

Cub Run Elementary Parent Teacher Association

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5301 Sully Station Drive, Centreville, VA 20120

PTA General Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 10 / 7:00pm / Library

- I The Meeting was call to order at 7:01pm, Cami Minks presiding. There were 15 members present.
- II Opening Remarks – Cami shared a poem (see last page of minutes)
- III Addition/changes to agenda – No additions or changes
- IV Approval of May 2013 PTA Meeting Minutes
 - A. Stephanie Miller motioned to approve the minutes, with a name correction, motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- V Bylaws amendment vote
 - A. Stephanie Miller motioned to amend the bylaws as presented, motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- VI 3rd VP Community election
 - A. Lisa Hua motioned to elect Jamie Betzner as the 3rd VP, motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- VII Report of Officers
 - A. Principal, Jenny Coakley
 - 1) Thank you to the PTA from the school staff for the wonderful beginning to the school year. Everything was greatly appreciated.
 - 2) School year has started off well and the students are in good spirits.
 - 3) Back to School night is Monday the 16th, beginning with the specialists at 6:15 followed by a Welcome Presentation and then 2 presentations in each classroom.
 - 4) Enrollment is down by 41 students this year. Last year finished with 629 students and this year 588 are enrolled. The final teacher allocation will be decided soon and parents will be informed of the outcome.
 - B. Treasurer
 - 1) Audit results
 - (a) The audit went smoothly, only a few outstanding checks.
 - (b) Jamie Betzner motioned to submit the audit into record, motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
 - 2) Submit budget for approval
 - (a) A discussion was had about the amount allocated to the 6th grade party and the amount allocated for assemblies.
 - (b) Pam Watson motioned that the budget be approved, motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
 - C. Vice-President Involvement
 - 1) Pam Watson reviewed her areas of responsibility, which include membership, room parents, volunteer coordinator, staff appreciation, business partnerships, student directory, etc.
 - 2) She stated the staff appreciation will be a yearlong undertaking, not just during teacher appreciation week.

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- 3) There will be a room parent in every classroom this year to serve as needed by the teacher but also as the liaison between the PTA and the teacher.

D. Vice-President Community

- 1) Jamie Betzner reviewed her areas of responsibility, which include all fundraisers, all Free Money programs, Spirit Wear, Spirit Nights, Talent Show, School Dance, Bingo, etc.
- 2) Jamie is also increasing the use of our Facebook site as a way of communicating with families.
- 3) She is looking at a number of restaurants for Spirit Nights as well as weeknight and weekend options.

E. Vice President Enrichment

- 1) Stephanie Miller reviewed her areas of responsibility, which include assemblies, after school activities, programs, and clubs, book fairs, geography and spelling bees, Reflections, etc.
- 2) There are 6 or 7 clubs that are being offered at the start of the school year, which is a huge increase from last year.

F. Secretary

- 1) Denise Guiney reviewed her areas of responsibility, which include communications, public relations, maintaining the records of the PTA and Yearbook.
- 2) Jennifer McNerney is heading up the Yearbook this year and is currently looking for yearbook committee volunteers.

G. Presidents report

- 1) Cami Minks discussed the PTA planning meetings that were held over the summer and overall PTA goals for the coming year to make our PTA stronger and increase involvement.

VIII Unfinished business - None

IX New business

A. National book festival

- 1) The plan is to meet at noon on Saturday, September 21, at the carousel and wear Cub Run shirts. Then, people will head to the first reading and after that can explore together or on their own. Ms. Watkins will send out a flier to all the teachers. This event is for the whole weekend.

B. Volunteer needs

- 1) Lunchroom volunteers are desperately needed, especially for the 6th grade lunch from 1-1:30.
- 2) Yearbook volunteers would be appreciated for this yearlong undertaking.
- 3) Pam Watson is still going through the Parent Interest Surveys and will pass along any interested parents to the appropriate person.

C. Upcoming events

- 1) Lavender's is starting on September 11th and will run through the 25th.

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- 2) **Back to School Night is this coming Monday the 16th. The PTA will have tables set up for membership and activities, Boy and Girl Scouts will have tables and Spirit Wear will be available.**
 - 3) **Classic Cookie fundraiser will start on October 9th and run through the 29th.**
- D. Spirit wear**
- 1) **We have a large inventory of a bunch of different items that need to be sorted through.**
 - 2) **At the next PTA meeting we will decide which Cub Run shirt we want to offer as the main one and then place an order.**
- X The next PTA meeting is Tuesday October 8th at 7:00pm in the school library.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Minutes submitted by Denise Guiney.

Date of approval: October 8, 2013

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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.