

Kent Gardens PTA Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2016

Meeting began at 9am with 33 in attendance.

Old Business:

- Meeting minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Fundraising Update:

- One & Done goal met. The PTA raised \$25,000 in 50 days. Mrs. McGuigan will be duct taped to the wall on November 4th and Mrs. McGrath and Mrs. Rose will sing Karaoke in the cafeteria on November 9th!
- Family Dining Events: Thank you to Veronica Hughes who organized these dinners. The Chipotle dinner was a huge success. Thank you to the families who braved the traffic for the Roti dinner as well.

Events Update:

- The French Video Club is open and accepting new members. The fee families pay is a lifetime membership so there's no need to renew your membership from year to year. The club is adding new movies to the library and students can stop by on Fridays to view the selection.
- Morning Math: This is an opportunity to provide additional math, including advanced math, opportunities in the morning. The second session begins on November 4th.
- Box Tops: Thank you to everyone who contributed to this effort. Anne Warrell and Pam Higgins explained that there will be monthly winners. Mme Ptasienski's class came in first place this month and will soon receive the trophy.
- International Night: It took place earlier this year and was a great program. Thank you to everyone who turned out.
- Lost and Found: Please take a look at the items in the lost and found. It is overflowing.

PTA Dollars at Work:

- Thank you to the sixth grade and Focal Point Homes for our new outdoor learning center.
- The school had its first cultural event of the year. Thank you to Victoria Hseuh for organizing it.

Treasurer's Report:

- The PTA is looking into transferring money to the school next month. We are currently reviewing the numbers and we will discuss it further during next month's meeting.
- The August financials were distributed.
- The summer program numbers are off because we still haven't paid the teachers/providers. The PTA will likely net approximately \$12,000.

Legislative Liaison:

- There was a discussion of the Meals Tax proposal, which will be on the November ballot.

Principal's Report:

- The CogAt testing is wrapping up. The Naglieri will take place the week before Thanksgiving for those who missed it last time. First graders will be tested in the spring.
- FCPS Employee Recognition: An awards program has been created to recognize and celebrate employee success. Nominations are now open in several categories and can be made by any school staff or community member. More information will be sent out soon, with a link to a survey if parents would like to nominate anyone.
- Fall Festivals: Students may wear costumes (no masks or weapons) and Kindergartners will have a small parade. Please be mindful of food allergies.
- We have an early release and two student holidays coming up. Election Day is a working day for teachers.
- Teacher Newsletters: The school is working on getting them out weekly and in a timely manner.
- Please be mindful of how often you email teachers. They should be responding within 48 hours but they hear from a lot of parents.
- Lucy Calkins program: This is a great program through Columbia University and the school is instituting it this year.
- The school is also a pilot school for the i-Ready program in reading and math.
- The school is integrating more technology and is making a lot of progress.
- Students and parents can find the relevant links on the school's website if you follow the Learning Links link. Dreambox is also there.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 am