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## **GPES PTA General Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 5:30-6:30pm - GPES Library/Virtual

In attendance: 8 PTA Board, 5 Parents (1-Virtual), 6 Staff (3-Virtual)

1. **Call to Order** by PTA President, Kristen Pybus at 6:35 PM.
2. **Approval of January Meeting Minutes** (Sheila Tan) - Sheila motioned to approve the January PTA General Meeting Minutes. It was seconded and approved with majority vote.
3. **Principal's Update** (Mr. Klippel)
  - a. It's been busy at GPES over the last month!
  - b. Spring break is next month (end of the 3rd quarter). Have about 3 months left before we start preparing for summer break.
  - c. Starting a conversation about having a Field Day at the end of the school year. The PE Department is in the very early stages of planning.
  - d. We have gotten the green light for field trips! Some of the grade levels are planning field trips. May receive more information for field trips in the coming weeks. Field trips will need to be done by the end of May and beginning of June.
  - e. PBL has had great experts come in! Great learning experiences!
  - f. We recently had our MTSS Parent Night - Appreciate Ms. Logan and the MTSS team and Ms. Sharm, our MSACC reps who help organize the event for our families.
  - g. Storybook Live Event - Thank you all for participating.
  - h. Will be having visitors from Frederick County Public Schools come in to see PBL in action. They will stop by a few rooms to see how we do it here at Goshen Post. They want to take our model and replicate that in Fredrick County.
  - i. Testing coming up - MAP Testing in April final round.
  - j. Appreciate patience with the carline except during inclement weather.
  - k. Have been looking at community transmission numbers and at a school board meeting they did say we're in the low numbers within the community. We are still monitoring our numbers and are still doing mitigation strategies.
  - l. Looking at different ways to socialize in the lunchroom and having the class go together. If a change were to happen in the next month, the school will make decisions and will be communicated to parents about that.
4. **Officer Reports**
  - a. **President** (Kristen Pybus)
    - i. Nomination Committee -



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1. Kristen motioned to approve Rebecca Lanz, Manasa Peri and Cathleen Lenderman to serve on our Nomination Committee. It was seconded and approved with majority vote.
- ii. PTA Board Officer Interest Form -
  1. We are looking for people who are interested in joining the PTA Board for next year. All positions on the board are vacant.
  2. The Interest form was sent out and posted on social media.
  3. The Nomination Committee will share slate in April and positions will be voted in in May.
  4. Don't hesitate to reach out to any board members if you have any questions regarding the positions.
- b. **Treasurer** (Lana Pen)
  - i. Beginning balance: \$38,906.91
  - ii. Ending balance: \$40,497.51
  - iii. At our last meeting, we did vote to move \$350 from Software and Technology to cover DARE T-shirts for the overage that was estimated.
  - iv. At the PTA Board meeting today, we voted to move \$400 from After School Enrichment Program to Virtual 5k to help pay for medals for the Virtual 5K.
  - v. Submitted most recent state and national dues on March 1st so we are all caught up.
- c. **Events** (Rebecca Lanz)
  - i. **Pastries with Parents**
    1. Great turnout! It was a local baker and her grandson is at Goshen Post and so it's nice to helpout a local business. Thank you to our volunteers for passing out the treats!
    2. March At Home Challenge
      - a. Flyer was sent out. Have children fill out as many as they can through March and send back to Rebecca via email to be entered to win a Manhattan Pizza Gift Certificate.
  - ii. **Virtual 5K**- Tiffany Jones (Chair)
    1. Will run April 1-30. Signup and flyer will go out in the next couple of weeks. Run the 5k on your own and medals will be distributed after May 1st.
    2. Look for the Google Form to sign up.
  - iii. **Family Glow Dance** - April 29th at Goshen Post
    1. Plans still coming together. A flyer and more information will be coming in the next few weeks.
  - iv. **Teacher Appreciation Week**-Jennifer Gitschier (Chair)
    1. TAW is May 2-6
    2. We have a lot of things planned that will involve parents, staff/teachers and volunteers.



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3. More information to come out in April.
- v. Spirit Night changes on the calendar.
- vi. Kona Ice End of Year - Last day of School to celebrate the end of school!
- d. **Fundraising** (Manasa Peri, not present-Kristen presented)
  - i. Spirit Nights
    1. No Spirit Night for March
    2. Details sent to Marco's Pizza for May Spirit Night
  - ii. Spiritwear Store
    1. Store is going well, maybe it will have more sales later in the year.
    2. Q1 results (as of 2/28/2022): 28 sales and \$131.47 funds raised.
  - iii. Spring Grams
    1. PTA is giving small gifts for the children to take home the week before spring break. First week of April, PTA will give out to the teachers. Share pictures.
- e. **Volunteers** (Mehreen Islam)
  - i. Pastries with parents event - thank you to all volunteers!
  - ii. Working with the Family Glow Dance chair for the dance and volunteers needed.
  - iii. Teacher Appreciation week volunteers needed.
- f. **Membership** (Virona Mehta, not present - Kristen presented)
  - i. 223 total -168 Parent/guardian, 54 Faculty/staff, 1 grandparent
  - ii. There's still time to PIE Mr. Klippel so please sign up..it's not too late to sign up for the PTA!
  - iii. Incentives for the upcoming events or free gear.
- g. **Communications** (Cathleen Lenderman)
  - i. We're posting all events and activities on social media and PTA send emails every week. Click on the emails for the most updated information.

## **5. Committee Reports**

- a. 5th Grade Promotion Committee (Cathleen Lenderman)
  - i. Friday is Bingo Night - all sales are online, by 3/10/22. Selling games online, but also family packs with food/ drinks, etc. Encouraged to buy online and try not to sell at the door.
  - ii. Committee is working on gifts for the school
  - iii. June 15th is the end of year party.
- b. Odyssey of the Mind (Emily Morford)
  - i. Now we have 8 teams - a few dropped off because we lost coaches. 1 primary team (K-2nd) and 7 Division 1 teams (3-5 grade).
  - ii. 4 of the teams submitted to the state. They're videos look awesome!
  - iii. Sometime would like to share/showcase their videos.
  - iv. No regional tournament just a showcase, but do not have a date yet.



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- v. Would like to showcase at GPES, but will work with the admin to schedule that.
- vi. Will have Tshirts for the children, but parents will pay for that - working on that.
- c. MSAAC (Dara Logan)
  - i. Not much of an update. Ms. Sharma and Ms. Logan would love to be more involved with the PTA and how we can work together to do more events at Goshen or service our community. If there's someone with the PTA that they should be in contact with to coordinate stuff.
  - ii. MTSS Support Night - hoped for a better turnout in person, but had a good turnout virtually. Will probably move it to the beginning of the year for more participation.
- d. SEAC (Tiffani Jones) - look at LCPS meetings
  - i. January meeting was on Reading Comprehension and Autism. Wasn't able to attend or view meeting as it wasn't working correctly. Will reach out to someone to see if we can get more information.
  - ii. February meeting was about understanding Sensory Processing in Children and Adolescents for Educators. Presented by Sandy Sutton with The Children Center. She reviewed understanding of sensory systems, the impacts on education, classroom activities that help with sensory processing, the behavioral components, what is a sensory integrated approach, and environmental considerations in the classroom. The whole presentation is on LCPS website.
  - iii. March meeting was about - VA disability waivers. This was more for kids in high school. Good to know what the process is once they get into upper grades. Talked about the DE Waviers process, they reviewed the eligibility using the VIDDES (Virginia Individual Developmental Disability Eligibility Survey). Talked about waivers and how they assign waivers; community resources and what to do when your child is waiting to get on the list - one being the state rental assistance program, and also had a number in case you'd like more information on that. Live stream is available on the LCPS website.

### **Adjournment**

Kristen Pybus, PTA President, adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.

### **Authentication of the Minutes**

Respectfully submitted to the President and PTA Board for review and approval, on April 1, 2022 by Sheila Tan, PTA Secretary.



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**Next GPES PTA General Meetings:**

April 6, 2022, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

May 11, 2022, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM