

# KENT GARDENS PTA MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2011

Approved

## Welcome

Rich Sargent, President, opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. (Approximately 25 people were present.)

## Principals Report

**Literacy Council-** presented by Mirna Galeano.

Galeano talked about the various efforts the school is taking to improve reading and writing skills.

- Library can take checkouts as often as they want to. Asked for parent volunteers to help in the library in mornings and afternoons to help check out books.
- Training- teachers continue to take training for the developmental Reading Assessments (DRA), and will begin training in Leveled language Intervention (LLI)
- Kent Gardens started a new handwriting program- Zaner Bloser, With this program, the school received a number of digital resources. Galeano emphasized that handwriting is important with the essay writing for SATs. K-3 will receive this instruction.
- Author visits in work. Ms. Elessier?. also found sponsor for Spelling bee this year
- Talked about new Math explorers reading for 3rd grade and up (integrating STEM with language arts).
- Parents asked that teachers be asked to remind the students they can check out books since older students aren't used to having this opportunity.

## Old business and approval of last meeting's minutes:

- **Approval of April meeting minutes**

A motion was made and seconded and passed to approve the September 2011 PTA minutes.

## Treasurer's Report

- **Monthly financial review**

Shella Holmes, Treasurer, presented regarding: (1) after school academies; (2) arm chair; (3) chess club (4) drama program, (5) teacher fund. Motion for approve the expenditure addition of \$1250 the teacher fund category. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the membership present.

## Committee Reports

- **Fundraising**

Heather Tuttle reporting the status of armed chair fundraiser and membership recruitment

Fun Fete- Nov. 5th, described event, \$20 wrist band for all activities, raffles, silent auction, 4 and under free, looking for donations of goodies for the bake sale, auction contributions.

Heather also went through upcoming events.

### **New Business**

- Keep In Touch transitions to Constant Contact. Directory letter was sent out last week, can be excluded in the online version and/or print version. Parents are responsible for updating the directory.

- Questions:

What is the format of the candidate forum? The candidates Louise Epstein and Janie Strauss will be present. This will not be a debate. Each will talk for a few minutes and open the floor for questions.

Agenda posted this week. Minutes posted? Rich noted Agenda did not get posted, and minutes were posted about a week prior to the meeting.

Sylvan books- Will there be an ebook site password this year? Galeano said she would find the password and share through the library or blackboard.

Spiritwear- Chair announced she is looking for new ideas and took suggestions. Ideas received included: backpacks, sweatpants, baseball hats, water bottles.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting. Adjournment was at 8:05pm.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- October 31st - November 7th, Fall Book Fair
- November 5th, Fall Fun Fête.
- November 7-8– NO SCHOOL, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 15th, 7pm, PTA meeting