

George C. Marshall PTSA Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2021

Present: Carolyn Keehan, Marie Robles, Elizabeth Keegan, Jeff Litz

1. President's Report: Minutes from the March meeting were approved. Carolyn announced the open positions for next year's PTSA – VP, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Reflections Coordinator, and International Night chairs. Jennifer Manise, Susan Skaggs and Kelly Sund are the Nominating Committee Coordinators. Elections will be held at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The International Night video is complete and will be posted. Patty McCaleb represented GCM at a meeting with Schoology and parents from the pilot schools for feedback on their program. Hospitality will be purchasing insulated coolers for the teachers for Teacher Appreciation week.
2. Awards Voting: Nominations were read and voted on for the following awards:
  - a. Teacher of the Year – Mr. Booz, Mr. Kane, Ms. Schall, Ms. Clark, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Breslin, Mr. Levenberry, Ms. Wittrock, Mr. Curtain, Mr. DeLeo, Mr. Bello, Mr. Fredenburg.
  - b. Staff Member of the Year: Ms. Kirtner, Ms. Sokolove, Ms. Blakeley, Ms. Breiner, Ms. Lopez
  - c. Debbie Witherow (senior) award: Ana Andrade Parada, Maya Khachab, Parus Hundal, Sarah Pounder, Zamir Ticknor, Eugene Cho
3. Budget – As of the end of March, ANGK had \$14,000 in revenue, the PTSA also had \$14,000. There are some outstanding operations and Hospitality expenses. The full budget is on the PTSA website.
4. Principal's Report – Mr. Litz thanked everyone for their support while he was out on medical leave. Third quarter report cards were mailed home. Any F's will automatically be changed to a NM (no mark) and won't be calculated into the GPA. Students can also opt to change a poor grade to a P (pass). They should discuss this with their counselors, but Mr. Litz only recommends this if the grade is a D or lower. This decision must be made by May 10<sup>th</sup>, so teachers will have grades updated by the 7<sup>th</sup>. It otherwise won't have much of an impact on the overall GPA. Marshall will be offering Summer Recovery classes; students can take up to two courses. The week of May 18<sup>th</sup> is asynchronous for SOLs. SOLs are limited this year and will primarily be for freshmen. May 14<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school for seniors. May 24<sup>th</sup> is the last day for grades and their laptops will be turned in. They cannot get their caps and gowns unless student debt is fully paid – letters were mailed. The senior awards ceremony will be held in person outdoors. Graduation is June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 pm at Jiffy Lube Live. Each family will receive 5 tickets

and the event will be live streamed. June 3-11 will half days for all underclassmen. Many classes will not be having final exams due to the logistics of the virtual students. Schoology is being used county-wide next year with Zoom. Mr. Litz sent a letter to the students upon his return to address the racial allegations at Marshall. GCM will hold some student feedback sessions and a parent town hall before the end of the year. Mr. Litz stated he is fully invested in making sure every student feels safe at GCM. The seniors voted to have a “neon rave” in lieu of a prom on May 8<sup>th</sup>, outdoors in the parking lot. On June 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a senior trip to Six Flags.

5. Committee Reports: It was suggested that the PTSA consider honoring a retiring teacher each year, in addition to the Teacher of the Year award. The PTSA bylaws do not require officers serve for two years, that has just been GCM tradition. We can consider one year terms if we have trouble finding people to volunteer.

The next PTSA meeting is Wednesday, May 19 at which time we will be voting on PTSA officers.