Minutes

Greenbrier Elementary

Date | time February 15, 2024 at 6 PM| Meeting called to order by Rachel Souders

# Welcome

Members in Attendance- Rachel Souders- President, Brittany Buhrman- Vice-President, Holly Leatherman- Treasurer, Paul Guerin- Secretary, Dr. Bishop- Principal, Krista Jones- GATE Teacher, Brianna Gliba, Katie Michael, Jolee Ashley, Keri Coleman, Kait Needy, Jackie Sullivan.

Thank-you to everyone for attending! Please remember to sign attendance sheet for each meeting.

# Principal’s Report

* Thank-you for coming after the original date was postponed! Joined by Krista Jones- GATE Teacher.
* The school has kicked off the Healthy Hearts campaign with a nice assembly. There were group pictures taken for the yearbook from the event.
* Pre-K enjoyed having a 100th day of school celebration and Valentine’s Day parties were enjoyed by students at all grade levels.
* Vision and Hearing screenings are currently taking place at Greenbrier. Families will receive notification from the school if there is anything that needs to be followed up on.
* Second grade classes will be visiting the Baltimore Aquarium on February 20th. A big thank-you to the PTA for the generous donation that helped to offset cost for families.
* School nurse, Kate Troxler, will return from Maternity Leave on February 20th. Very excited to have her back!
* Washington County Public Schools has been making security upgrades at all facilities recently. Windows are being covered with a shatter resistant film and all schools have received Walkie-Talkies that have a direct line to a 911 operator. The new communications were tested and Greenbrier has 95% coverage which is excellent.
* WCPS has currently taken 3 snow days. Therefore, the tentative last day for students is Thursday June 6th if no other snow days are used.
* Skate Night is planned for Saturday February 17th. We hope to have a great turnout!
* Read Across America week will take place March 4th-8th. Every class has a different reading activity and there will be fun spirit events planned.

# Treasurer’s Report

* There was $280.83 in total expenses since the last meeting. Income from the last meeting came from the Penguin Patch fundraiser, an additional PTA membership signup, and a restaurant night.
* The PTA made $236 from the Chipotle fundraiser! Thank-you for helping to raise money by attending these restaurant nights!
* Two requests for reimbursement from teachers have been received and will be processed. Teachers can be reimbursed for up to $100 of classroom related expenses if they are also PTA members.
* Holly Leatherman, PTA Treasurer, made a presentation with projected expenses and income for the rest of the year. The cost of certain events may increase this year such as the Gals and Dudes events.
* Dr. Bishop shared that the school would not require a contribution from the PTA for certain educational apps and that expense could be permanently removed from our budget.
* It is difficult to project our income from some of the upcoming restaurant nights (3/12- Texas Roadhouse, 4/17- Primanti Bros) because these are new locations.
* There was discussion about possibly doing some form of Penny War fundraiser in the Spring.

# Old Business

* Skate Night- there were 269 total RSVPs for the Skate Night with 216 total skaters. The total cost for the PTA to sponsor this event is $450.
* Spirit Wear Sales- We are very pleased with the results of the sales and the company was excellent to work with! The PTA was able to make a total profit of $537. Items will begin to arrive around the beginning of March. An additional 35 Extra Tote bags were purchased at a cost of $454 in order to distribute during Teacher Appreciation Week. There will also be a few extra tote bags for sale at upcoming events.
* Yearbook Update- The yearbook is nearing its completion. Still waiting on candid photos and in the meantime students are adding photos and making collages. Online sales are looking good, but the option to add personalized love notes at the end of the yearbook was not very popular. There will be an order form coming home from the yearbook company within the next two weeks as order forms are becoming due. If teachers have any photos they would like to add please upload them to the folder on the Google Drive (see email sent from Mrs. Barnhart on 11/14). There were a little less than 200 yearbooks ordered last year.

# New Business

* Candy Grams Spring Fundraiser- Katie Michael gave a report on the fundraiser. Candy Grams would look like business cards with kind, positive messages that students can choose from. The cost is only 6-8 cents per card. We will add a piece of Starburst to each card that is sold. The fundraiser will take place March 18-20 and Candy Grams will be delivered on March 22nd. Katie Michael and Kate Needy volunteered to help work the table where the Candy Grams will be sold. Brittany Buhrman offered to make a flyer to advertise the fundraiser. Please be on the lookout for it soon!
* Leap Day- Jackie Sullivan presented an idea for a fun Leap Day activity. Teachers will be given mini frogs to hide around their class. There will be enough frogs so that each student will be able to find one. Teachers will need to color the bottom of ONE frog and the student who finds this special frog will receive a coupon for ice cream from Sweet Frog. There will also be gum given to each teacher as part of the event. Motion made by Katie Michael to purchase the frogs and gum for the event. Seconded by Jolee Ashley. Motion passes.
* Administrative Professionals Day & Mrs. Byers Retirement- Discussion was had about different ideas to celebrate both days. Motion made by Brianna Gliba to purchase a $25 VISA gift card for Administrative Professionals Day. Seconded by Katie Michael. Motion passes. The PTA will do something separate for the retirement celebration. Brittany Buhrman volunteered to research a fun activity that kids at the school could do to recognize Mrs. Byers.
* Donuts with Dude and Goodies with Gals events- The Donuts with Dudes event will take place on April 10th and the Goodies with Gals will happen on April 24th. The group decided to purchase Krumpee’s Donuts as the snack for both events. Holly Leatherman volunteered to order the donuts for both days and Brianna Gliba will pick up the donuts up and deliver them. Jolee Ashley volunteered to buy drinks and drop them off the day before each event. Last year it was $10.25 for an assorted dozen. Brittany Buhrman volunteered to make a flyer for both events and will share with Dr. Bishop.
* Teacher Appreciation Week- The group discussed ideas for Teacher Appreciation week. Jackie Sullivan presented an idea for a travel themed week that culminated with the giving of the tote bag. The PTA will form a committee for Teacher Appreciation week that will be led by Jackie and we will send out a Sign Up Genius for people to volunteer to organize each day. Motion made by Kait Needy for proceeds from the Texas Roadhouse restaurant night go towards the Teacher Appreciation Week costs. Seconded by Keri Coleman. Motion passes.

# Dates to Remember

* Restaurant Night Fundraisers include March 12th @ Texas Roadhouse, April 17th @ Primanti Bros, and May 1st @ Chuck E Cheese. Please be on the lookout for flyers about these events.
* Skate Night will be on February 17th @ Turner’s Skate Palace from 4:30-6:30pm.
* PTA Meetings are every 2nd Tuesday except in May which will be Monday May 13th.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

# Next Meeting

Tuesday March 12th at 6 PM, Media Center

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