

## **Kent Gardens PTA Meeting Minutes**

September 23, 2016

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:55 a.m. 23 in attendance. Jenn Wormser introduced the new PTA officers.

### **Presentation by Mr. Mahler on the Kent Gardens Chess Club:**

Introduction was made by Cara Cline-Thomas. Mr. Mahler is a founding member of the US Chess Center and spoke to the committee about the Kent Gardens Chess Club.

### **Old Business:**

Motion made to adopt the June meeting minutes was approved.

### **President's Report:**

- Discussed the One and Done fundraiser to raise \$25K in the first 50 days of school. The One and Done committee also started a raffle for those who donate before the 50<sup>th</sup> day.
- VP of Communications updated the group with our initiatives to go green and send most communication electronically. Electronic newsletter, Facebook, Instagram, and launching a new Kent Gardens PTA Website launching this month. Also established a Dropbox site that parents can share pictures for incorporation in the ROAR, Facebook, Instagram. If you need to have anything fixed on the website please email Bethany Nguyen.
- VP, Enrichment Programs detailed the incorporation of FLEX for enrollment in After School Academies. Odyssey of the Mind will start the week of October 3<sup>rd</sup> and you can select Monday OR Wednesday if interested in participating. MTC will begin enrollment next Friday, enrollment will be by lottery with preference to 6<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades. Planning for winter academies will start in 2 weeks!
- Chipotle event raised over \$1200!
- French Video Club will open soon with it slated to begin next Friday and will run every Friday from 0825 until dismissal to class. \$35 to join with a family lifetime membership.
- Ride/Walk to school day. The event will take place on October 5<sup>th</sup>, please volunteer! Email Lauren.braccia@gmail.com
- International Night will be Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> and it is a great community building event.
- PTA Dollars at Work: Our first author visit will be October 5<sup>th</sup>. Adam Gidwitz will speak with Grade 5 and 6. Link will be in the ROAR and you can request a signed book. We will also have a Cultural Presentation to the school at the end of October.
- Spirit Wear is on sale with Amber Syad and KG Spirit Wear day will be each Friday! Please use the link on the ROAR to order.
- Fairfax County Parent Resource Center is coming to Kent Gardens and all available, free seminars will be in the ROAR

### **Treasurers Report:**

- The Treasurer's report was handed out including August Financials.
- Voted to install Daniel Marquardt as the new Treasurer, motion approved– thank you Pam!

**Presentation on the upcoming Meals Tax Referendum:** Mr. Jeff Heilbraun, there will be a September 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School in Falls Church.

## **Principal's Report: Ms. McGuigan and Ms. Tony Rose**

- Ms. McGuigan introduced Ms. Rose as our new Vice-Principal.
- 6 classes per grade level with the exception of Kindergarten (5). Completely reorganized the school to optimize space for small groups, offices, and work spaces. We had Lucy Caulkins training with the pyramid for Reading/Writing and Math. Pilot school for universal screening – pilot program for online intervention, assessments in Reading, will learn more about it on October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Special Ed and Primary Teachers did a phonemic program meant to assist with identifying and assisting students with dyslexia.
- Book your summer will finish up – every grade level student received \$50 in books and one student won a laptop from FCPS. Library nights were hugely successful throughout the summer.
- Back to school night was a big success even with the huge crowds. Not one complaint from the community during the night in regards to parking! A parent survey will be in the ROAR concerning Back to School night.
- Well on our way to getting laptops for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Received additional staffing for specials and special needs children.
- New theme for the year is “Putting Kindness First”.
- AAP information night on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-7.
- Thank you for the continued support!

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.