

## George C. Marshall PTSA Meeting Minutes February 17, 2021

Members Present: Carolyn Keehan (President), Althea Benjamin (VP), Marie Robles (Treasurer), Augie Frattali, (Acting Principal) -- via Zoom

1. Guest Speakers: The GCM Equity Team presented on how GCM is looking at equity and how FCPS is facilitating professional development around equity for faculty and staff. Ms. Ronan presented an iceberg model to consider not only actions, but also underlying assumptions and beliefs that lead to bias in education. She explained that an equitable approach is giving more resources to students that need them to get all kids to good outcomes. Parents were encouraged to reach out to the team with questions or follow up.

2. President's Report: Minutes from the January meeting were approved and are posted on the PTSA website. International Night this year will be a video contest consisting of 5 categories (dance, musical instrument, vocal, cooking, and other). Student videos are due by the end of February. Thirteen of the items on the teacher wish list totaling \$4,600 were fulfilled and teachers have been notified. Custodians were treated to lunch from Lazy Mike's and Counselor Appreciation treats were distributed both were appreciated. There is another SAT boot camp was last weekend; more have been scheduled for the remainder of the year. Hospitality is also requesting snacks to welcome the teachers back to the building next week. The PTSA sent Mr. Litz a Door Dash certificate as a get well soon gift. Families are encouraged to send get well notes and cards to school for Mr. Litz. The next PTSA meeting is Wednesday, February 17th.

3. Budget: Marie Robles (Treasurer) reported that little has changed since last month. We're not taking much money in, but we're not spending much either. The same is true for ANGK (All-Night Grad Celebration). It is anticipated that more dollars will be spent in the months to come as there will be reimbursements for the wish list items for the teachers.

4. Principal's Report: Mr. Frattali reported that Mr. Litz is doing well in his recovery. He also shared that he would be hosting two town halls, one for returning families and one for virtual families that would give more back to school information. On 3/2, 9th and 12th graders will return to the building; 10th and 11th graders return on 3/9. The Governor released additional vaccine to help vaccinate more teachers and Mr. Frattali reported that over 90% of teachers in Fairfax County have had at least one shot.

Senior celebrations are still weighing options for graduation and senior celebrations. Lunch has been the most difficult part of the return-to-school preparations. There will be 200 desks spread out in the cafeteria, and students can also eat outdoors.

5. Committee Reports: None

Upcoming PTSA Meeting Dates: Mar 17, April 21, May 19