

Greenwood School PTO Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

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I. Welcome & December [Minutes](#)

- A. Motion to Start 7:04 pm
- B. Motion to Approve December minutes 7:05 pm

II. Principal's Remarks -- *Tiffany Back*

- A. Regarding Superintendent messages: Prepare to scale back is not an all or nothing proposition. Looking at schools on an individual basis and not the district. Prioritize keeping preschool and elementary in school.
- B. Thoughts on staying in school longer - having thoughtful conversation on how to do it safely, no definite plans in place as of now

III. Finances-- *Shyan Ong* - 7:09 pm

- A. Review Monthly Finances
 - 1. Reviewed slides - no questions

IV. Updates -- What's Happening Now - 7:13 pm

- A. December Recaps
 - 1. Community Outreach: Coat Drive - ended last week, still some at school
 - 2. Virtual Holiday Market - went well, easy lift thanks to Grace Milner for finding vendors, definite interest in doing another event. One vendor is donating a portion of the proceeds back to the PTO
 - 3. Stump Trivia (3rd Grade Fundraiser) - very successful, maybe another event in the spring?
 - 4. Holiday Dollar Drive - very successful, thanks to Jen McNeilly
- B. Teacher Appreciation - unable to happen due to snow and closures. January is supposed to be mini-survival kits with hot cocoa, popcorn, etc... maybe next week for handing out. Community member donated enough funding to each PTO to give a gift card to every staff member in the district, so that was distributed before and after break.
- C. Fourth Grade Committee - need a gift committee, yearbook and moving on ceremony have committees.
- D. Cash-Back Programs: Updates & Reminder to Participate!

V. Looking Ahead 7:21 pm

- A. Cultural Arts & Enrichment
 - 1. January - February: Wee the People workshops
 - a) Giving students and parents information about the books that will be used in the programming.
 - 2. March - Tales from African tradition: Grades K-2 (3/3) 10:45-11:30 am & The Right to Liberty: Grades 3-4 (3/31) at 11:15 - 12:00pm
- B. Winter Activities - 7:34 pm
 - 1. January - Winter Door Decorating Contest -sign up by Monday 1/18
 - a) only a few people signed up, should we extend the timeline?
 - 2. February - STEM Challenge
 - a) Possibly making this a sing up in advance so that we can buy the book as well as supplies
- C. Dining for Dollars : February -- TBD looking at a few options
 - 1. Cibo?

VI. Author Fest - 7:41 pm

- A. Planning virtual author visits in April

1. Need a chair and committee - need people that can do research and reach out looking at pricing & availability and then work with teachers to see who fits and then to schedule.
Can easily do from home and email
- B. *Support needed: 3-4 people who can do research into virtual author visits, then work with teachers to figure out best fits and scheduling
- C. Follow-up meeting in a few weeks

VII. Gator Gallop - 7:45 pm

- A. Virtual event in May
 1. Similar to last year's with small events leading up to virtual 1 mile run/walk for students & families
 2. Ruled out possibility of 5K for community, focusing more on family activity
 3. Student Pledges - still looking at ways to do this
- B. Looking for committee members to support planning
 1. Looking for ideas and people to help plan smaller lead-up events
 2. Teacher videos, calendar challenge, tying in PE since they won't have classes
 3. Insurance or Health companies donate pedometers?
- C. Committee will meet in next few weeks

VIII. Additional Areas in Need of Support - 7:52

- A. 3rd Grade Fundraising *Co-Chair/support needed
- B. 4th Grade Moving On Committee *support needed
- C. Spring Activities *Chair & Committee needed
 1. GooseChase App to do a scavenger hunt?

IX. New Business/Q & A - 7:56

- A. How do we get better attendance at PTO meetings?
- B. School Council - no one reached out to say they are interested - other schools haven't had their SC meetings yet
- C. Are trimesters ever possible in terms of report cards?
 1. Only the Galvin has trimesters, when switched to standards based report card, report cards switched to a model of grading periods being quarterly with conference/report card/conference/report card

Motion to adjourn - 8:08pm

Thank you!

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