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MONTESSORI SCHOOL



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Alice Ewen
Treasurer

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Secretary

Robert Goddard Montessori PTSA Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Call to Order

Jasmy Methipara called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Roll Call/Quorum Present

See attached list for attendees

Meeting Topics

1. Principal's Report (Ms. Womack)

- a. School Administration back in the building in February rather than previously scheduled return to the building in January.
- b. Ms. Womack shared parental concerns regarding Creative Arts teachers' absences in the new calendar year are covered by substitute teachers and during the time of COVID substitute teachers are difficult to secure.
- c. Bio-swale looks to be working and does not appear to be retaining water.
- d. A new playground has been installed!

2. Guest Speaker- Mr. Jason Washington, Director, Public-Private Partnership, PGPCS-Swing Plan for Hyattsville Middle School SY21-22, SY22-23

- a. Mr. Washington is leading up the Blueprint Schools initiative and can be reached at jason.washington@pgcps.org.
- b. The Blueprint Schools initiative responds to PGPCS' current reality of booming enrollment and limited middle school space and aging school buildings. Please refer to www.pgcpblueprintschoos.com
- c. A public-private partnership was created to bundle six schools (5 middle schools and 1 k-8) for building updates. The type of partnership facilitates better budget projections, tighter timeline for completion to improve the capital assets stock of PGPCS.
- d. Construction at all 6 school buildings starts July 2021. The swing plan will include SY21-22 and SY22-23.
- e. Hyattsville Middle School students will be split between Robert Goddard Montessori School building and Meadowbrook.

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- f. A Townhall is scheduled February 23rd related to the Spring Space Plan for Hyattsville Middle School as it impacts Robert Goddard Montessori school building. Representatives from transportation, academic/curriculum and administration will be present for the Townhall.
 - g. Ms. Womack shared that RGMS has shared a building before and encourages parents to come to the Townhall meeting with questions.
- 3. **Approval of Minutes**
Jasmy Methipara motioned to adopt November 2020 meeting minutes. Alice Ewen seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
- 4. **Nominations Committee Report (Amy Feng)**
Nothing to report at this time.
- 5. **President's Report (Jasmy Methipara)**
 - a. **Reading Buddy Program-** Parents are encouraged to complete the form to make buddy ready connection between older and younger readers. Reading Buddy Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHIMAlpYg107lcTPEUPDAKOcQk9F-dHTfE3GoE-AL-BUBvw/viewform?gxids=7628>
 - b. **Build a Blanket-** Families are invited to submit a square to be included in a community blanket.
 - c. **Scruffy Storytime** - Scruffy Storytime will continue into the Spring and may be a great match with the reading buddy program.
 - d. **WhatsApp Privacy Changes-** Parents are encouraged to share thoughts and concerns regarding privacy changes to WhatsApp. The WhatsApp update is scheduled for May 15.
 - e. **Virtual Resources (games, activities, etc)-** Parents are encouraged to add to the list of virtual resources.
- 6. **Treasurer's Report (Alice Ewen)**
Alice Ewen, Treasurer, reported out on the YTD revenue and expenses for SY20-21. Key financial reports have filed for compliance purposes. RGMS PTSA is currently up to date on our financial filings.
- 7. **Fundraising Committee (Committee chair name)**
The RGMS PTSA is looking for a fundraising chair. Members interested taking a lead role in fundraising should reach out to Jasmy Methipara, RGMS PTSA, rgmsptsapres@gmail.com
- 8. **Advocacy Committee (Joseph Jakuta)**
 - a. Board of Education Budget Hearings
 - i. The next budget hearing is February 2.
 - b. Kirwin Commission Letter Writing

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- i. Parents are encouraged to write letters to decision makers. A link to the letter can found in the weekly RGMS PTSA email.
- c. Climate Parents Letter of Support
 - i. Parents can review the draft letter regarding RGMS PTSA's support of the 100% clean energy school implementation here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1535ZbOd8Eh5uXAh4jT97R2YnfpOZRJKxRWusRbniF8A/edit?usp=sharing>
- d. Other Advocacy
 - i. Joshua Thomas is having a townhall with College Park residents covering topics such as speciality school funding and support. Currently speciality schools do not receive school grants from College Park yet residents in College Park send students to RGMS.
 - ii. Delegate Washington is slated to present during March's Member Meeting.

Other Topics

Virtual Valentines- Parents are encouraged to share ideas on how to celebrate Valentine's Day virtually. If you have ideas feel free to send them to rgmsptsa@gmail.com and RGMS PTSA will share. Alice Ewen will talk to Ms. Westcott regarding possible ideas.

Virtual Movie Night- Next steps to solidify would be what movie, date and how to present. In Clever there is Safari-Montage, a Disney full-length movie.

YMCA Pre/Post Care- Will the YMCA be providing care pre/post care if the school goes hybrid?

Announcement

The next general membership meeting is March 17, 2021.

Adjournment

Jasmy Methipara motioned to adjourn the meeting. Amanda Eisen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeanette Stoltzfus", is written over a horizontal line.

(Jeanette Stoltzfus, Secretary)

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Attendee List

Jewel Smith	Geena's iPhone
Angela Furman	E E-Barnes
Genevieve Noyce	Juliette fradin
Jasmy Methipara	Stefanie Adams
Kerry Kidwell-Slak	Karita Davis
Deatrice Womack	Therese's iPad
Jeanette Stoltzfus	Kadija Salaam
Jamilu mohammed (zee)	Nat (Natalie)
Genevieve Noyce (Genevieve)	Dani (Ndiaye)
Jasmine Carter	AREA 2-C8 Fossett
juliette fradin-borrut (gaspard)	Claudia Hernández
Billy Shulman	Krishiv Karathia
Emily Wise	Abby Daramola
Geena	12022504290
Sheree Keitt	Anna Childers
Jeminé Truth	Murphy family
Jennifer M. Mullinax	Michael Yang
Gloria & Sam Antwi-Boasiakoh (Gloria Antwi-Boasiakoh)	Rashida Clegg
Joseph Jakuta (Joseph)	Juliette
Mark D Fuge	marvette
Nicole Miller	PATRICE SALMON
Jewel Smith	Alice Ewen
Astrid Richardson-Ashley	Tira Patterson
Jodi Hammer	Madeleine
Jason Washington	Kaythi
Riot	Benedicta
ogunsanmi toyin	Andrea Stutzman
Deborah Carroll	Erin Olsen
Ira Dewi	Alexandra Goldbeck
Amy Feng (Ms. Feng 2)	Amanda Coleman
Amanda Eisen	Charmaine heath
Cory Richardson	Ramirez
	Samsung Galaxy s7 edge

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