

COLLEGE GARDENS PTA MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 2010

Minutes

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTE OF THE MAY AND SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

- Moved to the end of the meeting.
- Motion was made from the floor to adopt May and September's minutes as drafted.
- Seconded
- Passed without discussion.

III. REPORT OF OFFICERS

Treasurer's Report

- Ron Hays presented the treasurer's report which included a monthly budget and year to date.
- A motion was made from the floor to adopt the budget as presented.
- A second was made.
- Discussion occurred and was closed. The motion to approve the budget as drafted was passed.

President's Report

- Gegi Leeger presented the president's report.
- Ms. Leeger announced the parent teacher volley ball game for October 20, 2010.
- Teacher Appreciation day had occurred twice to date.
- Upcoming activities included the art fair, cultural arts assemblies, science fair, all which need volunteers.

Fundraising Report

- Sally Foster raised \$4,000. The budget item was \$4,500.
- Thank you to Sally Foster co-chairs for doing such a great job:
 - Christine Hutchinson
 - Nancy Paul
 - Karen Hagen
- Sylva has gift cards.
- The Book Fair is coming up and need volunteers.
 - Dave Leeger is the contact person.
- Movie Night is November 5, 2010.

Membership Report

- Roger Weaver presented the Membership report.
- The current enrollment for PTA membership was 267 families. Total dues collected were \$3,455.

- The directory was in process.
 - Fred Mosher to be commended for creating a new directory database, which would be helpful for FY 2011-2012.
 - Directory Forms were still coming in, and families can opt-out some or all personal/contact information.
 - One of the benefits of the directory is so that students can contact other students directly.
 - All forms due by October 7, 2010.
 - October 18, 2010 is the scheduled date for the directory.
 - Mr. Holt assisted with form entry and verifications.
- Thank you Andrea Hall for recruiting PTA board and committee members.
- Karen Creel is our movie night chair and doing a great job.

Communications Report

- Jen Green gave the communications report.
- There are 712 families that receive the flash.
- 135 are receiving online information only and are “paper free.”
- 170 students do not receive paper.
- Wednesday green forms are down from 800 at the beginning of the school year to 525.

MCCPTA Report

- Yusef gave the MCCPTA report.
- The MCCPTA is looking for more volunteers to get involved for multiple committees.
- Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Bd of Education building.

Principal's Report

- John Ewald gave the principal's report.
- Mr. Ewald has a principal's chat at 6:30 p.m. on the evening of PTA meetings.
- Mr. Ewald loves PTA.
- We had special guests Cheryl Moss Herman, Cheryl Pierce, Sherry Eilibes , Pat Abronzo from long range planning.
- Building services will receive the building services award on October 21, 2010.
- Coffee chats occur on the 4th Friday each month from 9:30 – 10:30. The meetings are informal.
- Sufficient time is permitted for recess and lunch.
- MCPS is moving forward with relocatable classrooms. October 15, 2010 is the start date for construction and should be ready after Thanksgiving.
- The cluster has unexpected growth.
- There are a variety of concerns regarding the impact of growth will have on the school.
- CGES is doing well at:

- Exemplary staff
- Strong partnership with parents
- Superintendent makes his recommendations on October 28, 2010
- Mr. Ewald expressed concern about “bus stop chatter.” This is counter-productive to addressing solutions to the concerns parents and students have. We are one school.

IV. Committee Reports

- **Book Fair**—Dave Leeger: November 11, 2010.
- This is an important fundraising because of the money and books for the school.
- Dave requested that book profit be reconciled differently to more accurately profit margins.
- Each teacher gets \$50 for books/supplies at Spring and Fall.
- All profits go to the PTA.

PTA Liaison—No report.

V. New Business

Growth Issues

- Bruce Chrispell: Director of long range planning presented the following:

- Enrollment projections and facility planning
- Remarkable enrollment grown in the past 3 years.
- 6300 students had grown within the cluster and schools during this period.
- Largest deficit at Beall ES (250 over capacity; 8 portables)
- At CGES: Capacity is 693 with currently 800 students.
- 2 portables.
- Ritchie Park: 5 portables with 109 over capacity.
- Twinbrook: 40 over capacity.
- Portables are allocated by degree of over capacity.
- Over capacity does not mean more kids in the classroom. It means more portables.
- No plan to change anything at CGES.
- Capital improvements project recommendation due 10/28/10.
- At Beall and Twinbrook requests have been made for an addition to the building for future projects.
- The CIP approval is long.
- Mr. Chrispell opened the floor to questions about growth and its impact on CGES.
- The PTA body had a thoughtful and involved discussion regarding the many facets of the growth and student needs.
- Issues that were presented:
 - Moving or eliminating the CI program.
 - Concerns regarding portables.

- Beginning a feasibility study to determine increased building out.
- The CIP process and recommendations to Superintendent Weast.
- Threshold class size per grade:
 - Kindergarten: 1 to 26
 - 1st and 2nd: 1 to 27
 - 3rd and 4th: 1 to 28
 - 5: 1 to 29
- This is an increase of 1 student per class room from FY 2009-2010
- King Farm residents had presented information to the long range planning director and were concerned that the information had not been considered. Mr. Chrispell stated that the information was considered. CGES was built as large as ES are built in Montgomery County. All schools grew in the service area during the same period. This is not isolated to CGES but a cluster wide phenomenon.
- CIP cycle; occurs every Fall and our cluster will testify at the BOE meeting re our wish list.
- Continue to collaborate with City of Rockville.
- Data does not reflect any decrease in performance by staff with increased class size.
- Discussion was closed.
- Motion: PTA president moved to pass resolution attached to agenda.

- The motion was discussed to strike paragraph 3 of the Resolution. The motion was denied and did not pass.
- Motion: Someone from the floor moved to modify paragraph 3 of the Resolution. Discussion occurred and was closed. The motion was renewed, seconded and passed.
- Motion: A motion was made from the floor to approve the Resolution as amended. It was seconded. It was opened to discussion and discussion was concluded. The resolution was passed by a majority.

Gift Committee

- Volunteer Training—Ms. Rogovoy. This was deferred to the November 2010 meeting given the time remaining in the meeting and to permit more time to discuss the growth issues.

VI. Announcements

- Community Dinner—Tuesday, Oct 12 at Fuddruckers
- Staff/PRA volley Ball game
- Family movie night
- Book Fair

VII. Adjournment

- Motion: A motion was made from the floor to adjourn, which was seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

