



**Cedar Grove ES PTA Meeting
Tuesday, November 1, 2016**

In Attendance: Nicole Shulman, Annie Karp, Jodi Wilbanks, Lori Andrus, Lori Marshall, Michele Tregoning, Jen Coakley, Lee Derby, Courtney Jones, Karina Hirschhorn, Mini Varughese, Tashina Singh, Erica Molnar, Katya Shterenberg, Heather & Mark Rutz, Memma Jaka Macarthy, Tigist (Tina) Amberber, Heather Schrider, Kobie Buttrey, Li Ma

Presidents Report (Nicole Shulman):

- Nicole Shulman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The PTA Board then went around and introduced ourselves, as well as we went around and had the entire room introduce themselves.
- Every other month Nicole meets with the clusters, which includes Wims, Little Bennett, Rocky Hill, Hallie Wells, and Clarksburg HS. Along with many other things, they have been discussing what the various schools are doing for their fundraisers. The schools from our cluster were extremely impressed with our Feed the Bears Fundraiser and how well it is received! Also, Rocky Hill & Hallie Wells are doing a Color Fun Run in the spring, and we're looking to possibly join them. This is in the very beginning stages so Nicole needs to gather more information and see if we can try and join them. If we can't make it work this year, possibly something for next year. The fun run is scheduled for May. We will also need a Chair for this, so Jen will work on getting someone – if you are interested, please let Jen Coakley know.

Vice Presidents Report (Annie Karp / Jodi Wilbanks):

- Feed the Bears is doing extremely well and we are now close to \$10,000, so we are 2/3 to our goal of \$15,000. We will make a decision later in the year to see if we feel if we need to do any further fundraisers. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far, we are thrilled with these results!! Thank you for supporting CG and our children!
- Mrs. Daly's class won the Feed the Bears contest for October for most class participation and they picked a pizza party.

Secretary's Report (Lori Andrus):

- No correspondence was received this month.

Treasurer's Report (Lori Marshall):

- Lori gave us copies of the 2016-17 Budget, along with the Profit & Loss statement from August 29 – November 1, 2016. We went over both of these statements at the meeting.

Staff Liaison's Report (Karina Hirschhorn):

- Thank you to all the parents for dressing up your kids for all of the various activities this month – Red Ribbon week, Pink out Wednesday, Fan Friday, etc. We had a lot of participation and the kids looked great!
- TV news is on the CG homepage. If you would like to see your child on the TV news, please check it out.
- Pre-orders of Diary of a Wimpy Kid arrived, so if your child has pre-ordered, they will be available soon.

Principal's Report (Lee Derby):

- This Wednesday & Thursday is Election Day at CG. The candidates campaign videos will be broadcast and the kids will vote over the next 2 days.
- Next week is a bit crazy with only 1 full day and 2 half days, but we will do our best to keep kids focused on school.
- Conferences are next Thursday (11/10) & Friday (11/11) – these are also half days of school.
- Flu shots are being offered next Monday, November 7th from 9am – 12pm at Seneca Valley HS, Richard Montgomery HS, and Kennedy HS. Additional information can be found on the CG website.
- Students are tested in MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) three times per year. All students are tested in math and reading and the test begins in 3rd grade. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders take reading and math MAP tests. You will receive the results of these tests, either before the P/T conferences or at the P/T conferences, to see how your children have done on these tests.
- Our first Assembly of the year will be held this Thursday, November 3rd which Mrs. Andrus & the PTA have put together for us. It is called the NED Show and it is an inspirational & educational program that centers around important life long messages - **Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best!** During the assembly students will learn more about these 3 NED messages, while also enjoying storytelling, magic, humor, and yo-yo tricks. This performance comes to us FREE of charge because of the NED Programs "Pay-it-Forward" sales program. Over the course of the next week or so, we will be selling NED yo-yo's. By purchasing a NED yo-yo or product, you are helping to "Pay-it-Forward" so that another school, like ours, can enjoy The NED Show. The yo-

yo's will be available for purchase in Mrs. Spoales office on Friday November 4th, Wednesday November 9th, Thursday November 10th, Friday November 11th, and Monday November 14th.

- Report cards will be coming out on November 17th
- Chrome Books have come in – thank you so much to the PTA for your generous donation!
- The video camera, which was also a PTA donation, also arrived and was used to film all of the SGA candidates' campaign videos.
- We have a retired traveling Scientist that will be volunteering at our school and spending time with some of the students. We are also hoping to also have her for the Science Expo.
- Talking with Wells & Wims about doing a Field Trip to Hallie Wells to get the 5th grade kids excited and ready for Middle School.
- Got some good news about our gym floor – it has finally been approved in the Capital Improvements plan. We will be replacing our old gym floor with a new wooden floor, and we will receive new doors, and windows in the gym. This will be done as soon as school is finished in June.
- The site for the new Elementary School for 2019 has been approved.

Committee Reports:

Volunteer Coordinator (Jen Coakley):

- We will not be having the Bear Facts Newsletter this year. Unfortunately we were never able to secure a Chair. We are hopeful that there is plenty of other ways that information is getting out to the parents
- Unfortunately we also did not get a Chair for Parent's Night Out, so we also won't be able to have that "Parent's Night", which was to coincide with the Holiday Shop.

Spirit Night (Tashina Singh):

- Did not have a Spirit Night for October, but planning on working with Jersey Mike's for November.
- Looking for ideas for restaurants, so if you have ideas, please let Tashina know.

Holiday Shop (Jodi Wilbanks & Erica Molnar):

- The Holiday Shop will begin on December 2nd, and will also run December 5th – 9th. The Holiday Shop will be held in Mrs. Spoales office, so thank you to her for donating her room. A lot of fun merchandise has been purchased, so hopefully the parents & kids are excited! If you are interested in volunteering, please let Jen Coakley know – please note you must have completed the Child Abuse course before volunteering. There will be a preview day on December 2nd.

Spirit Wear (Mike Galipo - read by Nicole Shulman):

- Spirit Wear is now available for sale. The deadline to order is November 15, 2016. Orders will be ready in time for the Holidays. A handout was given at the PTA meeting, but the link will also be emailed out to everyone and posted on the CG website. The link is <https://cedargrovespirit.itemorder.com/sale>. After orders are placed online, they will be delivered to the school and sent home with the children, 2-4 weeks after the order date.

Old Business / New Business:

- PTA Directories are now ready – If you are a PTA Member, you will receive a copy of the Directory and they will be going home with students tomorrow. If you just recently joined the PTA, then you will receive the Directory within the next couple of weeks or so. The app will also be updated
- Mini asked if Mrs. Hirschhorn would put together a donation list (like she has done in the past) of things she would need for the upcoming year.

Nicole adjourned the PTA meeting at 8:05pm.