# **Garrett Park Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes**

# **March 4, 2025**

14 participants

**Administration Update:**

* Kindergarten registration is now open - please enroll incoming kindergartners ASAP so we can be sure to have the right number of teachers by the start of the school year. Helps us reduce class size by being able to accurately plan for staffing.
* Illnesses - please be sure help your child avoid spreading illnesses as the area has been experiencing the spread several viruses.
* Second assistant principal will be joining GPES for 2025
* International night is on March 22

**President’s Update:** Note: PTA President Laura Basford was out sick

* GPES Silent Auction and Game Night was huge success and lots of fun - thank you!
* Can’t wait to see at everyone International Night

**Treasurer’s Update:**

* PTA raised over $13,000 at auction
* Bank account in good shape - Budget report will be sent out
* Charitable contribution status will be submitted soon
* Restaurant night was also successful fundraiser
* 5th grade promotion raised $200 selling food at auction and look out for other fundraisers
* Please add GPES PTA to round up and support us on your purchases on Amazon
* Will need new treasurer for 2025-2026 school year

**Events Committee Update**:

* Thanks for all the support of the silent auction and game night! Esp to school staff - raised $13k - above goal
* International Night on March 22 from 630-830pm. Registration link and forms for tables will be sent out soon! Sign up to represent your cultures! No performances this year, but parade will be on! Volunteer parents are needed and much appreciated!

**Restaurant Night Updates:**

* next GPES Restaurant Night fundraiser is coming up at Five Guys on Rockville Pike from 5-9pm on Thursday, March 20
* Mention you are there for GPES for school to get 15% of sales
* Can do carry out, but ordering online doesn’t count
* Silver Diner was big success
* Hoping for one more restaurant night in May 2025

**5th Grade Promotion Committee Update:**

* 5th graders will be selling Dave and Busters cards being sold as fundraiser
* Also working on 5th Grade Silver Diner night
* Please help support this cause!

**WJ Cluster Update:**

* GPES hosted last cluster meeting
* Not many updates or announcements of public input process with boundary study but hoping for more information on March 18 Board of Education meeting

**Green Committee**

* World Wildlife Day was in early March. Each GPES classroom was gifted a year subscription to Ranger Rick magazine to celebrate!
* Winter sowing event on March 15 at 3pm

**Other updates** - none