

# **KENT GARDENS PTA MEETING MINUTES**

**January 10, 2012**

**(Unapproved – Draft Copy)**

## **Welcome**

Rich Sargent, President, opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. (Approximately 45 people were present.)

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

December minutes were not available, and will be presented at Feb meeting. Approval of December meeting minutes postponed.

## **Principals Report**

Level 4 AAP Services: Third through sixth grade teachers are being trained, starting with the January inservice day, to provide level 4 services for the FCPS Advanced Academic Program (AAP) at Kent Gardens. This will be incorporated into the classrooms. The school will not be considered an AAP center, but will be equipped to bring advanced concepts into the classroom allowing students to benefit from this content without leaving for different schools. STEM and problem solving is a big part of AAP so Kent Gardens is appropriately situated to integrate this.

Differentiation will be key to bringing these services to the students who need it most. Students in immersion programs will have the opportunity to receive French and still receive AAP without leaving the school. Teachers will take four courses to become certified. Curriculum is centered around materials and resources and will use the tools they need. Techniques will be mapped to materials that make sense for our school. Students can be retested once in elementary school and parents can refer own students using their testing. All KGES students will be presented with level 4 content.

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, reporting expenses and income. Banking expenses are higher than the budgeted amount. Looking into how to account for the costs of banking and accurately track those expenses as they relate to specific events.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Fundraising**

VP of Fundraising Heather Tuttle went over the following activities:

Dove chocolate fundraiser

Arm Chair fundraiser is sending out another letter.

French Book Fair in early March

March Madness-volunteers and players needed

Spring Break Academies

Summer Academies June 25-7/6; last session ends August 3rd.

### **Events**

Jason's Deli- January 27th

### **New Business**

Popcorn club needs volunteers to help with popping from 8-10 each Friday morning.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment was at 8:30pm.

### **UPCOMING DATES**

January 16th: No School, Martin Luther King Day

January 30-31st: No School, Teacher Work Days

February 1st: Deadline for Virginia PTA Essay Contest

February 20th: No School, President's Day

February 21st: PTA meeting, Media Center 7pm

February 22nd - Thursday Feb 24th: Engineering Week