

PTA MEETING MINUTES

COLIN POWELL ES

TIME: 7:05 p.m.

DATE: Tuesday, January 6, 2009

I. Call to order: Mr. Jason Ahn, PTA President, called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to our January meeting. Jason began the meeting by requesting an approval of the December PTA meeting minutes.

II. Acceptance of Minutes: It was moved by Judy Fanucci, and seconded by Jenny Doyle that the December meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried.

III. School Administrator and Staff Reports:

Principals Report:

Mr. Brian Hull welcomed everyone and wished them a Happy New Year. He also reported that:

- CPES students were highlighted in Center View Newspaper
- We are currently involved in a difficult budget process. Open meetings for the community will be held in the following months so that families can share concerns.

Assistant Principal:

Ms. Mary Lambert reported that:

- Washington Post has reported that opening time changes for ES, MS, and HS is being discussed with a 7:50 – 9:25 a.m. proposed elementary start time.

Mr. Adam Erbrecht reported that:

- Challenging – next week is our first annual Spelling Bee. Twenty of our fifth and sixth graders have qualified to participate. We are registered to participate in the County Spelling Bee for our winner.
 - Three judges are still needed for the event

Teacher Reports:

Mr. Jeffrey Stratford, 1st grade teacher, reported that:

- This year we have made an attempt with outreach to our students and community for healthy eating and to be more active. We are continuing with the Fruit of the Month program and this month's fruit is grapefruit!
- This program is coordinated with the cafeteria manager with all involved being excited.
- January is Bring a Fruit to School Day.
- February is Let's Get Healthy month and a poster contest will be held. The poster contest is optional and judges are needed. The poster should represent a healthy food or exercise that the child enjoys. Bloom is our partner and will post the winning poster.
- Volunteers and help are needed for the March 11 evening Health Fair. This is a community event not just a CPES event.

Ms. Gibson, 5th grade teacher, reported that:

- Thank you PTA for the 5th grade libraries. We love the titles, authors, and books!
- Bach 2 Rock got the students really excited about music education.

IV. Officer Reports:

President:

Mr. Jason Ahn reported that:

- We are currently at 535 members. There will be another membership drive in February to achieve our new 600 target goal.
- Our website, www.cpespta.org, is up and running and we are on our way to going green and to informing our community. Thank you Sue Kim, our website manager.
- Our playground project goal of \$70,000 by 2010 is currently at 25%. This is in large part to the Emily Michael Fund as well as the donations made on behalf of Ann Durloo's father who recently passed away.
 - Other fundraising events are planned for the year including Puma Pounce and Smoothies Night.

1st Vice President:

Mrs. Beth Ann Lockert reported that:

- Spelling Bee is Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. and is being held thanks to a parent suggestion and based on parent volunteers.
- Family Fun this month will be on Friday, January 30 in the cafeteria and will be a Game Night. Please bring your family board games and play with your children. If you have gently used games there will be a game exchange!
- The lunch reimbursement this year has been cut in half and the cost this year is under \$75. Those in need are being addressed by Administration with very few repeat offenders.
- Multicultural Night is coming up on February 6.
- Phone calls and emails went out yesterday to remind everyone of the PTA meeting this evening. Thank you Ms. Lambert!
- PTA related suggestion box is being proposed. We are need in someone to create the box and to monitor the suggestions.

2nd Vice President:

Mr. Angelo Africa reported that:

- Coin boxes for the playground fundraising event will be going out on January 13th in Tuesday folders. The due date is January 30. The class with the highest amount collected will win a pizza party.
- Smoothie night at The Tropical Café is on January 22 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. PTA will get 25% of sales. You must mention Colin Powell for us to receive the funds.

Treasurer:

Ms. Dawn Fraioli reported that:

- Main account reconciled balance as of November 30, 2008 is \$51,263.41
- Outstanding November transactions of \$12,473.80
- December 1 balance is \$38,769.81
- December 30 balance (un-reconciled) \$27,859.64
- Playground account December 2008 is \$12,714.64
- December playground deposits not yet transferred is \$4,971.45
- These numbers are just a snapshot in time

V. Reports of Committee Chairs/Needs:

Puma Pounce – Brenda Hinkle and Michele Mehzer – 50% of the proceeds are designated for the Teacher Grants and 50% of the proceeds will benefit the playground fund. This year there will be a 5k run for the entire community and a 1 mile fun run. This will be advertised at the Health Fair. The event will be held on May 9, 2009 at 8AM. There is corporate sponsorship available. The registration form will be posted on our CPESPTA website.

VI. Announcements/Events:

- January 11 – Martin Luther King Jr. Festival – Centreville High School from 4-6PM
- January 12 - Centreville Pyramid Choral Concert – Centreville High School at 7PM
- January 13 – Spelling Bee (5th and 6th Graders) at 6:30PM
- January 22 – Tropical Smoothie Night at Tropical Café (Centreville) 5:30-8PM
- January 30 – Family Fun Game Night – Cafeteria from 6:30-8:30PM
- February 3 – PTA Meeting – 7-8PM
- February 6 – Multicultural Night

VII. Adjournment:

Meeting ended at 8:08 pm Next meeting is February 3, 2009.