

KENT GARDENS PTA MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2011

Approved

I. Welcome

Erika Keough, President, opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. (Approximately 27 people were present.)

II. Presentation by Gloria Allen, K-12 FCPS Math Coordinator

Gloria Allen gave a power point presentation and addressed several topics, including:

- Compacted Math – overview of what this means in grades 3-6, including fact that some grade standards are skipped (i.e., gaps in student learning occur).
- In addition to grade level mathematics, some schools offer “advanced math” as “alternative” to compacted math (investigation regarding what “advanced math” means varies from school to school).
- These issues yielded county beginning to implement changes regarding math curriculum to result in achievement of following goals: access to higher level math; provide consistency, prevent gap in learning, close achievement gap.
 - This school year – compacted math in certain schools
 - Next year – in all schools – will have name change – “advanced math”
 - Overview of grade level changes and communication plan with principals and teachers and community (including voice overall power point on Fairfax County Public School website that has same information as Ms. Allen’s presentation (see “instructional services” section; Peter Noonan’s page)).
 - Overview of benefits for students and teachers.

III. Old business and approval of last meeting’s minutes:

A. Approval of April meeting minutes

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

IV. Month in Review

Erika Keough spoke regarding the past months activities, including: family fun night at Jason’s Deli (raised 75\$) and families had fun; auction this past Saturday really fun and successful event; and kindergarten orientation last night.

V. Principal's Report

Dr. Hooker, Principal, spoke briefly: mentioned that made promise last meeting to discuss math and that was accomplished at tonight's meeting through Ms. Allen's presentation.

VI. Treasurer's Report

A. Monthly financial review

Anne-Marie Walker, Treasurer, presented regarding: (1) after school academies; (2) auction (guess is made approx. 25K – provided overview of financial breakdown for different auction components and amounts made); (3) book fair (achieved goal of more than 2K); (4) chess club (in line to reach goal plus some); (5) MTC – drama program (will see reduction in number because of expenses but generally seem on target); (6) family fun night; (7) vacation academies (no full numbers for this yet); and (8) sixth grade farewell (June 20).

VII. Committee Reports

A. Fundraising (Auction)

Orchid Rushenas, Vice President (Fundraising), presented re: items not sold at auction can still be bought (get fit with Krav Maga; 2 month membership at fitness first; tax filings; adult dress up; martial arts lessons; a day at zoo with Ms. Lynn and Ms. Photiou; taste of Portugal; and taste of Germany).

B. Events (6th grade Farewell and Summer camp)

Erika Keough presented regarding: summer camps (couple classes full; some not quite yet) and Sixth grade farewell (Heather Tuttle presented summary re status of same).

C. Legislative update

Erika Keough presented regarding some legislative issues, including full day kindergarten. Kent Gardens is one in a group of schools that do not get full day kindergarten under one of the two full day KG options. Erika encouraged parents to write in or show and/or register to speak at the May 17th FCPS Board meeting in favor of FDK for all schools. Final FCPS budget vote will be made on May 27th.

VIII. New Business

A. Voting of PTA officers for 2011-2012

Current PTA officers are in place until 2nd week in June but, note, there will be no PTA meeting in June. Treasurer stays on a bit longer to close out books. Erika Keough listed new board.

President - Richard Sargent

VP Events – Mariasol Herrera –Garcia

VP Fundraising – Heather Tuttle

Treasurer – Shella Holmes

Secretary – Stacey Brooks

Motion, made, seconded, and approved to approve new board.

B. Voting of 2011-2012 budget

Rich Sargent, current Financial Committee Chair, provided overview of next year's budget, including review of line items. Addressed some specific expenses, including: STEM; teacher fund (checks to all teachers at school to spend for classroom materials); money toward SOL remediation efforts; money for operation and accountant; communication (going to use "constant contact" versus KIT, including polling mechanism); grocery receipts; building and grounds; technology; classroom materials and curriculum development; and PTA directory; and etc.

Question re "onsite" field trips discussed.

Motion, made, seconded, and approved to approve budget.

IX. Adjournment

Rich Sargent acknowledged efforts of outgoing board: Adi Marks, Anne-Marie Walker, Orchid Rushenas, and Erika Keough.

A motion was made and seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting. Adjournment was at 8:02 pm.

Upcoming Events:

- Teacher Appreciation week: June 6-10

-6th Grade Farewell: June 20th