

# COLLEGE GARDENS PTA MEETING

November 3, 2010

## Minutes

### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

### II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING

(moved to the end of the meeting)

Motion to approve minutes. Seconded and Passed

### III. REPORT OF OFFICERS

#### Treasurer's Report

Sally Foster owes PTA \$740

Proceeds are used to fund certain PTA events.

Motion to approve the Report as drafted.

Seconded from the floor and passed.

#### President's Report

- Thanks to Fred Moser & Roger Weaver for the fabulous directory. Excellent Staff volleyball game, and are now planning a softball game in April and Kickball in Spring.
- CIP recommendations released on October 27, 2010.

- Tours of 4 elementary schools including City of Rockville representative and representative from County.
- Monday night meeting of cluster representative at Rockville City Hall with PTA
- Meeting on November 11, 2010 at 7:00 at the BOE. Testimony will include all the elementary schools in the cluster. We need volunteers to attend; we are second to testify. PTA continues to gather information (comments and questions). Give to Mr. Ewald and/or Gegi questions/ comments regarding the needs for CGES. This is an ongoing dialogue regarding needs of CGES.

### Fundraising Report

Given by Sylva

- Volunteers for Book Fair still needed. Can volunteer with your child. Look in the Flash for times of availability.
  - Dave Leeger is the contact person.
- Start collecting Campbell's for Education.
- Continue to with collection of Box Tops.
- Kids that meet specific dollar amounts for Sally Foster will receive incentive prizes.

### Membership Report

- Roger Weaver presented the Membership report.
- The directory costs are \$2.41 per directory, which exceeds the amount budgeted.
- Paid to date: \$1,620

- 725 directories at a cost of \$1,749.49
- A current deficit of \$129.49, which was paid from membership dues.

### Communications Report

- Jen Green gave the communications report.
- There are 1134 email addresses receiving Flash
- 164 emails (125 families) are receiving online information only and are “paper free.”

### MCCPTA Report

- Alice Alexander gave the MCCPTA report.
- The MCCPTA continues discussing the CIP.
- 11/8/2010 meeting will address elementary curriculum
- CIP resolutions can be found on the MCCPTA website.
- Staff appreciation coming up. For fourth grade parents for Nov. staff appreciation lunch, will reimburse parents. Otherwise PTA needs to receive request for it.
  - Request to coordinate with room parents.
- Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Board of Education building.

### Principal's Report

- Mr. Ewald gave the Principal's Report
- Thanks for Staff luncheon in October 2010

- Seeking community involvement for the cluster testimony on November 11, 2010 at BOE at the Carver building at 7:00 p.m.
  - Dress for College Gardens identification.
- There remains some “bus stop buzz.” We are one school, which is remains the school wide focus.
- CIP check the MCPS website for specific information regarding College Gardens.
- Review of Superintendent Recommendation:
  - Feasibility Study for this year (that’s good)
  - CGES has requested money from the CIP and hopeful it will be approved but currently is in the request stage
  - CI has 150 students in program.
  - A CI move to new school program would continue
- College Gardens is a Stakeholder. Need to give input for the CIP.
- College Gardens effected by CIP
- Operating Budget is separate from CIP
- 11/18/2010 is decision for CIP
- 12/15/2010 Superintendent presents his recommendation
- Mr. Ewald presented a video
- Keep in mind that different perspectives and are right and need different perspectives as decisions are made over the next 3-5 years during process with County Council
- Currently have 800 students

- Email your input to [CGESCIIP@hotmail.com](mailto:CGESCIIP@hotmail.com)
- 11/10/2010-another cluster testifies
- All 200 MCPS schools can apply for programs, including IB programs
- Feasibility study occurring, but a new timeline is unknown.
- New construction occurs approximately five years after approval. If feasibility is approved, the queue is adjusted. CGES remains an IB PYP World School.
- Mr. Ewald answered various procedural questions from the floor.
- Book Fair begins on Friday 11/4/2010.
- 11/10/2010: Slice of Rockville Community Dinner.

#### IV. Committee Reports

##### **Gift Committee:**

- Requested laptop to be purchased and to be used during movie nights.
- Bike racks have been ordered
- Cork display rails are being considered to display artwork. Order six to ten to see if they are durable
- \$18.95 for each rail. Requesting \$150 for purchase for sample products

##### **NAACP Committee:**

- 10/27/2010 meeting; 15 parents attended.
- Reviewed the Math Curriculum.
- Talked about listing in terms of race.

- Discussed effective parent teacher conferences.

## V. New Business

### 1. Gift Committees Request for Rails.

- The goal is allow more displays of art work. Install them closer to the kid's classrooms.
- Magnetic Rails may not be permitted. Must go through MCPS procurement.
- Motion to spend up to \$150 for Cork Rails.
- Second from the floor.
- **Motion passed.**
- Veronica is chairing Art Committee

### 2. October Staff Appreciation

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade spent \$126 for the month
- Request from 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents to reimburse them for out of pocket expenses
- Discussion occurred from the floor.
- No motion was made or passed.
- Sent back to Sasha for further discussion.

### 3. Superintendent's CIP Recommendation

- Our cluster rep. involved in tour.

- This year's feasibility study to address the school's needs and population
- Next year: get recommendations through advocacy
- Participation by Julius West students and their families opportunities to testify before BOE
- At the elementary school level:
  - Ritchie Park: just completed feasibility study, not released.
  - Hungerford: recommend feasibility study no knowledge of boundaries
  - Twinbrook and Beall: Both recommended for feasibility studies continue. No available funding.
    - Twinbrook: Seeking equity in the cluster
    - They have 5 portables
    - Not scheduled for new building until 2020
  - Beall: has 8 portables. Additional portables will not relieve the overcrowding.
  - Ritchie Park: Still formulating opinions
  - Could have a cluster boundary study at the same time as feasibility
  - Feasibility study is overseen by Chris Bell's office.
  - CGES wants feasibility students
    - No objection to CIP recommendations
    - Wants boundary Study

## VI. Announcements

- Upcoming Movie Night showing Ratouille
- Book Fair has opened, still needs volunteers.
- Congratulations to Mr. Ewald and Jen Green for running the Marine Corp marathon.

#### VII. Adjournment

- Motion: A motion was made from the floor to adjourn, which was seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.