



Goldsmith Schiffman Elementary School PTA General Meeting Minutes December 16, 2025

The PTA meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with the following members in attendance: Courtney Wells, President; Ashley Saager, Secretary; Carrie Zoubeck, VP of Community Partners; Julie Berry, Treasurer; Ashley Smith, VP of Membership; and Nickie Uemura, Merry Market Chair.

President Courtney Wells began by thanking those who have joined the PTA. She encouraged everyone to utilize the PTA website as an informational resource as well as joining the various PTA Facebook pages.

Courtney explained that every 3 years the GSES PTA needs to review our bylaws and that they are due for resubmission to the AL PTA this year. A QR code was shared with all the PTA bylaws.

Amendment 1 proposes to change officers structure which would eliminate the VP of Hospitality and Events and add a VP of Family Engagement, VP of Staff Support and VP of Volunteers.

Amendment 2 proposes to change the duties of the VP's to add a VP of Family Engagement, VP of Staff Support and VP of Volunteers. This would allow the board to spread out the current duties of the current VP of Hospitality and Events in order to reduce the workload.

Amendment 3 proposes to simplify the language to "school representatives."

Amendment 4 proposes to standardize notice requirements to 7 days.

Amendment 5 proposes a language change regarding the addition and amendment of standing committees.

Amendment 6 proposes a language update and clarification of the membership quorum meeting.

President Courtney Wells asked "Can I have a motion to adopt the bylaws as presented?" It was moved by Carrie Zoubeck and seconded by a meeting audience member to adopt the proposed bylaws. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously. The motion passed and they bylaws were adopted.

Courtney explained that the 2026-2027 PTA Board Positions are now open and encouraged anyone who wants to get involved to apply. The application deadline is January 30, 2026 after which time the applications will be reviewed by the nominating committee. The nominating committee was elected by a quorum vote of 35. The nominating committee will present a slate of nominees for membership vote at the next general PTA meeting February 10.

President Courtney Wells presented the names of the Reflections Contest winners.

Photos of the newly installed playground equipment presented.

Treasurer Julie Berry reviewed the budget actuals as of December 2025.

VP of Membership Ashley Smith stated we currently have 682 PTA memberships. Reviewed the Early Bird and Golden Apple awards that the GSES PTA has earned. Ashley thanked all the volunteers who have contributed to the various PTA events success, such as Boo Bash, Sunshine Cart, Grandparents Club events and the staff appreciation lunch.

Secretary Ashley Saager presented the fundraising slides in place of Kristi Appleton. She highlighted the amount fundraised through the Fit and Fun Run and all the improvements and support programs those donations funded. She stated that the last day to shop Merry Market is tomorrow (Dec. 17th) and that volunteers are still needed. She also encouraged families to sign up and utilize Box Tops and School Bucks for fundraising opportunities.

President Courtney Wells presented for VP of Hospitality and Events, Sarah Elizabeth Anderson. She discussed the upcoming events: Spring Fling and the GSES Family Dance. More information to come on both events.

VP of Community Partners Carrie Zoubeck recognized the generosity of our community partners and encouraged families to support these partners businesses. If interested in becoming a community partner please contact Carrie for information.

Courtney Wells thanked Mrs. Reasons for directing and coordinating the 3rd grade performance.

The next PTA general meeting will be held on February 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM during the 2nd grade performance.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM

Prepared by Ashley Saager, Secretary