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Glasgow Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes – Proposed

April 27, 2021 – 6th 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	Vacant		
Treasurer	Ann-Marie Ward	X	
Secretary	Erica Meeks	X	

Estimated attendance: 50 participants

The meeting began at 7:03pm, was adjourned at 8:17pm and took place via Blackboard Collaborate (virtual meeting). Meeting was translated into Spanish and Arabic. Recorded meeting can be accessed here:

<https://us.bbcollab.com/recording/5eb5ad5cd79f4d739d46e704995e8e5c>

- Gina Pizziconi-Cupples, Glasgow PTA President thanked Steven McFarlane for moderating and family liaisons for translating.
- Presentation of March 23, 2021 Virtual PTA Meeting Minutes for approval (via majority vote) – motion was seconded and passed via electronic vote (15 in favor/ 0 opposed). Minutes are available on the PTA website.
- Megan Laboy, Chair of Nominating Committee presented the slate of electors for 2021-22 PTA Board. We will vote at the May 25 meeting. Nominees are:
 - President: Dana Chodos
 - Treasurer: Ann-Marie Ward
 - Secretary: Erica Meeks
 - VP positions of Organization & Outreach, Communications & School Activities are still seeking nominees. If interested in running for any of these positions, let PTA know.
- Treasurer’s Report – (presented by Treasurer Ann-Marie Ward). Since last meeting, sold Spirit Wear at school. \$3,400 income, \$2,100 in expenses for this year. Motion to adjust budget in amount of \$400 from Fundraising, Expense, Spirit Wear to Activities, Hospitality & Staff Appreciation to support Teacher

Appreciation Week. Motion was seconded and passed via electronic vote (15 in favor/ 0 opposed). Grant applications still open for staff (deadline April 30) and Student Leadership Grant (May 15).

- Teacher Appreciation Week May 3-7 (presented by VP of Organization & Outreach Jenna White). Two events planned. Tuesday May 4 Grab & Go Breakfast. Thursday May 6 snacks in teacher lounges. Sign Up (link on PTA website) to bring/send in non-perishable items, or volunteer to help in the school.

Meeting Topic: Meet & Greet with incoming Glasgow Principal Victor Powell

Principal Powell expressed gratitude and excitement for opportunity to join Glasgow community. Has 2 young children and a wife who works as educator at University of Maryland College Park. Has taught elementary & middle school, was high school administrator, elementary principal and taught at college level. Many different school environments in his education career.

Official start date Monday, May 3, 2021.

Priorities: Use lessons learned from past year with lots of challenges for families & staff. 1. Emotional support for families who went through trauma over past year. 2. Good communication with families to know what return to school will look like in the fall is essential. 3. Maintain quality of instruction for summer & fall. How to set kids up for success, build upon what school has done with rigorous instruction for ALL students. Prepare kids for Justice and beyond.

Staff turnover stayed consistent over past 5 years. High turnover is due to unique features of Glasgow (challenging teaching environment, opportunities for promotion). Hopes to stay at Glasgow for the long term and wants to build relationships, which lead to stability in staff and decreased turnover.

For families who can't meet in person until fall, Mr. Powell is doing home visits and getting into community to connect with people. Prefers face to face individual and small group interactions.

Equity – everything begins with race. Need honest dialogue about systematic racism in schools and communities, housing, financial systems. Equity needs to be at the forefront of everything we do, including staffing, social emotional support.

In terms of social emotional-learning, lots of community circles to give opportunities and tools to have healthy conversations about feelings, give students space & structure to talk and process feelings. Partner with elementary schools to continue the dialogue and learning that students should have already started at younger grades. Be intentional on social activities and extracurricular activities to help kids build friendships outside classroom/school day.

Relationships go two ways – excited to partner with teachers, parents, students to implement new ideas and work together. Bring him a problem, bring him solutions, we can partner to do the work.

- Next meeting date: May 25, 2021 (Topic: Elections)
- Closing Gina Pizziconi-Cupples, PTA President

Post-meeting questions:

1. Question about grants. Fewer grants than in previous years. Current Board will encourage next Board to continue grants as they support the Glasgow Community.
2. Dr. Anderson thanked Gina for her service on the PTA. Noted that families are looking forward to connecting with Principal Powell.

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Gina Pizziconi-Cupples, President	Jenna White, Vice President – Organization & Outreach
Erica Meeks, Secretary	Vice President – Communications (vacant)
Ann-Marie Ward, Treasurer	Vice President - School Activities (vacant)

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