



GCC of PTAs Council Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of the Guilford County Council of PTAs was held on January 21, 2021 and called to order at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

In attendance

Mildred O. Poole, President; Victoria Vample, VP1; Paula Skelton, VP2; Tashia Moore, Treasurer; Byron Gladden, Member At Large; Eric Townsend, Communications Chair; Danielle Harrison; Debbie Sivret, president of Northern Guilford High School PTA

Social & Emotional Learning

Victoria Vample led a brief conversation on the value and importance of social & emotional learning. Each attendee shared short affirmations or positive words that help guide their decisions and approaches to life.

Approval of Minutes

The board voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes from November 12, 2020, and December 11, 2020, conditional on the corrections of name spellings. For the November minutes: Lindsay Cockburn is the correct spelling of the student representative from the GCCPTA to the NCPTA. For both the November and December minutes: The Academy at Lincoln is the official name of a GCCPTA member.

Treasurer's Report

Tashia Moore reported that the GCC of PTA's currently maintained a balance of \$2,479.15 as of the meeting's call to order. GCC of PTA continues to receive membership dues from schools across Guilford County for the 2020-2021 school year. She explained that the \$4 monthly service charge from the bank reflects the printing of checks on bank statements.

Dues for 2020-2021 have been received by the following schools as of January 11, 2021: Northern Elementary, Jamestown Elementary, Southwest Elementary, Page High School, Rankin Elementary, Triangle Lake Montessori Elementary, Northern High School, Weaver Academy, Dudley High School, Early College at Guilford, Sedalia Elementary, The Academy at Lincoln, Browns Summit Middle School, Southwest Guilford Middle School, Jones Elementary, Lindley Elementary, Summerfield Elementary, Falkener Elementary, Morehead Elementary, Oakview Elementary

The board unanimously approved the treasurer's report as presented. Mildred Poole recommend prior to the vote that future reports be approved after review by a soon-to-be reconstituted audit committee.

New Business

- With a nomination by Victoria Vample and seconded by Tashia Moore, the board unanimously approved Eric Townsend to fill the role of Secretary that had been vacated in December with Veronica Foster's resignation.
- With a nomination by Victoria Vample and seconded by Paula Skelton, the board unanimously approved Danielle Harrison to serve as chair of the Audit Committee.
- With a nomination by Paula Skelton and seconded by Victoria Vample, the board unanimously approved Jacqui Hawkins to serve as chair of the Nominating Committee in addition to her role as liaison to the Guilford Parent Academy. Hawkins will be able to vote on the board as chair of the nominating committee; as liaison, she had no voting ability. She is able to maintain both roles.
- Mildred Poole appointed Debbie Sivret to serve as chair of the Awards Committee.
- Mildred Poole said the organization is still looking for a volunteer to chair the Membership Committee. The goal for the academic year is to reach 60 local units.

Board Reports

- First Vice President Report: Victoria Vample shared that she was among school and community leaders who took part in academic year GCS calendar discussions. She noted that Mildred Poole and Eric Townsend joined her in the discussion on January 19, 2021.
- Second Vice President Report: Paula Skelton thanked everyone for messages of love and support shared with her from the GCCPTA following the recent passing of her mother. She said that she remains available to help with training for any schools that need it. Paula remains in charge of the SPICE grant process for GCS schools and is looking at a March 31 deadline for schools in the current calendar year to complete funded projects. Schools can reapply for 2021-2022 once current projects are completed. Three schools have already applied for SPICE grants for 2021-2022 and the deadline will be extended into the spring to ensure more schools will be able to apply, either by identifying new projects or bringing themselves into good standing with the GCCPTA and the NCPTA.
- Secretary/Communications: Eric Townsend shared that he is working with Mildred Poole to update the website and work on specific messaging for monthly emails. He has also started posting more information to the GCCPTA Facebook page and Facebook group. He said his goal is to be more intentional about encouraging schools to follow GCCPTA on Facebook and to sign up for the e-newsletter that people can sign up to receive in the organization website.
- Awards: Debbie Sivret shared that a tentative date of May 27, 2021, has been identified for the GCCPTA's 2021 Awards Ceremony with the potential theme of RISE UP: Celebrations, Success, & United During a Pandemic. She has established a timeline for awards that begins in mid February to confirm location and venue (whether in person or via Zoom), with information going to members in early March for soliciting award nominations. Questions were asked about the location of a potential in-person event and how to make sure PTAs from High Point schools would be able to easily attend.

Additional Information

- Mildred Poole reminded board members to sign and return (by mail or email) the conflict-of-interest form and the acknowledgement of receiving a code of ethics.

- Mildred Poole reminded board members not to speak on behalf of the GCCPTA unless designated by the president. She said that she assumes board members will be present for meetings unless they otherwise tell her in advance that they will be absent. In response to a question from Byron Gladden, there is no formal attendance policy for board members.
- Mildred Poole encouraged board members to reach out to her at any time by email or text with questions or suggestions. She told the board that important information will be shared by email to establish a written record of information shared by leadership and reiterated that GCCPTA is a nonpartisan organization.
- Mildred Poole said to “remember the 33,” referencing the plight of 33 Chilean miners who were successfully rescued from a caved-in mine in Chile in 2011, and the importance of psychological safety as critical to the success of the organization.
- In response to a question by Byron Gladden, Tashia Moore shared with the board that Memberhub is an option for electronically collecting GCCPTA and PTA dues. Mildred Poole reminded the board that everyone needs to be a member of a local unit in good standing with the NCPTA.
- Byron Gladden suggested that new members to the GCCPTA board attempt to bring their schools into good standing with the NCPTA in the next 30 days or identify additional local PTA units to join to ensure they remain in compliance with requirements to serve.
- Eric Townsend will be in touch with officers through their GCCPTA accounts to confirm access to emails. Mildred reminded board members to send Eric their photos to include on the GCCPTA web page.

Events

- February 11 is the target date for a full GCCPTA meeting.
- May 27 is the target date for the GCCPTA’s 2021 Awards Ceremony.

Adjournment

Byron Gladden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Paula Skelton seconded and the board unanimously approved.

Secretary

Date of approval