

## KENT GARDENS PTA MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2010

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### I. Welcome/Month in Recap

Erika Keough, President, opened the meeting at 7:06 pm.

### II. Presentation from Fairfax County Health Department Nurse

Pat Nader, Fairfax County health department nurse, presented regarding health issues facing students/parents. Ms. Nader discussed issues related to the flu, including:

- the importance of vaccination shot and washing hands (model washing hands for children) and proper coverage technique (muffle sneeze or cough in bend of arm so that cough goes into clothes);
- the signs of flu: watch for fever over 100 and flu like;
- recovery: if symptoms, child should stay home for 24 hours after fever subsides on own without fever reducers;
- high risk groups: pregnant women, children under 5, people over 50, compromised immune symptoms

Ms. Nader also discussed lice and treatment for lice, explaining: lice are associated with clean shiny long hair; most lice picked up at home setting not school (backpacks, carseats); over-the-counter or prescription options; difference between lice and nits (lice are brown check behind ears and base of neck; nits are the lice eggs– they are white looks like dandruff but clings to hair shaft).

Ms. Nader also discussed bed bugs and importance of isolating and washing clothes and items that could have them (i.e., when a spouse travels).

Ms. Nader also answered questions during question and answer session.

### III. Old business and approval of last meeting's minutes

#### A. Approval of last month's minutes

A motion was made and seconded and approved to accept the last PTA meeting notes (September 14, 2010).

#### B. Report on Longfellow Cell Tower meeting

Rich Sargent provided an overview regarding cell tower possibility at Longfellow. Discussion ensued.

### IV. Principal's Report

Dr. Hooker, Principal, spoke as to several issues, including: (1) 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders field trip to National Building Museum dealing with engineering and building industry (Mr. Gordon, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, provided details); see details on website; (2) Marie Hinton presentation (Ms. Hinton provided details regarding trip to France during Spring Break – 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited; also spoke re Oct 23, 24 USA Science and

Engineering Festival); and (3) morning coffees (this Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade coffee; next Wed 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents).

## **V. Treasurer's Report**

Anne-Marie Walker, Treasurer, presented regarding: (1) need for assistant Treasurer (to replace Ms. Walker next year); (2) income (after school academies and good attendance, chess club going well; some interest income from BBT account; popcorn club going well); (3) expense side (math, reading, and French materials ordered; fine arts purchases; STEM training; STEM support check; teacher staff appreciation luncheon and monetary gift for teachers was success).

Mona Lindemann provided update regarding PTA membership – 58% parent membership at this point. March madness t-shirts will be given to class who can most increase parent involvement in PTA through membership.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

### **A. Fundraising (Armchair, Membership, Entertainment Books, S1Art)**

Orchid Rushenas, Vice President (Fundraising) presented regarding: (1) arm chair fundraising; (2) entertainment books; (3) square one art – home week of Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **B. Events (Ice Cream Social, Reflections, FFN, International Night)**

Mariasol Herrera-Garcia, Vice President (Events), presented regarding: (1) family fun nights, including this Friday at KG (bingo); (2) Nov 13 – International Night.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Approval of Virginia PTA Legislation Action Items and Policy Statement, see link here**

<http://www.kentgardenspta.com/about-us/legislative-update/action-items/>

Erika Keough presented regarding legislation action items.

Note: Directories (with PTA membership cards) will be delivered Friday before Halloween.

### **B. Fairfax County Budget meetings**

Erika Keough spoke regarding budget shortfall for 2011-12 school year.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Adjournment was at 8:16 pm.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**      **Family Fun Night- Used Books Bingo, October 15th, 7-9pm**  
                                 **Reflections submissions, due October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
                                 **Family Fun Night- Chicken Out Night Out, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-8pm**  
                                 **International Night, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm**