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## General Assembly Meeting

## MINUTES

Date: 2/13/20

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Library

### Westbriar 5th Grade Teachers – Mrs. Burns and Ms. O’Neill

1. Presented a video that described the Global Awareness Technology Project (GATP) that all FCPS 5th graders complete as part of their Social Studies curriculum. It is a collaborative research project of ancient cultures using technology. Students learn how to write a report, create a presentation, cite a source, how to reference various digital materials, how to make decisions as a group, and how to make independent decisions. PBL projects help prepare students for the GATP.

### Introduction to Meeting

1. Trish Vanstory called the General Assembly meeting to order at 7:22PM.

### Approval of last meeting minutes

1. December 5, 2019 meeting minutes from the last PTA General Assembly meeting were presented. Deirdre Naughton motioned to approve them and Suneeta Rana seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### Budget Report

1. The budget is in good standing.
2. We just awarded almost \$20k in teacher grants.
3. We approved at the last general assembly meeting almost \$20k in items the school needs.
4. Deirdre motioned to add \$1,000k to the budget to pay the cultural arts vendor that never cashed the PTA check that was issued to him last year. Valerie McFalls seconded the motion.

### Membership Report

1. We have 359 active family bundle memberships and 27 total active staff memberships, broken down as follows (since the first day of school 8/26/19):
  - a. 90 brand new family bundle memberships
  - b. 269 existing families renewed their family bundle memberships
  - c. 15 brand new staff memberships
  - d. 12 existing staff members renewed their memberships

### Enrichment Report

1. Katie couldn't be here tonight, but she's lined up 21 classes for the Winter Program and classes are running smoothly. Registration for Spring Programs will occur in April.

### Principal's Report

1. Thank you for supporting PI night. It was the brainchild of our math resource teacher, Karen Hall.
2. Teachers are thankful for all the generous support from the teacher grants.
3. A parent requested to see a summary of the grants that were awarded. A listing will be published on the PTA website.
4. Ms. Chernov, one of our music teachers, was awarded WES's Outstanding Teacher for the entire Marshall pyramid so her nomination packet will be submitted to the Region Level.
5. Ms. Plath, our school counselor, was awarded WES's Outstanding Professional Employee.
6. Ms. Gourley, one of our Kindergarten Instructional Assistants, was awarded WES's Outstanding Support Employee.
7. Ms. Le, one of our Kindergarten teachers, was awarded WES's Outstanding New Teacher.
8. Mr. Simms Smith, our Assistant Principal, was awarded WES's Outstanding Leader.
9. The new salad bar has opened and has been running smoothly.

### PTA Volunteer Opportunities

1. Need a volunteer to manage the marquee.

**Other**

1. Nominating Committee for 2020-2021 PTA Board officers
  - a. The following members have expressed interest in being on the committee:
    - i. Mrs. Tam
    - ii. Suneeta Rana
    - iii. Elisa Clifton
  - b. No other members have expressed interest in serving on the Nominating Committee so there is no need for an election.
  - c. All PTA members present at the meeting approved the committee and there were no objections.
2. Upcoming Events:
  - a. Spelling Bee is Thursday Feb 20, Mr. Simm Smith is the announcer, Ms. Tam is a judge, and there are 32 kids signed up.
  - b. 80s vs. Current Hits Dance is Feb 28 – admission and glow sticks will be free!
  - c. International Night was originally scheduled for March 13 and is now rescheduled to occur on April 17.
  - d. Science Fair is April 23-24
  - e. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8.
  - f. Westbriar 5K is May 9.

**Next Meeting**

1. Trish motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. No one seconded the motion.
2. Next meeting will be held Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Library.

**In Attendance**

Julianna	Yes
Trish	Yes
Michael	Yes
Evgeniya	Unsure
Asmita	No
Elisa	Yes

Rachid	Yes
Amy	Yes
Angela	Yes
Nandita	Yes
Sopheap	Yes
Valerie	Yes

Heather	Yes
Suneeta	Yes
Amos	No
Mary	Yes
Deirdre	Yes