



Cedar Grove ES PTA Meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2016

In Attendance: Michele Tregoning, Annie Karp, Chris Jansson, Anita Young , Lori Andrus, Jen Coakley, Courtney Jones, Karina Hirschhorn, Lori Marshall, Jodi Wilbanks, Nicole Shulman.

Presidents Report (Michele Tregoning):

- Michele Tregoning called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Report (Lori Andrus):

- No correspondence to report

Treasurer's Report (Anita Young):

- Anita reviewed the Profit & Loss statement for March 2016. She then also reviewed the working Budget for this current year, from July 1, 2015-March 31, 2016.

Staff Liaison's Report (Karina Hirschhorn):

- Read aloud day was a huge success! Thank you for your support!
- Mrs. Hirschhorn cannot keep the Mary Amato books on the shelves – Mrs. Amato was wonderful, the kids absolutely loved her & love her books, so thank you for scheduling that Assembly!
- Autism awareness month is being sponsored by our SGA. Every Friday in April the kids will be doing activities for Autism Awareness. **April 8th** –Each Class Signs a large Autism awareness Ribbon which S.G.A. members will hang in the Hallways for the month; **April 15th** – Wear Autism Awareness Stickers; **April 22nd** – Wear Autism Awareness bracelets; **April 29th** – Blue Out (Wear Blue) .
- Earth Week starts on Monday, April 18th. We will kick off the week with the GreeNEWit Assembly on April 18th. Each day has different events, and [each day will have a different color theme](#). All of this information is posted on the CG website. The last day, Friday, April 22nd, will be a school-wide picnic, barring bad weather, to which parents are invited. The Lions club has donated a book for each classroom. Mrs. Hirschhorn found a great book titled *The Greenling* by Levi Pinfold and is hoping to make a school-wide “stop what you’re doing” event where everyone will stop and have a read aloud at the same time (details of this are still being worked out).
- Jansson’s Park week has been moved to the same week as Earth Week with plenty of indoor & outdoor activities.
- Summer School is now being offered at Cedar Grove, with an after-care program also being offered through the Recreation Department. Please sign up as soon as possible if you are interested in Summer School. It’s a very relaxed & fun learning experience, where the kids get to explore content a bit more deeply than they might during the regular school year. It’s a great program & highly recommended.
- If you have students that will be going to [Hallie Wells MS](#) next year, information about the school, along with the [Newsletters](#), can be found on our CG website.

Principal's Report (Courtney Jones):

- We recognize that this is a very busy time of year, so we really appreciate everything that the Board is doing, along with all of the Chairs & volunteers – thank you!!
- Very excited for Around the World Night this Friday night – should be a great event!!
- Our next Bear Way Assembly will be tomorrow afternoon, April 6th.

Committee Reports:

Middle School Naming Committee & MS Update (Michele Tregoning):

- Michele attended the BOE meeting to testify for Hallie Wells. There was a group testifying for Hallie Wells & a group testifying for Alan Cheung. It was quite an experience, and a really interesting thing to be a part of! After hearing everyone's testimonies, the committee voted that night & decided on Hallie Wells.
- On May 5th there will be a Parent Night for Hallie Wells MS at 6:30-7:45pm. The location is still to be determined. Once we have that information, it will be posted on our website.
- Surveys went out to all of the kids at CG and Wims, along with all of the 6th graders that will be moving to Hallie Wells, voting on the school mascot & colors.

Spirit Night (Anita Young):

- Next Spirit Night will be on April 11th at Chick Fil-A.

Bingo Night (Amy Hoffacker – read by Michele Tregoning):

- Bingo Night was a lot of fun & went really well. There was a lot of great prizes, plenty of good food, and everyone seemed to have a really good time

Around the World Night (Shobha Rajan – read by Michele Tregoning):

- 15 countries are participating, with 50+ kids participating in the fashion show. She has plenty of volunteers & SSL kids volunteering, so things seem to be in order. The date is this Friday, April 8th, from 6:30-8:30pm at RHMS.

Nominating Committee (Michele Tregoning & Jen Coakley):

- If you are interested in running for the PTA Board, please let us know. A survey will also go out where you can nominate yourself or someone else.
- Also, if you are interested in Chairing or Co-chairing positions, please get with Jen Coakley and she can let you know what positions are open.

Old Business / New Business:

- A new line of Spirit Wear came out today, so check your child's take home folder. This will also be posted on the CG website.

Michele adjourned the PTA meeting at 7:55pm.