



**PTA Board Executive Meeting
December 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. Jordan Mallory, Diana Shehadeh, Laura Pusateri, Kara Conrad, Ashlyn Case and Indira Hodge were in attendance.

- **Principal Update – Dr. Connery was not present, but Jordan informed us of the following information.**
 - New policy for elementary schools – Beginning 2026-27 school year, students coming into Simpson at 6 years old before Sept. 5 will automatically be moved to 1st grade. It's a legal requirement and Dr. Connery is aware of the posts that are out there on Facebook. Parents with issues can reach out to Dr. Connery. Additional information is available on the GCPS website.
- **Co-president Update**
 - November PTA Meeting Minutes – Approved
 - Had a conversation re: School of Excellence. December feedback session is not available; however, Jordan will draft a response (fact sheet) and our action plans to distribute to parents. Jordan is working with Dr. Connery for an in-person February PTA meeting.
- **Treasurer Report – Phil Hebenstreit**
 - Jordan will send out treasurer's report after the meeting. We are checking on two outstanding checks; one for the Media Center and one for Sweetheart Dance.
 - We've received an approx. \$13,000 check for Read-A-Thon.
- **Family and Community Update – Kara Conrad**
 - **All Pro Dads:** All going well – next meeting on Dec. 9
 - **Mother/Son Night:** Kara requested feedback and it seemed similar from past years. We had a concerned 4th grade parent who reached out, who may be available to assist next year. Many volunteers who signed up did not work or attend. If we have volunteers, we need to give them a specific job. Paul Duke students were recruited, but also not given specific jobs. Paul Duke is such a big open space – might not be the best location or needs structure.
 - **Giving Tree:** Lots of parents signed up later once the last notification was sent out. We may need some volunteers to distribute gifts to students – Ms. Terry will let us know.
 - **Sweetheart Dance:** Team will meet with Dr. Connery on Dec. 16 to present flyer and décor ideas.
- **Academics and Arts Update – Ashlyn Case**
 - **Holiday Brass Band performance:** December 18, 1-3 p.m.
 - Connected with Brian Johnson, who played with Falcons and Braves and writes children's books. Ashlyn is securing books and will share with Dr. Connery.
 - **Viola Kid:** Working to confirm them for second semester.



- **STEM Fair:** Committee has 100 ribbons and is ordering more snacks and water. Diana let us know we have extra chips and water in the PTA trailer. Board discussed concerns with the trophy company, but Indira confirmed our chair has spoken with them and just needs to have continuous follow-up with them.
- **Reflections:** Updates went out to county winners on Dec. 4.
- **Communications and Publications Update** – Indira Hodge
 - **Yearbook:** Actively working on baby ads for 5th graders and would like to send a Parent Square reminder directly to their parents. Message needs to be drafted to Jordan/Diana for their review to send to Dr. Connery/Traci.
 - **Directory:** Upcoming directories will utilize A.I. for the process.
 - Jordan will ask if paper is provided to PTA for flyers/printing purposes.
- **Finance and Fundraising Update** – Danielle Voigt – N/A
- **Health and Environment Update** – Laura Fairchild – N/A
 - Front of the school looks lovely!!
- **Staff and Student Services Update** – Christina DelGaudio – N/A

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.