



Garrett Park Elementary School PTA, Inc.

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PTA General Meeting

November 7th, 2017

6:30-8:00

GPES Media Center

Minutes

- 1. Welcome & Approval of October Minutes(6:35)- Erin Rehman, President**
 - reviews minutes, motion to approve, all approved no one opposed

- 2. Membership/Rocky Fund Update- Mary Jo Houton, VP of Membership**
 - met goal of 500 members, 479 members last year
 - Lots of communications around joinin
 - Almost met goal of \$15,000

- 3. Treasurer Report- Christina Bradley, Treasurer**
 - a. Amendments to Budget
 - b. Budgeted too little for dues, proposed increasing to 2750 and PayPal fees, anticipate using PayPal again with other events, \$131
 - c. Will email actual treasurer report, brought in last meetings notes
 - d. Motion to approve, seconded and approved

- 4. Cluster Update- Kate Fritz, WJ Cluster Rep for GPES**
 - Capital Improvement plan released
 - Did away with 7th site, but asking them to put it back, that was what BOE voted to do but staff chose not to do it.
 - Not as attended as it was last year, there are 2 additional nights of testimony
 - Will get email addresses so that we can communicate with board member. Get community to send in communications, housing associations, more neighborhoods the stronger our impact
 - 120M in funding to reopen Woodward, no report yet from MCPS on the programs committee
 - Listened to Northwood talk about how bad their building was, WJ cluster does not want that to happen to us. Want the building torn down and rebuilt. Will need to do a feasibility study (Jim Bradley)
 - Will be watching feasibility study closely and want parent input

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- Won't be decided who attends the new school until a year before it opens
- 2020 Tilden opens
- Luxmanor is on target
- Need a Cluster Coordinator for GPES or Tilden

5. Principal Update (6:45-6:50)- *Daniel Tucci, GPES Principal*

- Halloween was fun and safe, appreciate cooperation, 220 community members sign in before it started, takes a lot of work to pull it off
- Parent Teacher conferences around corner, in the principal communications
- 9th, 10th, 14th, 22nd all half days
- Portable canopy approved
- Need volunteers at recess/lunch and front office

6. Questions

- Is money set aside for families in need?
 - Yes. Mrs. Catucci got Safeway, Giant, Target gift cards \$1000

7. PEP Presentation- Raising “I Can” Kids (6:50-8:00)- *Pascale Brady, Parent Educator*

- PEPparent.org / 301-929-8824

8. Adjourn (8:00)

25 people in attendance