

PTA MEETING MINUTES
COLIN POWELL ES CAFETERIA
TIME: 9:35 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
DATE: Thursday, January 5, 2012

I. Call to order: Jeanie Eng, PTA President, called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone to our first day time meeting and went over the agenda

II. Acceptance of Minutes: Everyone in the audience was asked to review the minutes of the December meeting. There was a motion to approve the minutes. It was moved by Liz Fong and seconded by Christina Sawyers. Motion carried.

III. School Administrator and Staff Reports: Mrs. Linda Clifford welcomed everyone.

- Mrs. Clifford thanked all the parents for their generous support in classrooms, teacher workrooms and during the holiday season.
- She reported that we now have 1169 students enrolled. This number qualified CPES to create a new kindergarten resource position. CPES is in the process of creating a class where certain students will be pulled out and given additional support with reading and math. Mrs. Lee will be filling the resource teacher position and Ms. Tricia Monroe will work part time in kindergarten and the office. An additional classroom has been created in the kindergarten pod for this reason.
- Mrs. Clifford reminded us that 500 numbers have been given out for the Kiss and Ride program and it is quite crowded during pick up and drop off, especially with the addition of a new classroom in the pod. She requested that kids use the bus service as often as they can and parents pick up children at their bus stop.
- She reported that FCPS will be changing their report cards next year. Standard based expectations will be put on the report cards and will be more detailed for parents to understand expectations.
- The garden club, led by Mr. Stratford, has submitted 2 grant requests to help with the planning and support for the school garden. Mrs. Dark, the art teacher, will be sketching the garden layout. More information to be provided to all parent volunteers interested in helping with the garden in February. If you would like to get involved, please contact Mr. Stratford.
- Nicole Plummer, IT specialist at CPES, gave us a preview of the new CPES school website.

IV. Treasurer's Report

No major changes in the PTA budget. Detailed budget report at next month's meeting.

V. President's report and Programs and Activities

Spelling Bee/ Junior Spelling Bee

Written Spelling Bee for the 5th/6th graders was this morning (Jan.5th).

Oral Spelling Bee will be Thursday, Feb 2nd at 5:30pm in the cafeteria.

New to CPES this year is the Junior Spelling Bee for grades 1-4. Registration information to go home soon. The oral spelling test for our younger spellers will take place on the same evening as the 5th/6th graders, in the Little Theater.

Multicultural Night

We have a great team of parents working together this year to plan this international event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact co-organizers Trinh Tran (tran7375@gmail.com) or Jeanie Eng (momjeanie@gmail.com).

Tryouts – Friday, January 6th, 6pm in the Little Theater

Wednesday January 25: Fashion Show rehearsal 7pm

Rehearsal – Wednesday, February 8th, 6pm in the cafeteria (MUST ATTEND REHEARSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN MC NIGHT)

Multicultural Night – Friday, February 10th, 6pm-8pm in the cafeteria

Movie Night:

Friday Jan 20th: 2 showings: 6pm- Smurfs; 8pm – Dolphin Tale

\$2/person. Concessions will be sold. Volunteers needed for concessions and ticket sales.

Carnival

The 8th annual Colin Powell ES Carnival is coming up. We are looking for volunteers to help with this fun-filled, family event on March 10th. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us at: cpespta@gmail.com

After School Programs:

Winter session of the Lego Brix/ Ultrasports to begin next Monday, Jan 9th

First session of the Chess Club to end on 1/18. Next session begins on 2/9. Flyers will be sent out soon in the Tuesday folders.

Science Fair: New to CPES. Will be held this spring. More details to follow.

VI. Guest Speaker: Mary Beth Hazelgrove

Topic: Universal Design for Learning. Her power point presentation will be on the PTA website.

Next PTA meeting: February 2nd at 7pm.

This will be followed by Mad Science show "Spin, Pop and Boom" at 7:15pm.