

MINUTES

College Gardens Elementary School PTA Minutes

April 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Green, President at 7:03 p.m.

In attendance

Jen Green, Eric Van Ryzin, Jen Halper, Linda Sankanung , Ron Hays, Nancy Paul (board members) Absent: Gegi Leeger

Motion approved the minutes passed by voice vote

President's Report

Thank you for attending since we are right back from Spring Break.

Membership Report

No report

VP of Communications Report

Tomorrow is outside flyer distribution.

VP of Fundraising Report

Hard Times community dinner netted \$350.00. April 23rd Community Dinner at Fontina Grill. Many promotions from Fontina Grill. Hoping for a great turnout.

PTA fundraising at CHN. Tried for donations and memberships. \$278 in donations. If donated \$25 or more received a t-shirt or \$10 gift cards. Only 2 t-shirts sold through donation drive and several gift cards available. Will continue donation drive volleyball game and spring picnic. Sold \$107.00 in juice. Remember donations are tax deductible.

Treasurer's Report

March items one time gifts to school. Money for art cart. Paid for half of the rugs. Other half paid in April. June end of the school year. Get all receipts in before the end of the June. Can't write checks after June 30th. Reopen after new budget is passed in October.

Voice vote approves treasure report by voice vote. The PTA is still looking for a treasurer for the next school year. Ron is willing to work with whoever might be interested.

Secretary

No report

MCCPTA Reps

There is another round of hearings with the County Council regarding the operating budget. RM Cluster is speaking on Thursday, April, 12, 2012 at 7 pm. Need people to show up in school colors. Support the cluster coordinator.

MD General Assembly failed to pass a balanced budget. The failure triggers automatic cuts to education, libraries, etc. Full funding of the Board of Education's budget may be a difficult sale to County Council with State money decreasing.

There was a discussion about the teacher pension shift from state funds to county funds.

MCCPTA held a distracted driving presentation. The presentation was for teenage and adult drivers alike. The presentation will air a couple of times on the cable station.

Burden of Proof – motion to reallocate the burden of proof. A large discussion was held. More information will come out in the flash. MCCPTA will vote on a resolution on whether to support a shift of the burden of proof in special education due process hearings on April 24th, 2012. The meeting will be held at Richard Montgomery High School.

Principal's Report

Welcome back from Spring Break.

Scholastic Book Fair from April 16th through 20th.

Thank you for the rugs in the classroom.

New relocatable classroom arrived. It will be positioned outside the art room window.

CGES will be doing a school wide inventory in the school. Looking for parent volunteers to assist. Administration wants the inventory completed before the next ordering cycle. It will be used to redistribute current inventory and so the school can be held accountable for materials.

T-shirt contest for Got Attitude program. Students will create new t-shirt.

IB presentation

Learner profiles – set of outcomes for 21st century
PYP structured inquiry is what makes it unique. Ok that not all questions get answered. Making connections and using elsewhere.
PYP attitudes.
Focus on whole child and building a learner for his/her entire life.
Reflect, Choose, Act – Informed decisions.

Staff Liaison

Kindergarten:

- Still working on “Our Community”
- Community buildings will be made this month and presentations will be towards the end of the month/ beginning of May.
- Community field trip will also be at the end of the month/beginning of May. Date has not yet been finalized.
- We are looking for Parent Volunteers for KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION!!
Please contact Ms. Gilbert as soon as possible if you are interested in helping out on either of those two days. Thursday May 24th and Friday May 25th. Times are for Volunteers would be from 8:00-3:30. Any times during those two days would be very appreciated!! If you are not available on those two days and would still like to help out, we have a lot of prep work to do before hand and would greatly appreciate your help with that as well. Please contact Ms. Gilbert.
- Reminder: There is no school for Kindergarten students on May 24th and 25th.

First Grade:

- First grade has been working on addition and subtraction with fluency up to 20. This also included fact families. We also have started learning about adding and subtracting 2 digits numbers with a multiple of ten. The equal sign in an equation was defined to help find unknown numbers on either side of an equation.
- During the next quarter we will be continuing to solve word problems. We will also be learning about shapes and their attributes.
- We will finish up the year learning about how to write and tell time to the half hour and hour.
- We are completing the “Heal the World” unit and discussing what we do that helps or hurt the environment as well as ourselves. The central idea of the unit is we are responsible for our actions. Our final unit of study is called, “Global Communities: Producers and Consumers.” The summative project will include developing a business for a community in our classroom.

Second Grade:

- In-View testing tomorrow (4/11) and Terra Nova testing next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
- Working on Poetry in reading
- Continuing our As the World Turns Unit and will be getting our caterpillars next week (focusing on life cycles) and habitats)
- Addition/Subtraction Strategies in math
- We will be taking a field trip to Brookside Gardens on June 4th

Third Grade:

- New reading genre-Fantasy
- PYP- Order of the Classes-researching and presenting a class of animals with some experiments involving plats and variables
- Math-Fractions and Probability
- Writing –Word Choice

Fourth Grade:

- We have begun our influential people unit titled “Wind Beneath My Wings.” We have been interviewing influential people in our lives and will create cereal boxes about these people.
- We have been reading biographies to write non-fiction pieces about influential people and in small reading groups are looking at the fantasy genre
- Our famous “Wax Museum” will be in early May during the day, parents will be welcome to attend!
- In math we are focusing on different aspects of measurement including length, area, perimeter, volume, and capacity.
- Our next field trip will be to the National Museum of Art with Mr. Cousin. This field trip will be on May 4. Look for a permission slip to come home!

Fifth Grade:

- Exhibition begins this week!
- Science MSA for 5th graders – Tuesday & Wednesday, May 1st & 2nd
- Exhibition Night – Thursday, May 31st
- Portfolio Picnic – Monday, June 4th
- Moving-On – Monday, June 11th

(More information regarding Exhibition Night and Portfolio Picnic will be sent home in the near future by teachers & Mr. Dushel)

Old Business

Nominating Committee: Karen Hagan and Matthew Swibel (2 of the 3 members) presented the following slate:

President:	Nicole M. Cathey
VP of Communications:	Eric Van Ryzin
VP of Membership:	Kelly Mendelsohn
VP of Fundraising:	Karen Hagan
Treasurer:	VACANT
Secretary:	Megan Heitzmann
MCCPTA Representatives (2)	Nancy Paul and Matthew Swibel

The slate was approved unanimously and President Jen Green asked all present to help us find a Treasurer as it is an important position that needs to be filled. VP of Fundraising,

Linda Sankunug indicated that she thought that the board was not valid if a Treasurer was not elected, and President Jen Green said she would look into it.

Playground Shade: President Jen Green voiced her concern that the PTA was still waiting for a picture or photograph of structure submitted by vendor. This request had been made in August (and every PTA meeting since August) when vendor's proposal came in (only black and white blue print). It seemed like a reasonable request and AP Mrs. Rogovoy said she would follow-up with Principal Ewald regarding the status.

President Jen Green was to give her copy of the MCPS and vendor contact paperwork to AP Mrs. Rogovoy for followup.

Rugs: President Jen Green announced that with the help of the PTA, many classrooms have new rugs. It appears that even some fourth grade classes have rugs, but it was verified that all Headstart - 2nd did have rugs.

With that President Jen Green turned the floor over to Treasurer Ron Hays as there was some discussion needed about the funding of the rugs. Ron explained that we had approved up to \$5000 and currently the receipts were approximately \$800 over what was approved. After minor discussion a motion was raised to increase the amount by "up to \$1000" and was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FRICK Fund: President Jen Green informed the membership that there was a meeting scheduled to draft a plan for the FRICK fund, but was cancelled due to unavailability of some of the committee members. A future meeting has not been established as of this meeting time.

Science Fair: After some minor discussion, and an update from AP Mrs. Rogovoy, it was indicated that CGES would not have a Science Fair this year due to lack of parent support (no chairman stepped forward) and staff availability.

CHN Follow-up: quick update that it went well. Committee members were not present to discuss it. Those at meeting who were in attendance thought it went well. Food vendors did not make much of a profit as they did not have vegetarian options (Lent).

5th Grade Moving On Ceremony: Committee members were not present. Staff informed the PTA that the date was June 11th at 9:30am in the APR.

Spring Book Fair: Committee members were not present. It is April 16th - April 20th. Contact Sylva to help volunteer.

Parent/Staff Volleyball game: President Jen Green announced that the volleyball on April 18th at 5:30 was an attempt to draw families out to come to the Book Fair. Scholastic gives CGES a discount if we schedule an evening event. President Jen Green asked members to sign up to play or support the PTA by being in attendance and shopping at the book fair. Carmen's Italian Ice would be there to serve Italian Ice, Hot dogs, Nachos, and Pretzels

New Business

Field Day: President Jen Green confirmed that Field Day was June 1st and that the school was looking for volunteers to coordinate the Field Day with PE staff. President Green asked that the PE Staff be clear with their needs and to let the PTA know. President Green also wanted to do T-shirts for the Field Day like CGES used to do and would bring vendor pricing to the next meeting.

Spring Picnic - PTA is looking for Spring Picnic chair - June 7th

Announcements

April 12th - County Council Meeting - 7pm RM
April 16th - April 20th - Spring Book Fair
April 17th - Cultural Arts Assembly
April 18th - Parent/Staff Volleyball Game
April 23rd - Community Dinner - Fontina Grille - KF
April 26th - Take Your Child to Work Day

Next Meeting

May , 2012 at 7:00 p.m., APR