

# **KENT GARDENS PTA MEETING MINUTES**

**December 13, 2011**

**(Unapproved – Draft Copy)**

## **Welcome**

Rich Sargent, President, opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. (Approximately 20 people were present.)

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

### **Approval of November meeting minutes**

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

## **Principals Report**

Introduced Alex Wong, new 5th grade teacher.

Recess Rules-Dr. Straits and Andy Reiman presented on Safety, the Kiss and Ride contract and availability of exemptions for physical needs. Reiman mentioned: Bus number tags being created for Kindergarten and 1st grade; teacher checklist for fire safety; Crisis Management workbook revised by county and under review-summary created by school and given to all teachers, one page version created for substitute teachers; and the upcoming lockdown drill in January. FCPS documents have been shared with the teachers. Safety and discipline committee has worked with rules and guidelines to provide clarifying guidelines to the teachers. Reiman reviewed the recess safety summary and discussion and questions took place under New Business.

Saturday STEM Events in final planning stages-6 week session starting around January 28 working with Thomas Jefferson High School students. Odyssey of the Mind, Science Olympiad, advanced Math class, and Girls in Engineering (GEMS) are some of the programs being considered.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Monthly financial review**

Rich Sargent presented the Treasurer's Report highlighting: (1) After School Academies (2) Art expense for Square One Art (3) playground equipment (4) Dues for members and (5) Summer Academies.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Fundraising**

Heather Tuttle reporting the status of after school academies, Square One Art (arriving this week), Doodle Hopper Night.

March Madness (March 15) planning has begun. Players needed. Adding some features to make the game fun, and less competitive. Requires a lot of volunteers.

Directory will be sent out this week.

If you use the Amazon link on PTA site, Amazon will donate money to PTA.

Homestretch received great support, with all families adopted.

## **Events**

Book swap Bingo-Dec. 16th

## **New Business**

Recess discussions- concerns with rules, not allowing some autonomy. Some parents were concerned with recess rules being tied to with curriculum. Others wanted to know why the balls can't be brought. It was explained the balls were not being shared. New balls were ordered so there will be enough for each class. Documents summarizing rules will be posted online.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.  
Adjournment was at 8:34pm.

## **UPCOMING DATES**

- Friday, December 16th – Family Fun Night – Book Swap Bingo!
- Wednesday, December 21st – Chorus Recital
- Friday, December 23, 2011 – Monday, January 2, 2012, Winter Break – NO SCHOOL