



General Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 9, 2019  
9:30am

- Attendees: Marissa Moore, Lauren Stroup, Kristen Belflower, Melissa Bache, Megan Epps, Katja Magee, Margo Pons, Dave Burgess, Darcy Schwalm, Tricia Parker, Haylie Tysinger, Raquel Garrido, Heather Gage, Molly Grane, Dina Roouel Zoldivar, Austin Clay, Lisa Gilliard, Janet Calvage.
- Welcome and Call to Order @ 9:35
- Review and approval of minutes from December Board Meeting motion to approve made by Kristen Belflower, seconded by Darcy Schwalm. All members approved. Minutes approved and passed.
- Principal's Report-Dave Burgess
  - Welcome back
  - GCSD wants input from parents. Superintendent shared results from a meeting recently held with MS and HS students to hear about student concerns. The students expressed concern in transition from elementary to middle school and what a huge impact it was on their lives. They also expressed concern about selecting their classes for High School.
  - Mr. Burgess talked about the possible strategy of having students move between teachers (team teaching) in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades to help the transition to middle school become a little easier. He shared concerns about departmentalized classrooms creating a harder environment for the teachers to build relationships with students and parents but thinks with the proper teacher pairings and training it could be successful. He encouraged us to keep an open mind and consider what is best for the students in the long run.
  - Melissa Bache proposes changing teachers only in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Partnering teachers who work well together is key. She also discussed team teaching as it is done at RMS.
  - GCSD has put out a proposal to change the elementary school day from 8-2:30 to 7:45-2:15. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please submit them to [earlystart@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:earlystart@greenville.k12.sc.us) . Three schools did a trial for this study and changing the start time drastically reduced the rate of tardiness. Opening the schools 15 minutes early but keeping the bell schedule the same requires more pay for teachers and is not possible with the current budget.
  - GCSD is not able to hire enough bus drivers. Greenville Co. unemployment rate is 2% - thus it is hard to find people to hire.
  - Introduced Janet Calvage who is subbing for Mrs. McFadden

- Assistant Principal Report - Ms. Gilliard -
  - 2 upcoming picture dates:
    - January 21<sup>st</sup> will be the day all group photos for yearbooks will be taken. Please have students wear their group t-shirt that day.
    - January 30th class pictures will be taken.

Mr. Burgess would love to get a group picture of the PTA Board and SIC. Lauren discussed the possibility of moving the next PTA Board Meeting to 1/30 in order to accommodate the group picture.

- Treasurer's Report- Sara Fox
  - Everything is as I would expect it to be. December had two big events, but because it was a short month of school, there's not much to report besides that!
  - KHK went really well. We had lots of participation and raised nearly \$3,900, meeting the needs of 62(?) kids. I'm still getting in some reimbursement requests, but as is always the case, we will use some of the the remaining money for book fair gift certificates for the KHK and Backpack Buddies children, and for other items throughout the year.
  - Giving Market was fantastic. We get a very small portion of the proceeds (they supply the people, equipment, and merchandise, a lot of which we kept), but we still netted \$887 and it was a lot of fun! Thank you to everyone who helped.
  - It's not reflected in the December financials because I just received the check yesterday, but Boxtops raised \$1,114.10! We knew it would likely be lower since you have to scan receipts to get credit for them now, this was a great surprise!
  - There's a meeting following this one about Fun Run, but if you're able and willing, I will need helpers to count money the week after the run is complete, and will be in touch in the coming weeks.
- President's Report- Lauren Stroup
  - \* Kids Helping Kids update – there was discussion about how to spend the remainder of the budget. Some ideas are spirit wear, school supplies, 5<sup>th</sup> grade day t-shirts. Discussion will continue after book fair certificates have been spent.
  - \* Giving Market update – Great turn out! Thank you for all of your support.
  - \* February Board meeting “Bring a Friend”. Be on the lookout for an email of a change of date for the February meeting.
  - \* Paper Order will be made in the next few weeks. Please let Lauren know if you need any colored paper ordered for the spring.
  - \* Please note our “Upcoming Dates”
- Committee Reports:
  - International Night - Margo Pons – International Night is coming up on February 3rd! This year there will be a food court, songs, door prizes, etc.
  - School Store & Spirit Wear – Heather Gage & Raquel Garrido – Planning on doing a spring sale of spirit wear? Date TBD.
  - Nominating Committee – Melissa Bache – Be on the lookout for the standard ‘are you going to keep your PTA position next year’ and a survey on “What can we do better”. Please think about how we can recruit a new wave of volunteers.
  - BINGO – Megan Epps – If you would like to help with Bingo or help get donations please reach out to Megan.
- Adjournment @ 10:26

## Upcoming Dates

### January:

- Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> Skate Day, 3:30-5:30pm at Taylors Roller Sports
- Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Backpack Buddies Food Drive ("Soup"er Bowl)
- Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> January Birthday Celebrations

### February:

- Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> General Membership Meeting, 6:30pm
- Feb 3-7<sup>th</sup> Spring Book Fair
- Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> PTA Monthly Board Meeting, 9:30am
- Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> Skate Day, 3:30-5:30pm at Taylors Roller Sports
- Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> Spirit Night, 5:30-7:30pm at CFA on Pelham Rd
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations