



GCC of PTAs Council Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of the Guilford County Council of PTAs board was held on February 11, 2021 and called to order at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

In attendance

Mildred O. Poole, President; Victoria Vample, VP1; Paula Skelton, VP2; Eric Townsend, Secretary; Jacqui Hawkins, Nominating Committee Chair and GPA Representative; Byron Gladden, Member At Large; B.J. Levette, Member At Large

Social & Emotional Learning

Victoria Vample led a brief conversation on the value and importance of social & emotional learning. Each attendee shared short story about someone who inspired him or her to be who they are today.

Approval of Minutes

The board voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes from January 12, 2021, after Byron Gladden moved to approve them and Paula Skelton and Victoria Vample seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Tashia Moore was not present for the meeting and Mildred Poole stated that she had not heard from Tashia regarding a report. The report will be shared with the board once it is received.

New Business

- No new business was discussed.

Board Reports

- President Mildred Poole shared that she has been in contact with every new board member to discuss expectations and personal goals for serving in their various capacities. She encouraged board members to watch a TED Talk on the concept of “teaming” and how teaming led to the successful rescue of 33 Chilean miners nearly a decade ago.
- First Vice President Victoria Vample said she had nothing to report.
- Second Vice President Paula Skelton said she is working with Washington Montessori on establishing a local PTA unit. As leader of the SPICE Grant applications, she shared that judging for the next round of funding requests will take place starting April 6; the deadline for PTAs to submit applications for the 2021-22 school year has been extended to March 31. Paula said she has answered questions from a few schools that inquired about the deadline extension and that the four schools with early submissions have been notified about the process.
- Secretary Eric Townsend reported updated to the GCCPTA website with information about the extended SPICE Grant application deadline extension and the names/portraits of new board members.

- Member at Large BJ Levette said he had nothing to report other than he had touched base with Isabel More regarding the Advocacy Committee. Mildred Poole replied that it was good for there to be redundancy with committees; information can still be shared with the GCCPTA board when a chair is unable to attend a meeting.
- Member at Large Byron Gladden reported that he plans to reach out to schools in his former Board of Education district about getting together on Zoom meetings. He is also in the process of assisting Gateway with its PTA organization and membership in the GCCPTA.

Additional Information

- Mildred Poole encouraged board members to look for committees they can assist to help the GCCPTA successfully conclude the academic year.
- Mildred Poole connected Travis Finn, as Male Engagement Committee Chair, with Keith G. Pemberton, who Mildred reported could be willing to work with Travis on male engagement initiatives. A male engagement symposium is being planned by the NCPTA for March 20. More information will be shared as it is advertised.
- Byron Gladden suggested reaching out to those who started the African-American Male Leadership Program at Wiley Elementary. Byron noted that Wiley needs help with recruitment to the program and that one complication is how a criminal background check can uncover an old felony records that prohibits some men from serving as mentors.
- Paula Skelton noted that Falkener Elementary has the “WATCH D.O.G.S.”, short for Dads of Great Students, which brings father and sons together for occasional breakfasts, among other activities.
- Mildred Poole discussed a tentative date of March 18 for a full GCCPTA meeting where Guilford County student honorees for the 2020 Reflections Contest can be recognized. This could include remarks from representatives of Say Yes Guilford and the GCS Career & Technical Education Team.
- Byron Gladden suggested an invitation to college admissions representatives to also attend and possibly contribute to the Reflections recognitions ceremony.
- Eric Townsend said he would work on updating the website with information about a March 18 general meeting and a “save-the-date” email sent to newsletter audiences.

Events

- March 11 is the target date for the next GCCPTA board meeting.
- March 18 is the date for the next full GCCPTA meeting where honorees of the 2020-21 Reflections Program will be recognized.

Adjournment

Byron Gladden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Victoria Vample seconded and the board unanimously approved.

Secretary

Date of approval