

GPES PTA  
General Body Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:30 pm  
On [Zoom](#)

17 participants

Welcome

1. PTA Board Updates

- **Treasurer: Ryan Fogarty**
  - Request for current teachers to donate their time for 'lunch' with students for upcoming silent auction
  - Financials: \$10,630.77 from the GP Ed Foundation (dissolving and donated remaining amount) – this is a huge help for the rest of the year allowing us to meet all expenses as planned
  - Receiving: Direct parent donations via PayPal and Merchant rewards (restaurant nights)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion – receiving donations via check and PayPal (~\$1,000)
  - Expenses: Safety Patrol picnic
  - Scholastic sales \$7,929 – goes back to Scholastic and we will keep a % in Scholastic dollars
  - Balance - \$27,948 (minus Scholastic ~\$20,000 balance)
  
- **VP, Communications: Jennifer Olivares**
  - Will be presenting the upcoming slate for '22 –'23 PTA Board later
  - If you have info you need to get out to the community, email [jrolivares3@gmail.com](mailto:jrolivares3@gmail.com)
  
- **VPs, Diversity and Inclusion: Eddine Mureke and Dana Goodson**
  - May is *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*, the committee will be sharing documents with historical facts and the history behind the celebrations with students
  - Spring Fair May 14 will include an international dress parade asking student to dress in traditional clothes from countries of their heritage **\*Call for volunteers to organize the event, details to follow**
  
- **VPs, Events: Michelle Maslov Forman and Carrie Seidman**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion – in planning
  - Spring Fair – lining up food trucks
  
- ~~**VPs, Fundraising : Andrea Bloch**~~
  
- **VP, Membership : Leigh Bacon Sechi**
  - Thanks to everyone who became a Member this month
  
- **MCCPTA Delegate: Stephanie Busse**
  - Debby Orsak (from our Cluster) is the new MCCPTA President
  - Board of Education Candidate Forum, over Zoom. Now May 18th. 7 PM-8:30.  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_QcHP4O5aQ\\_mJr3xGHOofSHw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QcHP4O5aQ_mJr3xGHOofSHw)
  - Athletic research – audit/study on pay to play, funding for certain sports, returning fields
  - Personal mobile device policy updated, does not require Board approval, needs for smartphones has decreased now that all students have chrome books
  - Capital Improvement request approved

- Will return to paid school meals next year
- Mental health resources – crisis 'easy' button added to web pages
- Council approved making mental health rooms available in HS only

● ~~Cluster Rep: Michael Oliveires~~

● **Book Fair Chair: Laura Basford**

- Thank you to all the volunteers and staff who made the Book Fair a big success
- Made over \$17,000 in sales, the school will receive 50% of that back in Scholastic dollars
- Also able to provide vouchers to students who cannot afford a book
- Good learning experiences for kids buying books, they were able to donate their change to LLS
- E-wallet was a great success, if there is any money left you can still buy via the online bookfair, use the e-wallet balance to buy books on Scholastic.com or use at the next Book Fair

● **Staff Appreciation Chairs: Jessica Lieberson and Laura Basford**

- Decorate the school was rained out but theme today was snacks – Auntie Anne's pretzels, tomorrow is - stocking staff room – thank you for all the donations, Thurs – Java Nation free coffee/tea and pastry, Fri – catered lunch from Nandos
- We encourage everyone to send in notes of appreciation, room parents can coordinate gifts

● **Yearbook Committee Chairs : Heather Down and Bridget Manifold**

- Yearbook is submitted, order form is still open until all books are sold
- Cost of \$24, and will arrive in June

● **5th grade Promotion Committee: Jessica Lieberson and Michelle Maslov Forman**

- Celebrations are happening! 2 more restaurant nights - May 4: &Pizza @Pike and Rose, May 13: Call your Mother @Pike and Rose. Thank you for your support!

● **Nominating Committee: Suzanne Romero**

- Thank you to the retiring Board Members
- Jennifer and Carrie represent the 2022 Nominating Committee

2. Vote on 2023 Candidate Slate

● Bylaws require a vote on 4 positions: PTA President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary

- Motion for President – Hanita Natelson
- Continuing President approved
- Motion for Secretary – Suzanne Romero
- Continuing Secretary approved
- Motion for Treasurer – Ryan Fogarty
- Continuing Treasurer approved

- We still need a Vice President, VP Fundraising, VP Membership and Book Fair Chair. Interested parties can email the Nominating Committee!

3. Principals Report

● **Principal Daniel Tucci**

- Congrats to candidates and volunteers – thank you for your continued support!
- Events are back: Spring Fair May 14; Celebrating 5<sup>th</sup> graders with a party during the last week of school, WSJ event and clap out

- Covid Update – increase in cases, but numbers still not as high, 7,000 cases after winter break 700 after spring break
  - Cluster principals have seen a spike 13 cases since this weekend
  - One 5<sup>th</sup> grade class has 5 cases so admin is taking additional cleaning/safety measures
  - Reminder – to keep an eye on symptoms, stay home if sick, get vaccinated and boosted, remember all mitigation measures (masking, hand washing etc.)
- Summer School: July 6 – 29, 9:30-2:00
  - Catering to students who need support/help with reaching grade level standards but accepting all students
  - Registration through ParentVue, call the office if you need help
  - Thanks to all the staff for their handwork and commitment throughout the year
- Questions:
  - There is a lag in reported cases on the Covid County dashboard
  - *Mr Tucci*: Not sure why there is a lag, assume it is about 2 days. When reporting a positive case, please fill out County form and notify GP office for tracking accuracy

#### 4. President Update

- **PTA President: Hanita Natelson**

- Spring Fair May 14 – wristbands are free for all students, guests are \$5
  - Please volunteer to help out!
  - Flyers will be going out to parents this week, please share the information!
- Silent Auction is virtual – can make bids now and will be open until 6:00pm the night of the Fair
  - PTA Account is linked for payments
- Questions
  - Will there be International Night Information on the flyer?
  - *Hanita*: Yes, we can mention food trucks (Tacos, Pita) and change the flyer to include - “the Spring Fair is back, with International Flair”

#### 5. Open Forum

Adjourn

<p>Have questions? Contact us at <a href="mailto:GarrettParkESPTA@gmail.com">GarrettParkESPTA@gmail.com</a>          THANK YOU for supporting your PTA! <a href="http://www.GPESPTA.org">www.GPESPTA.org</a></p>
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