

## **PTA MEETING MINUTES**

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TIME: 7:00 p.m.

DATE: Tuesday, October 7, 2008

**I. Call to order:** Mr. Jason Ahn, PTA President, called the meeting to order. He began the meeting by requesting an approval of the June PTA meeting minutes.

**II. Acceptance of Minutes:** It was moved by Suzette Haywood, and seconded by Denise Day that the June meeting minutes be approved with the change of an acronym from SIMSAC to CPMSAC under roman numeral 3 of the June meeting minutes. Motion carried.

### **III. School Administrator and Staff Reports:**

#### **Principals Report:**

**Mr. Brian Hull** welcomed family, parents, and staff and thanked them for their dedication and interest. He also reported that:

- He discussed staff projections from last June's meeting. We have 41 teachers rather than the stated 31. We currently have 973 students in CPES at this time with a few more potentially coming.
- Preschool has now returned to CPES due to the growth of our student population and the addition of our portable students. We have a morning and afternoon program and are doing very well.
- We have completed our school plan and have sent it to the Cluster Office for their review.
- We have passed AYP this year all subgroups passed. 92% of students taking the SOL's at CPES scored passed proficient or advanced proficient level.
- Rumors of Level 4 GT program ending are false. We do have GT services at the third grade level of all levels of the curriculum. An informational GT presentation will occur later this year.

#### **Assistant Principal:**

**Ms. Mary Lambert** reported that:

- The Responsibility to the Community Committee is again sponsoring a mini-walk for the homeless. It will occur this year during school hours and all students will participate. Families are welcome to come and join their child.
- The Korean Early Literacy program is back again. Participating students are not quite school age yet and their parents come for a total of 12 sessions, 2 hours long, every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and they do early literacy activities, read poems, songs, play games etc.

**Mr. Adam Erbrecht** introduced himself as the new Assistant Principal. He was a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for past 5 years. He also reported that:

- The current budget crisis has made it possible that our clinic aid position may be eliminated this school year. This is not a FCPS funded position but is a Fairfax County Government (FCG) position. We want the word out to the community to please let FCG know that we really need the position with 973 students.

### **Teacher Reports:**

**Mrs. Suzanne Sorensen**, reading specialist, reported that:

- We developed a partnership with GMU last year and this year we are a Professional Development School.
- We have three interns who began the week before school started and will be with us the entire year. Then we have interns who are doing field experience in fall who will also join us as student teachers in spring. We have a site facilitator as well.
- The fall DRA2 was administered as part of our school program. FCPS requires first and second graders to take the DRA2 in spring but we are doing it in the fall at CPES. This will allow the teachers to know the students as readers and will be able to give accurate information during parent teacher conference.
- When we opened our school we had a bond issue that included Waterford, early literacy program, reading materials. We have received our last shipment this year. There is a volunteer opportunity for anyone who is interested in stamping books, leveling them, and taping on labels. Please contact Mrs. Sorensen if you are available. You can even take them home if you work during the day, please call Mrs. Sorensen at 571-522-6022 to make arrangements.

**Mr. Jeffrey Stratford**, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, reported that:

- We have made nutrition a major focus.
- Emphasize having the student make a healthy choice on their own by eliminating sugar and candy intake, being active at school and home, coming to school being rested. Celebrate successes for making a healthy choice.
- We need parent support to say yes to fruits and vegetables and more no's to sugar and sweets.

**Ms. Ellen D'Sa**, PE teacher, reported that:

- We can promote physical fitness by having a health fair for our community. We need to find a date, have a day care set up for children, and locate and schedule vendors and doctors.
- The Jump Rope for Heart has a tentative Feb. date
- Physical fitness testing has begun, and the importance of wearing appropriate footwear to school on PE days. All children need to have a pair of sneakers. No CROCS, heales, or sandals.

### **IV. Officer Reports:**

#### **President:**

Mr. Jason Ahn thanked last year's officers for the wonderful and seamless transition. He called Delia, Liz, Anaisa, and Mr. Hull, forward and presented them with a recognition plaque. He also reported that:

- Over summer the current board decided on 3 goals for the 2008-2009 school year:
  - Membership drive of 500
  - CPES PTA website
  - Playground fund
- Starting in December the Puma Post will be posted on our website in an effort of going green.
- \$70,000 is our fundraising goal for the playground with the target date of 2010 if not sooner.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

**Mrs. Beth Ann Lockert** invited Judy Fanucci to come forward and in thanks of all of her hours and time on the membership drive she was presented with a small token of our appreciation. She also reported that:

- The first Family fun event is scheduled for Oct. 18 at Cox Farms.
- The Chess Club is up and running and information went home. It is for students in 2-6 grades and no experience is required. It begins Oct. 15 in the cafeteria before school on Wednesday morning at 7:45 a.m.
- We are also going to have a spelling bee this year on January 13<sup>th</sup> in the evening at 6:30 p.m.
- We still have some committee chair opportunities.
  - We are desperately in need of a chair for the silent auction. There is a co-chair waiting in the wings and we need someone to co-chair with her.
  - Stacy Castro will be taking care of the class baskets again this year.
  - We also need a room parent coordinator. Please let Beth Ann know if you are interested.
- Last year over \$565 was spent for students who forgot their lunch. We only received back a little of \$200. Beginning next week students will receive a handmade PB&J or small bowl of Cheerios and a small cup for water. More details to follow next week. This will be tracked for repeat offenders and if parents need to be reevaluated for free and reduced lunch. We want to make sure that all receive services if needed.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:**

**Mr. Angelo Africa** invited Kristin Holsworth and Jacque Whang, our Sally Foster fundraising coordinators, forward and presented them with a small token of our appreciation. With their help and support we were able to extend the due date to promote more sales. Angelo also reported that:

- Online orders are still open.
- Pickup date will be Nov. 6.
- We may send out the call for volunteers to come and help assemble and distribute items.

### **Treasurer:**

**Ms. Dawn Fraioli** reported that:

- The audit for last fiscal year July 07 through June 08 was completed by the outgoing treasurer and signed off by the outgoing president. It has been filed with the National PTA.
- We now have two accounts, a main account and a separate playground account.
- Income from July through the close of September was gone over by Dawn verbally while everyone had a hard copy in front of them. Total income \$4142.44 and total expense \$3468.64. The current playground account balance is \$12,663.51.
- She reviewed the budget and here are the highlights:
  - Actuals are from last year
  - 2008/2009 budget is what we are presenting tonight for approval
  - Puma Pounce is a new line item in the budget for this year
  - Total fundraising projection \$55,128
  - Spirit wear is lower due to non 5 year anniversary year
  - General income is on target with last year

- Total income looks higher than last year but the carryover balance from last year was not accounted for in QuickBooks
  - Staff classroom supplement is a new line item based on a survey issued, teachers can submit receipts for a TBD amount spent in the classroom, Mrs. Liz Fong mentioned that a portion of the hospitality budget from last year was not an expense because parents were giving the money. \$2600 from last year was not budgeted because parents were asked to donate for the gift cards. Budgeted for \$1700 and \$2600 was the expense for last year. Did not go over budget the additional spent was from parent contributions. The potential for the hospitality may go over this year since we do not have an income category for this item.
  - Grant is a new item and allocated by last years PTA board. Field trips tried to keep the numbers close from last year. Puma Pounce amount will be split between playground and grant accounts.
  - Hope for parents to volunteer baked goods for hospitality breakfasts. Last years board was trying to be sensitive towards over-donating goods. Last years board member Anisa would like to not see hospitality go down this year based on the lower projected number.
- At next meeting we will present audit report if that is okay and we will vote on the budget.

#### **V. Reports of Committee Chairs/Needs:**

**Membership - Judy Fanucci** thanked everyone for joining the PTA and welcomed new members. Our current membership number is 518!! Last year we were at 476 and our goal was 500. We surpassed our new goal of 500 and therefore the new goal is now 600.

**Website - Sue Kim** introduced herself. Site launch early November. Join, Volunteer, and Stay Connected are main points of the site. An online form will be available to contact us and to join. Puma Post will be posted here as of December to stay green! Contact Patrice Mortson if you would like any information added to the website or have any suggestions.

#### **VI. Announcements/Events:**

Oct. 17 – Mini-Walk for the Homeless  
 Oct. 18 – Family Fun Event at Cox Farms  
 Oct. 22-24 – CoGats Testing  
 Oct. 27 – Red Ribbon Week  
 Oct. 31 – First Grading Period Ends  
 Nov. 3-4 - Parent Teacher Conferences  
 Nov. 4 – PTA Meeting

#### **VII. Adjournment:**

**Meeting ended at 8:27 pm      Next meeting is November 4, 2008 at 7pm**