

## PTA minutes November 1, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. About 20 members (parents and staff) are present.

Introduction from the PTA President, Fred.

The new Treasurer, Rick, just had a baby therefore is not present tonight.

### **Principal's reports**

#### **Cresthaven: Mrs. Gordon**

- November 10 & 11: both days are early release days. School ends at 1pm to accommodate parent conferences.
- November 11: He & Me Breakfast. We encourage dads, uncles, grandparents to learn about our school. Last year was a great successful event.
- November 13: Girls On The Run first 5K run at the Montgomery Fairgrounds at 8am. 15 girls from 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades have been training hard twice a week, learning about skills in physical fitness and nutrition. We encourage parents to come and show support. Another one is scheduled for the spring.
- December 15: Family Involvement Committee meeting from 4 to 5 pm. Now also available on skype. Go to the school's website to find the link.
- Fall clubs started last Wednesday, meeting once a week for the next 6 weeks. 55 students are participating this time. There will be another opportunity in the spring.
- The school counselor is organizing working groups for parents. Dates are to come in the next few weeks.
- Thanks to Nubia and her group of volunteers for a successful book fair last week.
- Thanks to the PTA for a great movie night last Friday.
- Other clubs can be submitted. A small fee would be collected per child to offset the cost of transportation (an activity bus costs about \$360 for 6 weeks).

#### **Roscoe Nix: Mrs. Ffolks**

- Our book fair will be going on all week next week.
- Parent conferences are next Thursday and Friday. If you don't have a time yet, contact your child's teacher.
- November 11: Breakfast Open house from 9 to 11am. There will be activities for children and a guest speaker for the parents. She will show you different ways and strategies to work with children. There will be a free book to take home. Also the second part of the math workshop will take place.
- The newsletter will go home next week. Make sure to read the info to stay up to date. See Catherine if you are not on the listserv yet and would like to be added.

**Share some ideas:**

Whatever ideas we come up with will depend not only on PTA members but also all other parents. As a PTA, we want to complement whatever the school already provides. We are searching for a consistent theme throughout the year. We want you to feel personally involved in this effort. Looking at the crowd tonight, we need to ask where are the dads? And where are the other 480 parents? If we have a calendar, we have to have funds so we can provide activities.

Art & Theater contributes to creativity, confidence, and self-esteem. Activities could happen during the weekend so parents could have a couple of hours to themselves and the children would be engaged in interesting activities. At the end of the session, the children would present a production in front of the school. Local artists and writers could get involved.

Sport oriented activities such as basketball and biathlon would build the importance of sport and health.

Career Fair would bring the children to understand the importance of what they learn every day and how it relates to what they would like to become. Parents can come talk about what they do.

What we can do depends on how much we can raise and how much support we get from parents and community. We do need funds and volunteers.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.