



Meeting Minutes

Minutes of
George Mason Elementary School
General PTA
April 25, 2022
7:00 – 8:00 pm

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Minutes from the March 28, 2022 meeting approved at 7:07 pm.
3. April 27th is administrative professionals day. Please say thank you to Sandra and Ariana if you see them on Wednesday.
4. Spring2Action is a city-wide day of giving. Please donate.
 - A. <https://www.spring2action.org/organizations/george-mason-elementary-pta>
 - B. This year all donations will benefit the George Mason arts program for drying racks and other art supplies.
5. Fundraising update from Liz Bartlett on Dragon Fest.
 - A. Silent auction beginning on April 27th, culminating on May 7th, with a rain date of May 13th. Proceeds will go to the PTA.
 1. <https://app.memberhub.gives/dragonfest>
 2. Activity tables, book donation table, baroody table.
 3. Activities and attendance is free but there will be a suggested donation.
 4. School band will perform.
 5. Magician will perform for the students.
 6. Food truck with Rockland BBQ.
 7. This event is for the entire community – not just students / parents of George Mason.
 8. We need volunteers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d48abac22a3fd0-dragon>
6. Treasurer update from Lea Poggi.
 - A. Update on Balance Sheet.
 - B. Total Liabilities and Equity = \$48,340.70
7. PTAC update from Tasha Hensley.
 - A. Recent interest items:
 1. School board looking for volunteers for School Health Advisory Committee and Budget Committee. Volunteers can sign up here: <https://www.acps.k12.va.us/boardcommittees>
 2. Field trips with an educational purpose are now allowed.

3. PTAC newsletter subscription website: <http://alexvaptac.org/ptac-newsletter/>

8. Modernization update from Crystall Merlino.
 - A. Project still on track.
 - B. Design process will begin in 2023.

9. Update from the nominating committee.
 - A. Most PTA Executive Board positions are filled – nominees will be formally presented and voted on at the next PTA meeting.
 - B. Lots of other spots still open. Please sign up!

10. Principal update from Dr. Oliver.
 - A. Kindergarten kickoff last week over zoom.
 - B. In-person Kindergarten kickoff event coming soon.
 - C. Event soon for parents of Kindergarteners, 1st-graders, and new students. This is for parents for have not yet entered the building. This event will occur either before or after normal school hours.
 - D. SOL testing window opens on May 3rd.
 - E. Online COVID testing checklist no longer required, but you must still review the questions and keep your child home if they are a “yes” to any of the questions. Questionnaire can be found here: <https://www.acps.k12.va.us/domain/1596>
 - F. We continue to experience a labor shortage.
 - G. Form coming home soon for any parents who opted out of any media or photos; want to give parents an opportunity to reassess prior to yearbook finalization.
 - H. Question: Why are children taking home tablets/computers every day?
 1. Answer: we will review whether to make this optional.
 - I. Question: What are the masking requirements for parents/ external personnel entering the building?
 1. Answer: masking is optional.

11. Next PTA meeting will be in-person at 7pm on June 6th. We will not have a PTA meeting in May.

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.