

MINUTES

College Gardens Elementary School PTA Minutes

October 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Green, President at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance

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

September Meeting Minutes approved by voice vote.

President's Report

Parent and Staff membership increased from last year. There is still no VP of Membership. The deadline to be noted in the directory as a PTA member was October 1st. The PTA has rolling membership and no one will be turned away.

VP of Communications Report

Starting next week the color coded communication will begin. The green group receives all paper flyers (582 students). Yellow group are older siblings and will only receive grade relevant materials (165 students). Red group has 62 families and will receive flyers electronically. If you want to be in the red group, e-mail info@cgespta.org. Everyone will receive a notice of which group they are in. The communications team is requesting 600 copies of flyers beginning next week. There is now a communications policy of only two flyers per event to save paper.

VP of Fundraising Report

The Book Fair is the main fundraiser this year. California Tortilla will be then community dinner for December and is donating lunch for teachers for the Teacher preview for book fair. Please send any fundraiser ideas to Linda Sankanung.

Family night will be held on the 25th with the book fair. Carmen's will be there. The book fair will also stay open later for Bar-T families until 6pm on Wednesday, October 26th. People can give money donations for books in the classroom. Really need volunteers for book fair. If you want to volunteer, please go to www.mysignup.com/cges_book_fair and type in the passcode: cges book fair. Pick the day and type in your name and times you are able to volunteer. You will also need to type in your email and phone number, but they will not be displayed on the page. The book fair will be open during Halloween Parade. Shannan Cole is Sylva's co-chair.

Treasurer's Report

No actions in July or August because there is no approved budget. We are over budget for membership revenue. Net will be 3000k+. Hoping to get enough ad sales from directory to break even. This did not happen last year. The PTA paid some teacher stipends from scrip funds. No money yet from scrips. All families need to reregister the Safeway and Giant cards.

Treasurer's report accepted by voice vote. Ron is term limited for treasurer. He is willing to train a new treasurer now. See attached treasurer report.

Secretary

Committees may feel free to submit written reports to be attached to the meeting minutes.

MCCPTA Reps

September 27th last meeting. See full report attached

- The EIC (Elementary Integrated Curriculum) is now called Curriculum 2.0. There are several events coming up where this new Curriculum will be discussed including October 27 from 7:00 – 8:30 at College Gardens ES. Mark your calendars! Some highlights brought up by the Curriculum Subcommittee include:
 - They are phasing out “skipping grades” but there still will be plenty of opportunities for acceleration.
 - Specific groupings in different subjects will be decided on at a local school level not at the MCPS level.
 - For those interested in the new curriculum please consider joining the Curriculum/Education Committee (contact Ted Willard twillard@aaas.org or the Gifted Child subcommittee (Michelle Gluck gluck.michelle@yahoo.com.)
- The MCCPTA would like to have representatives from each school to the MCCPTA Sub-Committee. I have seen specific requests come from the Special Needs Subcommittee: <http://www.mccpta.com/specneeds.html> and the Gifted Child Subcommittee: http://www.mccpta.com/GT_committee/2011-2012/GCCworkplan2011.pdf
→It should be noted here that the Gifted Child committee “supports and advocates on behalf of children who require accelerated and enriched instruction...” not just those in a Gifted and Talented program/school. They have a meeting coming up on October 24 at 7:00 pm at the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Dr.

- Issues we will be voting on at the next MCCPTA meeting (resolutions available online at <http://www.mccpta.net/resolutions.html>):
 1. Proposed Resolution on the Capital Improvement Program Budget and CIP
 2. Proposed Resolution on Co-Location of County Services at MCPS Schools
 3. Proposed Resolution on Procedures for Site Selection Process
 4. Proposed Resolution in Support of Legislation Creating a Teenage Curfew in Montgomery County
 5. Proposed Operating Budget Compact (These are long-term issues)
 6. Proposed Operating Budget Priorities (These are more immediate issues needing advocacy in the near future)

For additional information on the Operating Budget Compact and the Operating Budget Priorities please visit this link <http://bit.ly/p11AHO>.

If you have an opinion, please let MCCPTA reps know at info@cgespta.org. The representatives represent all PTA members.

The MCCPTA is hoping for JW addition, additions for the other 3 elementary schools in the RM cluster, and RM #5 in CIP. Board Meeting for cluster will either be November 10th or 14th. We will find out about a week beforehand.

- Comcast Internet is now available for low-income families. We need to find a way to get this out to the parts of our community that can most use it. Ideas? Someone willing to take this on? More information can be found here <http://www.internetessentials.com/>. Families of students that receive free lunches may qualify. Basically they can get Comcast internet for \$9.95/month and a low-cost computer (\$150) plus free training.

Next MCCPTA meeting October 27th at 7:30 pm.

Principal's Report

- Thanked 5th grade parents for staff luncheon.
- Mr. Ewald is looking forward to the book fair.
- Thanked PTA for staff vouchers.
- Tomorrow night NAACP PTA family meeting
- Superintendent's Listen and Learn Events – October 19th, 7-8:30 pm at Wooten High School. Staff, administration, parents and students. Interested in learning

from everyone. Read transition document written by Dr. Starr. Link from MCPS web page

- Board of Ed Community Conversation – October 12th at Northwood HS 7 pm to 9. October 27th Watkins Mill HS 7 to 9. Sign up with Board through MCPS web page.
- Go to Gators – call to parents to help with lunch and recess. Many parents have responded. Contact main office to commit to a regularly scheduled time.

College Gardens ES will be celebrating Halloween Friday, October 28, 2011. In an effort to maintain our instructional day, celebrate a school and community tradition, address our increased enrollment and our 6 lunch recess periods, our event schedule for the day was planned.

2:15 p.m.; Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade Parade Begins, see route below.

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2:30 p.m.; 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Parade Begins, see route below.

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2:45 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.; Grade level classroom celebrations begin at the conclusion of the parade.

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2:15 p.m.; Fall Festival for students who do not celebrate Halloween in Media Center.

Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade Halloween Parade Route

1. Exit our front entrance and turn right.
2. Travel along the side walk in a single file line.
3. Turn right at the gym and continue on the sidewalk.
4. Re-enter our building through the back corner doors.
5. Continue to classroom and begin classroom celebration.

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Halloween Parade Route

1. Exit our front entrance and turn right.
2. Travel along the side walk in a single file line.
3. Turn right at the gym and continue on the sidewalk.
4. Turn right at the back corner and travel on the sidewalk parallel to the back of our building.
5. Re-enter our building through the back doors by our relocatable classrooms.
6. Continue to classroom and begin classroom celebration.

International Walk to School Day

Watkins Overlook and Waking Pond, 8:40 to 8:50

Yale Place and Rutgers Street 8:5- to 9:00

Aster Blvd. & Ne;spm 8:40 to 8:50

Teacher Representative Report – Given by Mr. Dushel

No school October 21st

End of marking October 28th

Thanks PTA for luncheon and teacher vouchers.

K field trip October 20th to Sharp's Farm

1st grade field trip to Adventure Theater on October 5th

2nd grade field trip to Imagination Stage today.

4th grade going to St. Mary's be at school before 7:45 a.m. and pick up 6 pm promptly.
October 13th.

5th grade to Strathmore

Old Business

Created PTA paypal account. Link on the website coming. Could pay for extra curriculars through this site.

Staff redecoration update – Crista Oehler is chair. Couch donated in good condition. 2 side tables, 2 floor lamps, chair and ottoman also donated. Espresso machine donated too. Need coffee table, paint and supplies, couch cover. Need color approval for paint. Crista will provide Connie Boorstein with paint chips for teachers to see. Need to coordinate with the book fair.

A motion was made to provide up to \$300 for Teacher lounge redecoration supplies. Motion carries by voice vote.

Need help to set up APR for Cultural Arts Assembly on the 6th. Both 9:15 am and 2:00pm

New carpets for older grade classes are needed. There are no carpets for the older grades. Looking for a carpet committee.

New Business

Idea for PTA to sell spirit wear to coordinate with field day. The colors would stay the same from year to year for each grade. This would be a fundraiser for PTA. Simple CGES t-shirt. Sonic Promotions has vibrant colors. All cotton \$5.64 per t-shirt, blend \$5.24 per t-shirt and sell for \$7 or \$8 each. Other spirit wear sold goes to the school and not the PTA.

Mr. Ewald is working with Color Works to set up school store and allow for delineating accounting. Set up for both school spirit wear and PTA spirit wear. Also allows for PTA donations. Can order anytime for home delivery. Another meeting is scheduled in late October. Mr. Ewald invited Jen Green, PTA President, to attend the meeting.

The PTA could coordinate with Mrs. Moore and can use to help fund field day.

PTA directory is in the works. The deadline to be included was October 1, 2011. Jen Green is requesting volunteers to help with the directory because there is no VP of membership. The volunteers will not be inputting data rather editing and review. Affixing labels.

Update on Paul Motta. Family is doing well and appreciative of school community support. The family tearfully accepted the donated gift cards. Paul returned to school earlier this week. Gift cards are the best way to support the family at this time as the family will be out of the home for a while. If you wish to donate a gift card, please

provide it in a sealed white envelope and place in the box in the office. Gift cards will be delivered to the family at the end of every week. The Richard Montgomery Booster Club held a fundraiser for the family. The CGES PTA and the school are precluded from collecting monetary donations or from opening an account in their name. Gift cards was the best way to support the family.

Sylva announced that the school purchased 5 book organizers for the portables from expiring scholastic dollars.

Announcements

NAACP Back to School Dinner, October 5, 2011, 7 pm in the APR

Cultural Arts Assembly, Barynya, "From Russia with Music, Dance and lots of Love", October 6, 2011

October Community Dinner, Austin Grill, October 17, 2011 5-9 pm

Motion to adjourn 8:33pm. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Next Meeting

November 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., APR