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Glasgow Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes – Passed
January 26, 2021 – 4th meeting of the school year

Board Members' Attendance:

Position	Name	Present	Absent
President	Gina Pizziconi-Cupples	X	
VP, Organization & Outreach	Jenna White	X	
VP, School Activities	Vacant		
VP, Communications	Byron Schrecker	X	
Treasurer	Ann-Marie Ward	X	
Secretary	Erica Meeks	X	

Estimated attendance: 47 participants

The meeting began at 7:03pm, was adjourned at 8:00 and took place via Blackboard Collaborate (virtual meeting). Meeting was translated into Spanish and Arabic. Recorded meeting can be accessed via the following link: <https://us.bbcollab.com/recording/be19e3d6b8df4469bbc7e908bab57bee>

- Gina Pizziconi-Cupples, Glasgow PTA President, opened meeting at 7:03pm. Presentation is being recorded and recordings will be available along with meeting minutes. Mics and cameras will be off, but discussion is welcome in the chat. Only PTA members can vote on agenda items. Meeting will be Open Discussion format, and is a chance to check in with admin halfway through the school year.
- Presentation of November 24, 2020 Virtual PTA Meeting Minutes for approval (via majority vote) – motion was seconded and passed via electronic vote (12 in favor/ 0 opposed)
- Volunteer Opportunities – contact PTA if interested in any of these roles.
 - Nominating Committee – nominate board members for next year
 - Restaurant Week Coordinator
 - Membership Campaign Coordinator
 - Military Family Liaison
- Treasurer's Report – (presented by Treasurer Ann-Marie Ward). PTA has not brought in or spent much so far this year. No changes to budget recommended at this time though might have difficulty spending all money in budget this year. Teacher appreciation gift in December was hands-free Bluetooth headsets purchased by PTA/Glasgow for when teachers come back into the building. PTA contributed \$1500 towards the total cost of \$3000+.

Meeting Topic: Open Discussion with Acting Principal Katie Madigan

- Mindfulness – Have been talking about taking care of ourselves as a staff. Easy to get caught up taking care of others and forget about taking care of ourselves. Must take care of yourself first before you are able to take care of others. Can find ideas on YouTube or with apps for phone to promote mindfulness, meditation, breathing.
- Principal's Update – What's happening at Glasgow now
 - Building readiness – getting ready for students to come back. Cleaning crew & head custodian have prepared building. Classrooms being measured and furniture adjusted to adhere to social distancing regulations. Building upgrades include new broadcast room for school-based TV studio (best in FCPS!). Change layout of library to make more inviting. All teachers will have mounted projectors to save space in classrooms, make teaching easier.
 - Concurrent Instruction – Large shift for students and teachers, working hard to prepare for it. Some students learning from home while some students will be in the building. In some classes at same time, with current teachers. Approx 500 students in school each day.
 - Equity & Anti-racism work at Glasgow and FCPS-wide – Staff committed to make equity at the center of everything we do. Faculty meetings monthly to examine biases and continue to improve conversations. Equity circle meets monthly to discuss race, equity work, how we talk about students. Look at leadership opportunities and how we provide them equitably to students. FCPS has also committed to this work on this this year. Evidence seen through changes in TJ High School admissions process (updated info on admission: [here](#)). Want all Glasgow students to feel they have the opportunity to join the TJ community – with new system, Glasgow will be guaranteed 10 slots!
- Q& A:
 - Return to school scheduled March 2 (grade 8) & March 9 (grades 6 & 7). Some families may return in February but will get email/text about that.
 - 6th graders and new 7th & 8th graders will be invited to open house prior to return to school.
 - How to change class for 2nd semester – contact Joash Chung (jchung@fcps.edu) about changing classes. Schedule changes are difficult because it changes how social distancing works for return to school.
 - Meals – Current plan, subject to change, to use cafeteria with 10 ft distancing in most recent guidance. Grab & Go school lunches (no lunch line). May consider eating outside after a few weeks.
 - How to work on course selections? Work with counselor and during Panther Time. Curriculum Night is February 2 and more information will be provided to parents. In Panther Time, teach students to advocate for themselves, discuss with parents, can see requested courses in Student View &/or Parent View and in mid-April will get course verification sheet. Master schedules finalized in summer.
 - Students can remain virtual for the remainder of the school year. Can accommodate requests to keep students virtual – difficult to accommodate requests to change to in-person learning due to social distancing.

- Summer school will be held this summer at Glasgow. More information coming soon.
 - School attendance is mandatory, but can be either virtual or in person.
 - Some students with 504's will be returning Feb 16, but most will return on March 2 or 9.
 - FCCPTA will be holding webinar for families helping transition students back to school. Link will be provided when available.
 - A Town Hall meeting will be held closer to the return to school.
 - Spirit Wear will begin to be distributed soon. More info forthcoming.
- Next meeting date: February 23, 2021 (Topic: Parent Resource Center)
 - Closing
 - Katie Madigan, Acting Principal
 - Gina Pizziconi-Cupples, PTA President

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Erica Meeks, Secretary	Byron Schrecker, Vice President – Communications
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