

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Guilford County Council of PTA's

March 12th at 5:30pm | Meeting called to order by Tyrone Green at 5:35pm

In Attendance

Mildred Poole, Paula Jarrell, Veronica Foster, Tyrone Green, Victoria Vample, Donna Williams, Tashia Moore, Jacqui Hawkins, and Isabelle Moore.

SEL Opener

A note to keep things as simple as possible and to take care of yourself also during these times of stress.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for February were approved.

Officer Reports

President's Report

- We do understand that this is a trying time, but try to remember that we can only be guided by the information that is available.
- Jacqui will continue to send GCS updates as they come.

Vice President 1 Report

- Working with A&T Stem Academy on getting their PTA Reinstated
- Also working with Simpkins elementary on hosting a proper election, will need a meeting.

Vice President 2 Report

- No updates at this time.

Secretary Report

- No updates at this time.

Treasurer's Report

- Tasha will forward to board. Once received it will be added to the minutes.

Committee Reports

Advocacy Chair

- Not in attendance, but emailed report below. I have done some research and reading on the current Bond issue and have gotten to talk to some folks who know a lot more than me about the history of bonds, and what happened in 2003, 2004 and 2008, and what the proposal is now. I feel way more clear on what is going on with the current conversation, and more prepared to help educate PTA leaders.
- I have set the date for the Advocacy Infosession on the Education Bond for Saturday 2/22 from 10am-11:30am. Many folks said that Sat. 2/15 at the same time was best for them, but several folks had

Valentines Day related conflicts and I wasn't able to finalize the date with enough lead time for planning. So we'll go with Sat. 2/22, 10am-11:30am.

- I would love for any or all of you who can attend to attend! I plan to talk to Ms. Mildred again to get her tips on getting people to turn out, plus I will be contacting all those who signed up at the County-wide meeting a few weeks ago, as well as contacting all Presidents and advocacy chairs.
- I will also be contacting some of you to ask if you can speak during specific parts and/or give a welcome to folks.
- Our main focuses on 2/22:
 - Goal: Preparing for parents to speak at the county commission meeting on 3/5 - educating them so they can make up their own minds about how they want to advocate
 - Providing people with some basic background information about the educational bond - what happened in 2003, 2004 and 2008, and what is on the table for discussion now - so they can take the information, decide where they stand what they want to say
 - Providing people with tips on preparing their remarks, how it works to speak at county commission, deciding who we want our maximum of ten speakers to be
 - Providing people with tips on how to do outreach within their PTAs to educate people about the bond issue and to invite them to turn out to the County Commission meeting
 - Providing people with information on speaking to the media on 3/5
 - It will only be 90 minutes, but I think we can cover a lot using engaging, participatory activities, and providing handouts so folks can get more info after the meeting
- Preparing for 3/5:
 - I would like to have a press conference at 5pm just simply saying that PTA parents are showing up to voice their opinions about the bond issue.
 - We'll try to sign up ten PTA parents to speak from the floor (the max on speakers is 10, so it might be fewer if other folks are there for other issues and sign up to speak before us)
 - After 6pm we'll have another chance for media to ask individual parents questions
 - I would welcome all of you who are able to attend and even bring your kids!
- Questions:
 - For 2/22 - I'm thinking I will try to get permission to use the Peck Elementary media center (where my son goes to school) since the PTA room often floods, and to start inviting parents from county schools to physically see a school in District 8 that is need of repair. Does this make sense?
 - For 2/22 - Do we have a budget that would allow me to provide snacks and coffee? If so, how do I do that?
 - For 2/22 & 3/5 - can I set up Facebook invitations through the GCCPTA's Facebook page? What other ways do you all suggest I get the word out? (I also plan to do lots of one-on-one outreach through calls and text and will also be getting Ms. Mildred's advice - we spoke briefly the other day but I want to pick her brain more.)

Awards Chair

- Awards program will be cancelled until next year.

Nominating Committee Chair

- How will nominations work with the current situation?
- Our bylaws do not allow for online or virtual voting situations. Will NC PTA make adjustments?
- We will move forward in collecting names and interest information but formal voting will have to wait until we can convene a meeting.

- Victoria will send Veronica information that she wants to add along with forms, etc to send out to the local PTAs.

Training Coordinator Report

- In person training on April 13th will be cancelled.

S.P.I.C.E.

- No updates at this time.
- 2020 S.P.I.C.E. Grant training dates are posted on our website and in social media.

Reflections

- NCPTA Reflections showcase has been cancelled.

Membership

- PTA Parent Memberships Countywide 8,888 Total Memberships. 60.9% Parent/Guardian; 23.2% Faculty; 11.1% Student; 3.7% Other; 1.0% Community Members.
- Council Memberships are 50

Resource Development

- Not in attendance.

Old Business

GCC of PTAs Link with GCS

- This link has been added to the GCS website under the Families tab and at the bottom under quick links.

New Business

- NCPTA State Conference has been cancelled.

Sel Closing

**Rose, Bud & Thorn
Meeting Adjourned 7:50pm.**

Noted

Parent question hot line 336-332-7290. Phone line is manned Monday through Friday from 7am – 7pm. Family Crisis number is 336-332-7295 and is manned 24 hours 7 days a week.

Next Meeting

TBD