

PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Remote Meeting via Zoom

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

II. 35 members/participants present. Quorum satisfied.

III. Officer Reports

A. President's Report, Mary Quirion

- i. Correction to the Gator Gazette: there IS school for students this Friday, 5/7. The professional day for teachers is next Thursday, 5/13.
- ii. Teacher Appreciation is this week!
- iii. End of year event options. Because of COVID, most options won't work.
 1. Popsicles on Parade (the more delicious half of Rock N' Roll Recess!), possibly on a Wednesday at the end of this month or early June.
 2. If you have any ideas for other events, email Mary.
- iv. MCPS Curriculum discussion
 1. Things change but here is what we know as of today.
 2. Last month we addressed compacted math. BoE's latest communication is that it will stay.
 3. Learning loss because of virtual loss. But in addition, there has been some material removed from the MCPS curriculum, as explained in the newsletter, with an estimated 2.5 years to recover fully.
 4. MCCPTA Reps and PTA Presidents have been discussing the curriculum for next year a lot. See the newsletter for a list of things MCCPTA is trying to get clearer answers about as decisions are made and/or publicly stated. Mary will update us as she can.
- v. BOE update
 1. Collapsing A/B week? No, they will continue.
 2. Using Wednesdays for instruction? No.
 3. Reducing distances per updated CDC guidelines? No.
 4. The one change is that quarantine time is reduced from 14 day to 10 days.
 5. The big goal for next year is to have a normal 5 day per week, in the building, school year next year.
 6. MCPS Virtual Academy is still being worked out as an option for some.
- vi. COVID notifications
 1. 3 types of letters: 1) A positive case has been found in the school; 2) Your child has been exposed (prolonged contact with the positive-testing person); or 3) You are the positive-testing person.
 2. Pool testing needs a minimum number per class, and you need to consent for your child to participate. It's a useful tool.
 3. Per Mrs. Z, testing is available for all grades, but there need to be 5 in a class to make a "pool".
- vii. Incoming Rosa Parks Gear
 1. RPMS has items on sale for rising 6th graders to prepare for next year, including gym gear.
 2. From Henriot St. Gerard: RPMS needs PTA volunteers too, if you have students there. (Mrs. Z emailed parents of current 5th graders about this.)
- viii. Summer School registration now open, as of yesterday.

- ix. Before and Aftercare available for the 2021/2022 school year
 - 1. They fill up fast, so express your interest soon.
- x. MCCPTA Special Education Committee Webinar
 - 1. Last week, to discuss options for students with IEPs to address learning loss from the past year.
 - 2. Link is in the newsletter if you'd like to watch. Or, reach out to Mary for more information, or to share info with her.
- xi. Yearbooks: when they are available, you'll be notified. Andrea is reaching out to people whose photos are in the wrong format, so if you hear from her, please respond quickly!

B. Treasurer's Report, Mandy De Roo

- i. The only change is one teacher submitted for reimbursement of supplies.
- ii. We encourage teachers to submit for reimbursement for whatever supplies helped them teach this year - printer, toner, stand-up desk, whatever!

IV. Committee Reports

A. MCCPTA - no update

B. Teacher Appreciation: Melissa Frye

- i. Full week of plans for the staff! Monday was trinkets, today was ice cream, tomorrow is Cinco de Mayo themed, Friday is lunch from Poppy's for the staff.
- ii. Thursday: please bring in notes, pictures, etc. for teachers. For VIRTUAL students: there will be a bin out tomorrow to collect these items (Wednesday) from about 8:30 am until at least 3:00 pm.
- iii. Please check the chart in the newsletter to see what additional staff member (in addition to your homeroom teacher) your class is asked to recognize with "thank you's as well.

C. NAACP - Black & Brown Coalition - no update.

D. 5th Grade Recognition: Mandy de Roo

- i. Several activities are being led by class parents: putting together a class photo for the hallway, a time capsule for the 50th year of 5th graders, chalking with every child's name, and setting up a photo op for celebratory pictures.
- ii. Unofficial gatherings are happening too, off campus.
- iii. The school will hold a virtual graduation ceremony, a virtual clap-out, and certificates for the students.
- iv. We're working hard to make this memorable for this year's 5th grade students.
- v. If you want to help, contact Mandy and she will put you in touch with the right coordinator.

E. Nomination Committee: Christina Conroy

- i. Christinia, Brooke, and Bini have worked to make sure everyone who is interested can have a role in the PTA.
- ii. Einat Posner has stepped up to be Treasurer for 2 years.
- iii. MCCPTA representatives have a 1 year term, and we like to have 2 so they can share the job. Mandy de Roo and Lauren Zarren have volunteered for the position.
- iv. Only PTA members in good standing may vote.

V. New Business/Discussion - none

VI. Official Business

- A. Vote to approve PTA General Board Meeting Minutes from March 2 and April 6, 2021.

- i. Motion to approve: Deborah Schechner, Second: Mandy de Roo.
- B. Vote for new PTA Board members: Einat Posner for Treasurer, and Mandy De Roo and Lauren Zarren for MCCPTA Representatives.
 - i. Unofficial tally is that 87% of attendees were able to vote, and it was unanimous. Congrats to our new board members (really, just Einat!).

VII. Principal's Report, Carrie Zimmerman

- A. Thank you to everyone who has been participating in these meetings!
- B. The teachers really appreciate the fancy pen/highlighters, and loved the ice cream today.
- C. Mrs. Sinon has been running the MAP testing, and students have been on time. Remember that the MAP score is just one piece of your child's whole academic picture.
- D. Summer school registration is open, and we anticipate a good turnout. Virtual options will also be available, through MCPS.
- E. COVID pool testing: a good number of students have been signed up but not enough for testing in some classes (minimum of 5 is needed to test). You can submit consent for your child any time.
- F. A PEP (Preschool Education Program) program is coming to Greenwood and taking over some Kindergarten space.
- G. 68 students are registered for incoming Kindergarten, which is an all-time high for this early in the year.
- H. Second grade will be 3 classes next year, with about 23 students per class. Mrs. Wooten will move up to teach 3rd grade. Mrs. George will be moving from 4th grade to 5th grade. We will be maintaining ALL of our staff and even adding some.
- I. 5th grade Promotion: t-shirts will be given to each student. A drive-through is being planned to celebrate the 5th graders on either June 2nd or 9th.
- J. Question about recess: can anything be added for the children to do on the blacktop or the field? Answer: they've been running around a lot, using chalk, coming up with games to play. Mrs. Z hasn't heard any complaints of boredom. They can only use equipment that is "feet only", so no basketballs, jump ropes, etc. Soccer balls may be an option.
- K. Question about MAP testing: what will the virtual students do while the in-person students do testing? Answer from Mrs. Sinon: the teachers are mindful of who is on site to test and planning accordingly.
- L. Thank you to the Petropoulos family for donating a Buddy Bench for the playground!

VIII. Announcements/Open Forum for Q&A:

- A. PTA Meetings: will resume first Tuesday of each month via Zoom until further notice
 - i. Last meeting of the 2020/2021 school year: Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 7-8 PM.
- B. Dining Night Out: Tuesday, May 11th at Chik-Fil-A, 4-8 pm. Proceeds are going to 5th Grade recognition events.
- C. We usually have an event to thank all the volunteers. Thanks so much to Melissa Frye for ALL of the teacher appreciation work throughout the year. Thanks to the board for all of your work. Thank you, MARY, for being so awesome in all the ways.
- D. Questions?

IX. The meeting was adjourned by motion at 7:48 pm by Mary Quirion, PTA President.
(Motion to adjourn: Carrie Zimmerman, Second: Bini Abraham)

Meeting minutes by Deborah Schechner, PTA Secretary

Important Dates

May 2021

- 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 6 Thankful Thursday
- 7 Spirit Day
- 11 DNO @ Chik-Fil-A
- 13 Professional Day (No school)
- 18 Virtual Instrumental Music Recital
- 31 Memorial Day (no school)

June 2021

- 1 PTA meeting
- 4 Wear Greenwood gear
- 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, 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