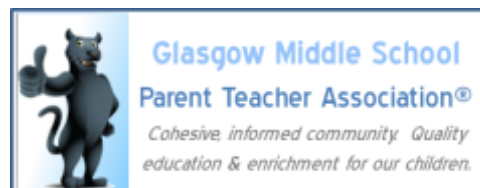


Glasgow Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes March 20, 2017 5th meeting of the school year



Welcome from Tara Rethore, PTA President

Board members present: Tara Rethore, President; Elizabeth Lower-Basch, Treasurer; Michelle Smith, Vice President – External Outreach, Eileen Gorman, Vice President – Activities. 2 Board members had conflicts.

Nominating Committee: (Jen Hitchcock, Katherine Bates, Barbara Burgess)

Established Slate- 2017 -2018 Board Nominations presented by Tara:

President: Jane Cheek

1st VP for Organization and Outreach: Barbara Burgess

2nd VP for Activities: Eileen Gorman

2nd VP for Communications: Rachael Lubarsky

Treasurer: Linda Budhinata

Recording Secretary: Lisa Mendelson-Lelmini

Nominations presented and approved by members.

Secretary's Report: Motion to Approve Jan 26th Meeting Minutes presented by Tara on behalf of Lisa Mendelson-Lelmini and approved by members.

Treasurer's Report presented by Elizabeth Lower-Basch. We are above our budget goals for revenue and on track for spending. And, we received another Affinity Program check from Harris Teeter. Reminder was made to sign up for Giant and Harris Teeter loyalty programs, use Amazon Smile, and Collect Box tops. These are the little things we can do to increase funding without direct spending from us.

Grant Program: Michelle Smith reported on Grants. (PTA Parent Coordinator, Staci Alexander, was unable to attend.) This is the second full year of the program. This year, we allocated up to \$3500 to provide grants to teachers. We were/are able to fund grants to the following programs:

[Science Olympiad](#)

[Glasgow Paradigm Challenge](#)

[After School Sports Program – for athletics](#)

[ESOL Parent Participation Program](#)

[Sending Special Education Teacher to France with Johns Hopkins Program](#)

[Field Trip to Science and Engineering XSTEM Expo – \(XSTEM Ambassadors program/club\)](#)

[Purchasing lots of relevant and age appropriate books for different teachers/classes](#)

New Motions to Allocate Additional Funding:

Motion to add \$450 from budget surplus to the grant fund. This will allow us to mostly fund all of the requests PTA received for this year. Motion unanimously approved by members.

Motion to add \$500 from the budget surplus to increase the hospitality budget. That will allow us to do more for Teacher Appreciation Week, including providing a catered luncheon (from Glasgow Parent-owned restaurant, Hickory Grille); motion also approved unanimously by members.

Upcoming PTA Activities & Community Events: presented by Eileen Gorman & Tara Rethore:

Teacher Appreciation Week May 1-5th planning is underway, please consider doing something special for your teachers and any suggestions are welcome. More information coming soon.

Hoop it Up is on March 31st 6:00-8:30. Thanks to PTA Parent Coordinator, Rosie Schubring, and After-school Specialist, Aaron Cannon for leadership. Tim Steuchli, Agnetta Palacios, Andrea Fus also instrumental in supporting that event. Lots of volunteers needed. One of the biggest events of the year, and very, very fun! It's easy to both volunteer and still watch your student play or perform (e.g. includes musicians and vocalists!)

PTSA Meeting at Stuart March 21st. School Board Member-at-Large Jeanette Hough to give an overview of the budget, implications for J.E.B. Stuart and our community, and ways for parents to advocate.

PTA Meeting, 10 May, 6:30p - "Celebrating Success in Our Community"

- Spotlight on Specials
- Celebrate Staff
- Spotlight on Student Success

Beginning at 6:30 with a Free Pasta Dinner!

Principal's Report: Shawn DeRose

Tremendous amount of amazing things happening at Glasgow. Many mentioned in latest Glasgow Gazette. The 6th grade dance was last week, it was very well attended and the kids had a blast. Shout out to the staff, admin and teachers for being here for this meeting tonight. Shawn mentioned this meeting is very unique and the teachers did a great job putting it together. Shout out to Mr Stuecheli for redesigning the website to line up with FCPS.

Nonye announced the 5year IB Evaluation Review Next Friday (3/31?) 8:40-9:10. Parents needed to present on what Glasgow's IB program means to you? What makes it special? Please RSVP to her if you can come and speak.

Program: Meaningful Conversations with Tweens & Teens

Lauren Quigg Presented on the Panther of the Month Program.

- 6 Students (2 per grade) Each Month (Teacher Nominated)
- Focus on a particular quality each month
- Nominations by department, final selection by student committee
- Celebration is after school pizza party, including 2 invitations for a friend
- Also receive Certificates and Panther cards for store

Next few months focus:

March- Communicators

April- Balanced

May- Principled

Presentation on Meaningful Conversations with our teens and tweens by Sarah Beck, Lindsay Mulcahy and Lauren Quigg. Interactive exercises supported by numerous teachers – thank you! PTA gave away books: [How to Talk so your Kids will Listen; How to Listen so your Kids will Talk](#). This is a terrific complement to the PBIS principles and programs offered in school directly with our students.

Access the presentations from our website [here](#).