

Germantown Elementary School PTA Minutes

November 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Kimmi Photinakis at 7:05pm.

In Attendance

Approximately eighteen parents and Ms. Bryant.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the October 6th meeting. A motion to approve was made by Karen Anzalone and seconded by Marti Shields.

President's Report

- Discussion regarding having a financial advisor speak about college savings at the school and possibly opening it up to the community. More research will be done.

Vice President's Report

- Sally Foster ended on Friday - \$2,000 profit. Cookie dough is still available if anyone would like to purchase some. Delivery date for Sally Foster is November 18th and volunteers are needed.
- Entertainment Books went home with students - so far only five have been sold.

Principal's Report

- Ms. Bryant thought of contacting the Gazette when we have fundraisers planned for GES.
- Math night – scheduled tentatively for December 14th.
- Capital Improvement Program – we currently have 275 student's at GES - a feasibility study to lessen crowding at Great Seneca and Matsunaga Elementary Schools may impact GES. Possibilities include building a new school or remodeling GES where we could have 600-700 students. Nelton Castro is the Cluster delegate and he will be attending the meeting.

Delegate/Cluster Report

- Tracy Archer attended the Montgomery County PTA assembly.

Budget for the 2011 year is not finalized. Highlights of the discussion included having minimal class sizes and voting on priorities.

- Nelton Castro attended the Cluster meeting on October 21st. Discussion about safety issues, problems that schools are experiencing, under reporting of issues and gang activity north of Gaithersburg. In the safety report, Germantown had the highest incidence of under age drinking. The anti smoking campaign is proving to be successful.

Committee Reports

- Membership – Jen Brill reported that there are 129 members!
- Cultural Arts – Lorelei Castro is planning a pajama night for January 29th. Joe Romano author – will be having a program and 40% of all his book sales will profit GES.
Kick off for “Reach Week” – program to get students reading will start off February 9th – more information to follow.
- NAACP - Increase African American Reading – possibly link “Reach Week” and Black History month. Also Ms. Bryant will be nominated for the NAACP Principal’s Award which is in December.
- Message Board – Discussion about moving the roses from the message board area to the front of the school. Ms. Vaudin will be contacted about this.
- Clean up day was postponed due to weather. Some people did show and Ms. Vaudin will be contacted to see what else needs to be done. No new date has been set yet.

Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Meredith and seconded by Tracey Archer.