

Cub Run Elementary Parent Teacher Association

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5301 Sully Station Drive, Centreville, VA 20120

PTA General Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 8 / 7:00pm / Library

- I The Meeting was call to order at 7:04pm, Cami Minks presiding. There were 26 members present.
- II Opening Remarks – Cami shared an inspirational poem (see last page of minutes)
- III Addition/changes to agenda
 - A. Treasurer’s report - Reflections money allocation in the budget
 - B. VP Community - adding Lavender’s report
 - C. VP Enrichment - Math Club update
- IV Approval of September 2013 PTA Meeting Minutes
 - A. Dana Zakula motioned to approve the minutes, with no corrections. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- V Report of Officers
 - A. Principal, Jenny Coakley
 - 1) Doughnuts with Dads is next Tuesday through Thursday.
 - 2) FCPS mobile app for smart phones is available and very helpful.
 - 3) Financial status of the school
 - (a) Enrollment is down, as was reported last month, and the number of students is equivalent to 2 classes.
 - (b) The school was in danger of losing one kindergarten teacher and one 1-6 teacher.
 - (c) Cub Run was allowed to keep all the teachers but had to pay \$26,000 for this to happen.
 - (d) As a result, the PTA Board has been asked to support the school with classroom instructional items so the school budget can be used to support the day-to-day running of Cub Run. Staff and volunteers are also being asked to be mindful of their use of materials. The school spent \$40,000 on copy paper alone last year.
 - B. Treasurer
 - 1) Treasurer’s report
 - (a) Current balance is about \$13,500.
 - (b) Lavender’s profits should be just under \$6,000.
 - 2) A few items require an adjustment to the amount allocated for them in the budget:
 - (a) Watch D.O.G.S has requested \$750 to cover Doughnuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom and supplies for the year.
 - (b) We would like to increase the amount for the Reflections program in hopes of increasing participation. We are asking to increase the amount to \$150.
 - (c) We need to add \$7000 in income and \$5100 paid out for spring/summer sports camps.
 - (d) We are reviewing the 6th grade party allocation and wondering if it should be decreased from \$1,000.

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1. After a lively discussion, we have decided to table this item until next month's meeting and gather further information to present.
- 3) A motion was made by Dana Zakula to amend the budget to reflect the following changes: Watch D.O.G.S budget to be \$750, Reflections to be increased to \$150 and \$7000 in income and \$5100 paid out for spring/summer sports camps. The motion was seconded and passed with a majority approval.
- C. Vice-President of Involvement – Pam Watson
 - 1) Volunteers for lunchroom, Bylaws review committee, Spring Fling, Fun Run and Silent Auction are still needed. Those interested should contact Cami Minks to volunteer or get further information.
 - 2) We are currently at 223 members enrolled in the PTA. Of the 223, 26 are staff members and 197 are parents.
 - 3) Mrs. Rodriguez' class had the highest percentage of PTA members and has won \$50 for the classroom books at the Book Fair and a Rita's coupon for each child for a free treat.
 - 4) Rachel Gallagher is the room parent coordinator and had a brief meeting before the PTA meeting tonight. Room parents who were unable to attend will have their information sent home through their child. She is still missing a room parent for Ms. Watkins class and Mrs. William's class.
 - 5) The Reflections contest has begun. Information went out and posters are up to promote it. Submissions are due by October 28. Ms. Mirable will also be talking about it during class.
 - 6) The Scholastic Book Fair starts Friday the 11th and goes through the 17th. Anyone interested in helping out at the book fair should contact Nicolle Moritz.
- D. Vice-President of Community – Jamie Betzner
 - 1) Lavender's fundraiser just finished. Out of the 700 packets that were sent out, only 100 orders came in. We may want to look into other options for next year as there was some talk about not liking the catalog very much this year.
 - 2) The Classic Cookie fundraiser starts tomorrow, October 9th and runs through the 29th.
 - 3) We will be having our first Spirit Night on Monday, November 4th at Chipotle. Watch for more information on this. We will receive 50% of the profits on orders where Cub Run is mentioned.
 - 4) Other spirits nights in the works are Ledo Pizza and Jersey Mike's.
 - 5) Jamie is seeking volunteers for the School Dance committee.
- E. Vice President Enrichment
 - 1) Two gentlemen representing the Math Club came to give us an update.
 - (a) There are currently 14 students in the club and it is open to grades 3 – 6. They have some parent volunteers but could use a few more. The registration fee includes all materials, competitions, etc. for the entire year.
 - (b) The main idea is to help kids develop a positive attitude toward math. The club runs all year so students can join at any time. The club meets on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the school café.

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F. Secretary

1) Yearbook

a) Jen McNerney, yearbook chair, gave an update. Everything is progressing fine. She still needs volunteers to help with things like layout and design, photographing events, candid photos etc. She will be meeting with the Herff Jones rep soon to talk about yearbook sales.

b) All volunteers at the school are encouraged to bring their cameras to take picture of classes while helping out.

G. Presidents report

1) National Book Fair

a) The event itself was wonderful but Cub Run turnout was very low.

b) It is a highly recommended yearly family event.

2) Website

a) We are working on improving the website.

b) Any suggestions can be sent to Cami Minks or Cheri Kaplan.

3) Dr. Garza's (Superintendent of FCPS) meeting

a) The big push this year is the budget. There is a bond coming up on November 5th that is critical. You can review this information in the Citizens Guide to Understanding the FCPS budget which is on the FCPS homepage under Highlights.

b) Here is the link for more information:

<http://www.fcps.edu/fs/budget/documents/CitizensGuidetoBudget.pdf>

VI Unfinished business

A. Spirit Wear

1) We currently have a large inventory. We discussed offering the neon green shirts at a reduced price and will look into how many we have.

2) It was suggested that we reduced the various colors/patterns that we offer and pick a smaller number to offer when it comes time to reorder.

3) Pricing requests have been made and are waiting for that information to come in.

4) Thinking of sending out an order form soon with delivery in time for the holidays.

B. School Portraits

1) There was a suggestion to change the company due to high prices.

2) Due to time constraints, this item will be tabled until the next meeting.

VII New business

A. Upcoming events

1) Classic Cookie Fundraiser is October 9th through the 29th. The Critter Days will be held on October 15th, 21st, 25th and 29th.

2) Book Fair will start on October 11th.

3) Cub Run Spirit Night at Chipotle will be November 4th.

4) Classic Cookie Order Pick up is on Friday, November 15th from 3:30 to 6:30 in the school café.

5) The School Dance and Reflections awards ceremony will be in the coming months.

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VIII The next PTA meeting is Tuesday November 12th at 7:00pm in the school library. Kathy Smith, the school board representative for the Sully District, will speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Minutes submitted by Denise Guiney

Date of approval: November 12, 2013

This is the poem shared during the Open Remarks.

Other People's Children by Kelly Morrison

On any given day you can pick up a newspaper or turn on the TV news and read or hear about someone who is making a difference. It could be a doctor who has performed a lifesaving surgery or a judge making a precedent setting decision. It could be a teacher touching the lives of students or a person willing to help at the scene of an accident. It could be someone who has abused their children, or someone selling drugs to kids.

All of these people are life changers. All of these people are also something else . . . They are somebody else's kids. I submit that we must care for other people's kids because the lives of our own children, or grandchildren, will be affected by contact with those other people's kids.

If, someday, your son needs a critical operation, someone else's child will be the surgeon. If, someday, your daughter is the victim of violent crime, someone else's child will be the judge. If your child strays, it may be someone else's child who leads him or her back.

We must care about other people's children and we must care for them too. We must be willing to make a difference in their lives while they are young, because someday they will be the ones making a difference in the lives of others.