

# Cub Run Elementary Parent Teacher Association

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5301 Sully Station Drive, Centreville, VA 20120

## PTA General Meeting Tuesday, November 12 / 7:00pm / Library

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Cami Minks. There were 20 members present.
- II. Opening Remarks - Cami opened the meeting with a poem - see the last page of the minutes.
- III. Addition/changes to agenda
  - A. Mrs. Rodriguez will be rescheduled due to illness.
  - B. Adding Secretary's report to Report of Officers.
- IV. Approval of October 2013 PTA Meeting Minutes
  - A. Stephanie Miller made a motion to approve the October minutes with no corrections, motion was seconded.
  - B. Minutes passed unanimously.
- V. School Counselor presentation – Postponed.
- VI. Report of Officers
  - A. Principal, Jenny Coakley
    - 1) A sincere thanks from the teachers and staff for the lunch on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - 2) Veterans Day assemblies went well.
    - 3) Mrs. Holt received a promotion and went to another FCPS school and Belinda Bentley from the front office moved to Chicago.
    - 4) New staff has been hired and will start soon.
    - 5) A reminder that there is early dismissal on Wednesday the 27th.
  - B. Treasurer
    - 1) Treasurers report
      - (a) Our 2 large fundraisers (Lavender's and Classic Cookie) fell short of last year's numbers.
      - (b) Chipotle Spirit Night brought in over \$800.
      - (c) Book Fair did well as compared to last year, despite the late delivery of the books.
  - C. Vice-President of Enrichment, Stephanie Miller
    - 1) Cheri Kaplan has volunteered to take over the Talent Show, anyone interested in helping should contact Stephanie Miller.
    - 2) Next school assembly is Feb 12th.
    - 3) Book Fair - Stephanie needs to speak to Mr. Timpson to make a determination on where the funds should go.
    - 4) Reflections
      - (a) We had 13 entries.
      - (b) Awards ceremony will be this Friday from 7:00 - 8:00pm.
    - 5) After school clubs
      - (a) Cyber club will start again in January and Stephanie will follow up to see which classes will be offered.
      - (b) Chess club is continuing.
      - (c) Math club is all year so kids can join at any time.
      - (d) We will determine interest in Ultra Sports for next year.
  - D. Vice-President of Involvement, Pam Watson
    - 1) Membership

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- (a) Neon shirts were a big hit with the staff and brought in more memberships.
- (b) We are at 254 members right now, 50 of which are teachers.
- 2) Staff Appreciation
  - (a) Great turnout of volunteer donations for the lunch on the 4th.
  - (b) Thanks to all who helped out.
- 3) Minority Achievement
  - (a) Pam and Cami attended the ESOL coffee and Mrs. Kaye was very happy to see them there.
  - (b) Minority leaders conference is coming up for anyone who wants to attend.
- 4) Room Parents
  - (a) Rachel Gallagher communicated with all the room parents and emails are beginning to go out regarding events and volunteers.
  - (b) Requests for communication to the classes should go through Rachel.
- 5) Directory
  - (a) Contact info will go out to parents to review and approve.
- E. Vice-President Community, Jamie Betzner
  - 1) Cartridges for kids
    - (a) A new recycling program with a drop box will be starting soon.
    - (b) We will receive money for items turned in by families.
  - 2) The Winter Dance is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup> and a volunteer sheet will be going home.
  - 3) Spring Fling/ Silent Auction
    - (a) Planning will start soon.
    - (b) Jamie is soliciting ideas so if you have any please pass them along.
    - (c) We are hoping it would have a 'county fair' type of feel.
- F. Secretary
  - 1) PTA Update Email
    - (a) We will start a weekly update for events, volunteering, etc.
    - (b) Thursday was liked as the day of the week to send it out to the Cub Run community.
  - 2) Yearbook – Update given by Jen McNerney
    - (a) Cover contest and ordering flyers are awaiting approval.
    - (b) This year parents can have their child's name imprinted on the yearbook for a small additional cost.
    - (c) Herff Jones, our yearbook company, will have a credit card option available so parents can order online.
    - (d) Jen needs people who are familiar with a lot of the kids to tag names on photos. Please contact her if you can help.
    - (e) Jen will be seeking help with candid coverage for each class and will send email to Rachel for room parents to send out to each class.
    - (f) Photo coverage for events and grade level activities is crucial. If you hear of a class or grade level event, send Jen an email just to make sure she is aware of it and so she can arrange photo coverage.
- F. President's report
  - 1) Cami thanked all the chairs and volunteers that have worked so hard this year so far.
  - 2) Congratulations to the PE department for receiving a Wellness Award.

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3) With regard to the PTA Website, any suggestions are welcome and we are moving forward with updating it.

4) Dr. Garza's Listening Tour will be at Rocky Run Middle School on November 25th at 6:30pm for Sully District and Kathy Smith will be there.

5) Nutrition information with regard to the school cafeterias is on school board website.

## VII. Unfinished business

### A. Spirit wear

1) Spirit Wear forms went out to families.

2) Currently trying to deplete existing inventory and once complete, Rachel and Lois will inventory what's left.

3) Rachel and Lois will look at vendors, what they have to offer and perhaps do online ordering.

4) They will then look into have a new Cub Run shirt for the beginning of next year.

### B. 6<sup>th</sup> grade party budget

1) Committee head is needed but we do have some parents who are already willing to be on the committee.

2) Email will be sent to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Room Parents to solicit volunteers in the coming weeks.

### C. Schools portraits - proposals for new company

1) There has been some dissatisfaction with Splendid in terms of quality and price.

2) We have had recommendations to look at Lifetouch and a couple other companies.

3) It was also recommended to let Splendid know our concerns and that we are looking into other options and they may come back with a better proposal.

4) Any input or ideas regarding school portraits should be sent to Cami.

## VIII. New business

### A. Upcoming events

1) Reflections ceremony is this Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-8:00pm.

2) Classic Cookie pick up is also this Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30-6:30pm in the cafeteria.

3) School Winter Dance will be held on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

4) Ice Skating will be in January - date will be firmed up soon.

5) Bingo is February 28<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed and can contact Alison McArthur if interested.

6) Spelling Bee will be in February, more information to come.

7) Original Works - needs a chair, it's a short term volunteer opportunity in the spring.

## IX. Next PTA general meeting will be December 10 from 7-8 pm, Library

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Minutes submitted by Denise Guiney

Date of approval: January 14, 2014

## This is the poem shared during the Open Remarks

### *Drop a Pebble in the Water*

Drop a pebble in the water: just a splash, and it is gone;  
But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on,  
Spreading, spreading from the center, flowing on out to the sea.  
And there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.

Drop a pebble in the water: in a minute you forget,  
But there's little waves a-flowing, and there's ripples circling yet,  
And those little waves a-flowing to a great big wave have grown;  
You've disturbed a mighty river just by dropping in a stone.

Drop an unkind word, or careless: in a minute it is gone;  
But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on.  
They keep spreading, spreading, spreading from the center as they go,  
And there is no way to stop them, once you've started them to flow.

Drop an unkind word, or careless: in a minute you forget;  
But there's little waves a-flowing, and there's ripples circling yet,  
And perhaps in some sad heart a mighty wave of tears you've stirred,  
And disturbed a life was happy ere you dropped that unkind word.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness: just a flash and it is gone;  
But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on,  
Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing, dashing wave  
Till you wouldn't believe the volume of the one kind word you gave.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness: in a minute you forget;  
But there's gladness still a-swelling, and there's joy a circling yet,  
And you've rolled a wave of comfort whose sweet music can be heard  
Over miles and miles of water just by dropping one kind word.

~James W. Foley~