



Cedar Grove ES PTA Meeting Tuesday, October 6, 2015

In Attendance: Michele Tregoning, Chris Jansson, Anita Young , Annie Karp, Lori Andrus, Lee Derby, Karina Hirschhorn, Nicole Shulman, Ina Choi, Jen Coakley, Shobha Rajan, Heather Schrider, Melissa Blanken, Monique Schobitz, Lauren Birrer, Anand Ranade, Laurie Whitney, Li Ma, Lu D, Kamalahasan Rajaram, Alicja Ghaznau, Jodi Wilbanks, Katya Shtereuberg, Ravi Shankar Kodwi, Conlin Warf

Presidents Welcome (Michele Tregoning):

- Michele Tregoning called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. We also went around the room and introduced ourselves.
- Thank you to everyone for coming out to the Welcome Picnic and a huge thank you to Annie Karp & Chris Jansson, along with all the volunteers, for all of your help & hard work to make the Welcome Picnic a success.
- The 2015-16 Budget was approved at Back to School Night.

Vice Presidents Report (Annie Karp & Chris Jansson):

- The Feed the Bears fundraiser is what we are hoping to be our one and only fundraising event for the year. So far we are at about \$7,000, so we are almost halfway there. If we don't meet our total goal, by the end of October, we will need to add another type of fundraiser. If you have not contributed, please consider contributing to this Feed the Bear fundraiser. We are really hoping for 100% participation. Also, if you were only able to contribute a small amount in Aug/Sept. and would like to make another donation, please feel free to donate again. Thank you to Mrs. M&M for her drawing of the Bear & honey pot, which is hanging in the front hall of the school, and showing our progress for this fundraiser.
- Membership - so far we have 165 parent members and 20 staff members

Treasurer's Report (Anita Young):

- Anita reviewed the annual budget report from July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015. She also shared the Profit & Loss statements from July, August, and September of this year. She then also reviewed the working Budget for this current year, from July 1, 2015-September 30, 2015.
- Michele Tregoning made a motion to amend the Annual Budget, for ICB, to increase that to \$700.00. The reason for this increase is because our ICB costs are already higher than anticipated, and we still need to book the room for the silent auction. Jen Coakley seconded the vote and all were in favor, no one opposed.

Secretary's Report (Lori Andrus):

- Lori Andrus shared several notes that we received. The First Grade team thanked us for the Back-to-School lunch. Mrs. Jones thanked us for the "Welcome" hydrangea that we gave her on the first day of school. Diane Gordon thanked us for the book we purchased for each classroom, and for all of our hard work on the Book Fair. Pam Cromwell thanked us for all of the gifts, kindness, and support for the past 30+ years, and she said she will greatly miss everyone at CG. Lastly, Jen O'Neal, and the entire O'Neal family, sent us a beautiful card thanking us for planting the tree & flowers in memory of their son Julian.

Staff Liaison Report (Karina Hirschhorn):

- Staff appreciation day was awesome – thank you – it was so nice to be able to sit down & talk with everyone while enjoying a nice meal.
- Heard that the Welcome Back Picnic was a huge success – thank you for a great job.
- She was curious as to how the Book Fair did with it being in the portables this year. Anita Young thought it did better having the Book Fair in the portables for the Welcome Back Picnic, but it hurt during the school day. Anita indicated that all in all the sales were down this time by 11%. It was brought up that Kindergarten did not receive a wish list for books, so this is something we will need to make sure they receive for the Spring Book Fair.
- The PTA purchased the new wheel barrow legs for the Media Center tables which are wonderful, so thank you!
- The PTA has generously volunteered to co-chair the Science Expo this year, which will be held on January 13, 2016, at Rocky Hill Middle School.
- Pink Out Wednesdays are back, in honor of Breast Cancer awareness. Please have your kids (or parent volunteers) wear pink every Wednesday to show support.

Principal's Report (Lee Derby):

- Chrome Books in second grade – thank you to the PTA for generously purchasing the Chrome Books so that the 2nd grade can learn how to use these tools. And now, the laptops that we purchased a few years back have now gone to 1st grade.
- So great to see so many people at Back to School Night, Kindergarten Orientation, and the Coffee Chat.
- The Leadership team has decided to make a change to the Positive Behavior Incentive Program for the Kindergarten class. Because the K classes are located so close to the other rooms that they need to go to, they do not get the chance to earn as many points as other grades. So rather than competing against classes from other grades, Kindergarten classes have a goal for the number of bears they earn in the month. All classes meeting that goal will be rewarded. The Discipline Committee will work out the details.
- Open House is next Monday, October 12th from 9:20-11am. The blacktop will be open for parking, but the first recess is at 11:00am, so please make sure to move your cars before 11am. This is a chance to see your kids and their teachers in action.
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- Field Day is coming up on October 22nd 9:45-12pm for 2nd & 3rd grade and October 23rd for 4th & 5th grade. If you would like to volunteer to help out with Field Day, please contact Mr. Jansson.

Committee Reports:

Volunteer Coordinator (Jen Coakley):

- Thank you to Michele Tregoning for helping with the Volunteer Orientation – sorry to have missed it, but had a family emergency. If anyone has any questions or would still need to learn about volunteering opportunities, please let Jen know.
- Still need Chairs for the following committees: Book Fair and Silent Auction.

Book Fair:

- Thank you to all of the volunteers for the Book Fair.
- Thank you to Building Services for all of their help
- Thank you to Beverly Hazen for working so many hours

Fall Harvest Festival:

- Coming up on Friday, October 30, from 6:30-8:30pm, at the school

Spirit Wear:

- Mike Galipo is Chair for Spirit Wear this year – he is very excited to get this up & running. He will also have an online store, where you can shop online for 3 weeks.

Spirit Night:

- Baja Fresh was on Thursday, September 24th and was successful. Mrs. Gardner's class won the contest for highest participation.
- Corner Bakery is coming up on Thursday, October 15th from 4-9pm in Germantown

New Business:

- After School Clubs - There were some communication difficulties with how the After School activities were kicked off and run the first week. We need to have a Parent Coordinator to help make sure that all of these classes kick off properly and that the teachers & staff are kept in the loop.
- Mr. Derby also spoke about the Surveys from the Back to School nights. It was decided that we will have extra curriculum nights/parent workshops for Reading, Math, and Technology. Details need to be worked out as to which content to present first, and what format the nights will

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follow. This was also why the PTA is helping with the Science Expo, because the teachers will now be so involved with these new curriculum nights. He has also decided that we will continue to stick with having Fall Harvest Parties, as opposed to Halloween themed events. He just felt that there were too many people who voted that they do not celebrate Halloween, and he does not want to exclude anyone from our school events. Doing costumes & having parades is also very time consuming and requires a ton of extra volunteers, which always tends to be difficult. The PTA, however, will continue to have a costume contest and other types of Halloween type activities at the Fall Harvest Festival, held on October 30th at 6:30pm.

Michele adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.