



Cedar Grove ES PTA Meeting Tuesday, May 4, 2016

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

Presidents Report (Michele Tregoning):

- Michele Tregoning called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- It's very exciting; we are coming upon all of the end of year activities! We are also still in need of several Board positions, but we will touch on that later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report (Lori Andrus):

- We received a thank you note from the 1st grade team, thanking us for the GreeNewit assembly, to kick off Earth Week.

Treasurer's Report (Anita Young):

- Anita reviewed the Profit & Loss statement for April 2016. She then also reviewed the working Budget for this current year, from July 1, 2015-April 30, 2016.

Staff Liaison's Report (Karina Hirschhorn):

- Thank you for the GreeNewit assembly – it really helped kick off Earth week and the kids really enjoyed it!
- We will be wearing Camouflage clothing for Spirit Day on May 18.
- There will be a Relay for Life fundraiser starting today. The kids will be collecting spare change for Relay through May 20. We will have a grade level competition, with the grade level that has the most change in its water bottle winning! The actual Relay for Life event will be on Saturday, May 21st at Rocky Hill MS.
- The Band concert will be on May 10th at 2pm at CG for the school, and the spring concert for chorus and band will be at 7pm that evening at Clarksburg HS. Mrs. Jackson is encouraging all students to wear light weight clothing. White tops and black bottoms (Bottoms can be shorts) with black shoes. Students should drink plenty of water the day before and the day of the concerts. THANK YOU for supporting the music program by helping us secure the use of Clarksburg High School Auditorium!
- The information about the contest for the Hallie Wells agenda book is on the CG homepage.
- The Kick-off to Summer Reading Assembly with Joe Romano will be on June 9th. A librarian from Germantown Library will also be here to get the kids excited about reading throughout the summer.
- The Staff Appreciation luncheon today was fantastic – thank you and there were NO leftovers – so yummy!

Principal's Report (Lee Derby):

- The Staff Appreciation luncheon went really well, it was delicious, and was truly appreciated.
- Thank you also to Mrs. Hirschhorn and her committee for the wonderful Earth Week. The kids had a great time and the event went really well.
- We were re-certified to be a Green School and will receive the award at the Sandy Point field trip on May 13th. Mr. Jansson added that the amount of work that goes into becoming certified to be a Green School is quite extensive, so this is something to be very proud of – great job to all involved!
- PARCC testing will be starting next week. It will be 8 sessions of testing, with testing being about 60-90 minutes long. We are not quite sure when the results will come back, but last year we received the results back in October. A dry run of the test will take place tomorrow.
- Because of the rain & wet fields, Field day for Kindergarten and first grade has been moved to next Tuesday, May 10.
- Kindergarten Orientation will be on Thursday & Friday this week
- The Volunteer reception will be on June 1st. Individual invitations will go out, but please mark your calendars
- A family reading event will be on June 8th in the evening. This event will be a fun event open to parents and students and encourages students to continue reading & learning throughout the summer.
- Summer school is definitely a go, and the staff is working hard to get it all set up. There is still time to sign-up. Applications are on the school Web page.
- The 5th grade graduation will be on June 17th at 10:00am at CG.
- The meet & greet for the Hallie Wells MS staff will be this Thursday from 6:00-7:30pm at Rocky Hill MS.

Committee Reports:

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

- Shobha said the event went well and that everyone seemed to have a great time. A few people canceled at the last minute, so that was a bit disappointing, but all in all it was a fun event.

Nominating Committee (Jen Coakley):

- An email will go out tonight about Board positions. Unfortunately we do not have anyone who has expressed interest in being either the President or the Co-Vice President positions. We MUST have these positions filled or we cannot have a Board next year. If we do not have a Board, then we will not have any activities such as the Welcome Picnic, Bingo Night, Spirit Nights, Spring Dance, the End of the Year Picnic, Yearbooks, etc. This will also mean that there will be no funds raised to benefit our school and our children. PLEASE consider running for the PTA Board and helping out our school. If you are interested in running, please let us know.
- 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.

Spring Dance (Dawn Frazier – read by Michele Tregoning):

- The Spring Dance is this Friday at CG at 6:30pm. The theme is Outer Space. Food will be sold at the dance and there will also be a Photo Booth. Dawn is very excited about the event - it will be a lot of fun, so please come out this Friday night.

Old Business / New Business:

- Annie Karp wanted to thank Mrs. Hirschhorn for posting an amazing slide show of pictures from Earth Week on Facebook – it was so great to see all of the amazing events that took place during Earth Week.

Michele adjourned the PTA meeting at 7:50pm.