



Garrett Park Elementary School PTA, Inc.

PTA General Meeting
May 2, 2017
GPES Media Center

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER. Exec VP Erin Rehman called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes for the general meeting on April 4 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Diane Cassidy summarized PTA spending since the previous meeting and distributed an updated budget.

QA WITH BOE MEMBERS. An hour of the meeting was devoted to a discussion with Board of Education Members Rebecca Smondrowski and Patricia O'Neill.

Erin and a representative of the Montgomery Child Care Association presented the BOE members with plaques thanking them for helping keep the MCCA in Garrett Park running for at least another year, instead of using the building for GPES overflow.

Rebecca Smondrowski said the extra year will provide an opportunity to review locations for portable classrooms.

The BOE members urged parents and other PTA members to write to the County Council, especially Roger Berliner, to ask them to fully fund the proposed school budget. The BOE has pushed for the revitalization of Tilden MS, the rebuilding of Woodward HS, and saving the Reading Initiative from cuts.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE. Dan Tucci noted that under current projections, one new classroom will be needed next year; the plan is to have a portable where the MCCA playground now is.

BYLAW REVISION. A motion was made to approve revised bylaws. The motion passed by voice vote.

2017-2018 OFFICER ELECTIONS. The floor was opened to nominations for next school year's PTA officers.

Erin Rehman was nominated for President. She was elected by voice vote.

Diane Cassidy was nominated for Executive Vice President. She was elected by voice vote.

Amber Coleman-Mortley was nominated for Secretary. She was elected by voice vote.

Christina Bradley was nominated for Treasurer. She was elected by voice vote.

Becky Miller was nominated for VP Communications. She was elected by voice vote.

Sherrri Stevens was nominated for VP Diversity & Inclusion. She was elected by voice vote.

Cluster Representatives Kate Fritz and Katie Mason were re-elected by voice vote.

Open positions that remain: VP Fundraising and VP Membership. Christina Bradley described the jobs, and said these could be board positions or managed by volunteers outside the board.

CHROMEBOOK PURCHASE. Diane Cassidy described the reasons the PTA would like to help the school buy a cart of Chromebooks (which includes 30 laptops). The plan is to split the cost of one cart with the GPES Education Foundation (a cost of about \$4680 each).

It is expected that MCPS will maintain the Chromebooks and that the school will allow the PTA to use the Chromebooks in events like programming nights.

There was a motion to approve the purchase. The measure passed by voice vote.

GPES EDUCATION FOUNDATION. Heather Bruskin, a member of the GPESEF Board, described the history and role of the foundation, which has helped the school buy equipment, subscriptions, musical instruments, etc. Members of the school community can apply for grants related to education at GPES.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting ended at 8:05 p.m. A head count noted about 40 people present.

Respectfully submitted, Karine Jegalian, Recording Secretary