

# **PTA MEETING MINUTES**

## **COLIN POWELL ES CAFETERIA**

**TIME: 7:10p.m. – 7:26p.m.**

**DATE: Thursday, November 3, 2011**

**I. Call To Order:** Jeanie Eng, PTA President, called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone to our November meeting and went over the evening's agenda. Jeanie asked everyone to review the October 2011 PTA meeting minutes. She explained that the secretary, Riva Kamat, and treasurer, Christina Sawyer, were not in attendance.

**II. Acceptance of Minuets:** Jeanie Eng, reviewed the minutes of October 2011 PTA meeting. Jeanie motioned to correct typographical errors from October 2011 meeting minutes. The errors corrected were: spelling of "Jeannie" to "Jeanie" and spelling of "Thompson" to "Thomason". Jeanie also motioned to approve the correction of date for the Multicultural Night from February 20, 2012 to February 10, 2012. The motion was approved by Jina Davidson and seconded by Mrs. Linda Clifford. Motion carried.

**III. Treasurer's Report:** Jeanie Eng, filling in for Christina Sawyer, reported no changes on the schedule or budget.

**IV. President's Report:** Jeanie Eng recognized the following people:

- Rose Chau (Hospitality Chair) for a successful Custodial Appreciation and Bus Driver's Appreciation events held in October and for organizing the upcoming Grab N Go Treats for the teacher work days.
- Maura Archetti (Flex Instructor) for adding new languages, Spanish, French and Hindi to the Flex Program. Arabic and Mandarin classes are still pending.
- Trinh Tran, Multicultural Night Coordinator, held her first meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Event looks promising.
- Andrew Iodice, Lego League Instructor, and the Powell Renegades team will be going to First Lego League 2011 Food Factor Competition to be held at GMU on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- A big thanks for all the parent volunteers helping out in the Chess, Lego Brix, and Math Clubs.
- Partnership with the local businesses: Fairfax Collegiate (Lego Robotics), Brixalot (Lego Brix) and OTA (Ultra Sports). Latter two classes to end in November and resume in January.
- The winner of October's drawing for the Cheesecake Factory giftcard winner was **Jin Tai Chow.**

**V. Volunteer of the Month:** Sue Kim is Volunteer of the Month for November 2011. Sue is an active parent volunteer in both her daughters' classrooms. For the past 4 years, she has been the PTA web page master. She has spent the last 5 months working with Wevio to ensure that the PTA website updates were correct. She has also been the Reflections coordinator for 3 years. The PTA recognizes and applauds Sue's dedication to the school, the PTA, and the children of Colin Powell ES.

**VI. School Administration and Staff Reports:** Mrs. Linda Clifford welcomed everyone. Mrs. Clifford thanked parents for their support with the Health Screening. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and also of Election Day (to be held in the school cafeteria on November 8<sup>th</sup>).

**VII. SCHOOL GARDEN:** Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Smith and a PTA funded teacher grant, our first grade students will have the unique opportunity to plant tulips and share/compare their experience with children across North America and the world. Mr. Stratford is also looking for volunteers to help design the school garden. Volunteer sign-up sheets were set out.

**VIII. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was approved by Katherine Caffrey and seconded by Lawrence Eng. The meeting ended at 7:29 PM. Next meeting is on December 8, 2011.