Great Bridge Primary PTA General Meeting

MINUTES

October 7th, 2026 at 6 PM
Google Meet

A. Call to Order

President, Nikki Dietz called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

B. In attendance: Nikki Dietz, President; Sarah Hodges, VP; Ashley Moore, Secretary; Marion Dykstra, Treasurer; Lyndsay Gruber, Room Parent Coordinator; Katie Holloway, Communications Chair; Allison Taylor, Principal; Michelle Tucker, Kindergarten; Morgan Jennings, First Grade; Wendy Shinn, Second Grade; Lindsay Rantanen, Guidance; Gabrielle Wuolo; Aimee Young; Jayana Douglas; Ashly Ashby; Amber McCormick; Cintia Smith; Jodi Campbell; Lisette Bennett; Rebecca Kiskinis, Kindergarten

Absent excused: Brooke Kampney, Fundraising Chair; Ashley Berry, Hospitality Chair; Michelle Ventura, Spirit Wear Chair; Will Recalde, Spirit Wear Chair; Kate Dannehy, Reflections Chair

Nikki Dietz asked all in attendance to log their attendance using our Google form. She discussed the importance of recording our volunteer hours for CCPTA.

B. Records Review

Nikki Dietz made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented at 6:03 PM. Ashley Moore seconded the motion, and the agenda was adopted without objection.

Nikki Dietz made a motion to adopt the minutes from the September, 16th 2026 meeting. Ashley Moore provided a second and without objection, the minutes were adopted as presented at 6:03 PM.

C. Principal Update- Mrs. Taylor

Thanked volunteers for Book Fair support.

Thoroughly enjoyed muffins for PTA treats.

Looking forward to Trunk-or-Treat.

Congratulations to Ms. Shinn for winning Teacher of the Year

The school fundraiser kicks off on Tuesday, October 13th. Students will get an opportunity to do a build-a-bear style stuffed animal experience.

GBP will do a book character day on October 30th. No Halloween costumes, but dress as a book character. Bring the book with you. In-house parade for students that bring the book with them.

Friday is a teacher work day.

November 3rd is an in-service day where staff is learning a new reading program

Progress reports are going home tomorrow.

PTA supported the first Donuts with Grown Ups for Student of the Month, and provided yard signs. September's theme was courage. Kindness is the theme for October

D. Teacher Updates

Ms. Tucker, Kindergarten- Thanked PTA for laminator. Having fun with Spirit Week. Just wrapped up VKRP testing and will start VALSS next week. Pumpkin STEAM Day activity at the end-of-the-month. Need pumpkin donations. PTA told her to send us the link for us to share.

Ms. Jennings, First Grade- Open house went great and they loved seeing everyone. They appreciated the muffins, especially during VALSS testing. Excited for Trunk-or-Treat. Appreciate Room Parents.

Ms. Shinn, Second Grade- Appreciates PTA support. Recently finished a STEM activity with magnets. Thank you to parents that sent in items for that. Using STEAM lab for a matter activity soon where they will experiment with ice, water, and heat. Zoo field trip coming up at the end of the month. Permission slips due Friday. 2nd grade is doing a trunk at Trunk-or-Treat. They are excited to combine with GBI so they can see some former students.

Ms. Rantanen, Guidance/Resources- Each grade level is getting a lesson on anti-bullying. For Purple Star recognition we are doing a Veteran drive for personal care items, socks, hats, etc. They will put out a flyer. It will be for 2 weeks before Veteran's Day.

E. PTA President Updates

Student of the Month signs and donuts were sponsored by the PTA.

Laminator was a Giveback we completed over the summer.

Trunk-or-Treat is a Giveback event.

The National PTA School of Excellence survey QR code was on screen, and Nikki asked participants to fill out the survey. This survey asks questions about areas we can improve. It is a 2 year program. We would like to achieve this at GBP for the first time. This is open through the end of October.

Trunk or Treat is October 23rd at Great Bridge Primary. The QR code for CheddarUp was on the screen. Nikki suggested viewing the link on a computer as it's easier to see the details. We are partnering with GBI this year. There's a lot of overlap with students and families. Perks include saving money, making it easier for families to attend one event versus two, more volunteers. Everyone needs to RSVP for a staggered Trunk-or-Treat time, and we asked everyone to honor those times to help keep the lines down. There will be food trucks- Flavor

Savor BBQ, Patriot Pizza, Kona Ice outside of the gates to cut down on the crowd. There is a glow dance party with music, glow items, and temporary tattoos. There are lots of photo ops. We will have Chesapeake Police Department, Fire Department, and other community helpers. We are doing wristbands for entry. If you come without a wristband, you will have to get checked and there will be a wait. Encouraged participants to consider signing up for a table with games and activities.

F. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Marion Dykstra reports the PTA is on track with spending and expects to easily stay within the budget this year. We purchased the yard signs and donuts for the student of the month celebration.

Thank you to everyone that joined us at Chuck-E-Cheese. We raised around $1,300.

G. Committee Updates

Membership Update, Nikki Dietz- 235 members which is a bit low. We're hoping to increase that number soon. The raffle this month is for a yearbook for anyone that is a member by the end of October. Ms. Warber won the ghost koozie for the September raffle.

Room Parent Coordinator, Lyndsay Gruber- Room parents assigned for all teachers. We had our first room parent meeting last week. Please fill out communication forms when you receive them.

Fundraising Committee, Brooke Kampney (absent), presented by Nikki Dietz- Chuck E Cheese fundraiser raised $1295.13

Hospitality Committee, Ashley Berry (absent), presented by Nikki Dietz- staff got muffins today and we will post November sign up in the coming weeks

Reflections Committee, Kate Dannehy (absent), presented by Nikki Dietz- Art program ran by the National PTA. GBP had one of the most entries last year. Ceremony for all participants at GBP.

Spirit Wear Committee, Will Recalde (absent) and Michelle Ventura (absent), presented by Nikki Dietz- Order was entered this morning to the screen printer. They aim for delivery 2-3 weeks after orders are placed. Then PTA has to sort and distribute.

H. Questions

No questions asked

I. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m. by Nikki Dietz.

Respectfully prepared by: Ashley Moore, Secretary