

January 2023 General PTA Meeting Minutes  
1/23/23

Call the Meeting to Order/Welcome at 7:33 pm

1. Welcome (Geoff)
  1. Dr. Kay-Watt, ACPS Interim Superintendent, couldn't join but we'll aim to reschedule, though not for a PTA meeting night.
  2. We have a translator tonight.
2. Approve December 2022 Meeting Minutes (available on the PTA website - [georgemasonpta.org](http://georgemasonpta.org)) -- *approved*
3. Principal's Update (Dr. Oliver)
  1. Parent-teacher conferences coming up (2/9-2/10)
  2. You can reach out to teachers to request meetings; you don't need to wait for conferences
  3. Kids will receive report cards, MAP scores (2nd-5th grade), and SOL growth scores
4. Action item - Approve Amended Bylaws (Geoff)
  1. Every year, PTA has to submit bylaws. They're the rules we govern by.
  2. One administrative change: change superintendent from Dr. Hutchins to Dr. Kay-Wyatt. -- *Approved, with the addition of "interim" next to her name*
5. Chair Updates
  1. Programs (Julie)
    - i. Starting up soon. Everyone will know by end of the week if they have spot.
    - ii. Girls on the Run blurb was in the newsletter but there hasn't been any interest yet. Need to submit by Monday (1/30) for a team this spring.
  2. Fundraising (Brooke and Liz)
    - i. Hot dog night at Haute Dogs. Order a lot and bring people.
    - ii. Poinsettia sales went well – it made about \$400-\$500.
    - iii. Susie O'Brien is leading the big annual fundraiser, Dragon Week.
    - iv. May 12<sup>th</sup> Dragon Fest kicks off the week. Week ends with adult-only event with an auction.
  3. Membership (Geoff)
    - i. 34 dragon families (\$100/family)
  4. Outreach/Modernization (Crystal)
    - i. No updates at this time; no community meetings planned

- ii. Timeline is for GM students to move into swing space in fall/winter 2024. There are still leases in the building that they are honoring.
  - iii. We would like to get an update from ACPS because this seems soon and we would not want kids to move mid-year.
- 5. PTAC (notes from Edith)
  - i. Applications for superintendent role close on 2/1
  - ii. Hope to hire new person by early April
  - iii. Proposed budget from end of Dec. projects that elementary enrollment will continue to decline and MS and HS enrollment will increase
  - iv. We'll post the PTAC notes on our PTA website
- 6. Treasurer - Budget amendment for Party on the Patio and Dragon Fest - now "Dragon Week" (Geoff)
  - i. Only an amendment in name. Right now, there are two lines items in the budget: Dragon Fest and Party on the Patio. \$5K in expenses projected total. Need to amend the budget to consolidate those two.
  - ii. Our PTA has about \$71K in the bank right now, a credit to our awesome fundraising team.
- 7. Volunteers needed - Dragon Week
  - i. Reach out to Liz Bartlett or Susie O'Brien.
  - ii. If you don't want to make the commitment to be on the committee, you can still help out later.
- 6. Future PTA Meetings
  - 1. Feb (2/27) PTA Meeting - GW transition (everyone is welcome, even if your kids aren't old enough yet)
  - 2. Mar (3/27) PTA Meeting - BE Smart
  - 3. April (4/24) PTA Meeting - Academic coach Ms. Heckel will present on something related to reading
  - 4. May (5/22) PTA Meeting - new officers and year-end wrap up
  - 5. Would be great to get a school modernization update at some point.
- 7. Adjourn at 7:58 pm