. Classes will be rearticulated/regrouped for next year.

VIII. Announcements/Open Forum for Q&A:

A. Questions?

IX. The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:09 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA President.
(Motion to adjourn: Bini Abraham, Second: Deborah Schechner)

Meeting minutes by Deborah Schechner, PTA Secretary

Important Dates

June 2021

- 2 DNO: Kona Ice (and Hangry Panda) trucks @ Greenwood, 4-8pm
- 4 Wear Greenwood gear or green
- 9 Popsicle Parade, 12:30-1pm
- 16 Last day of school/early release

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!)