

CGS PTO Minutes

April 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Kari Bennett, co-president.

Principals Report: Mrs. Moyer

Thank you to those that helped out with the talent show. The show and kids were fantastic.

We made a profit of \$113 from the donations made at the Talent Show.

Fun and fitness night was a big turnout. Thank you to Mrs. Corrigan and Mrs. Dutton for organizing this event!

Teachers had staff development on March 26, 2010. The focus of the day was Technology and Curriculum updates. Mr. Kyer, Ms. Puccia, Mrs. Plaster and Mr. Gale led the workshops. The teachers utilized the computer lab and learned how to effectively use the interactive white board for classroom instruction.

A wish list has been developed to support instruction. The list in order by preference would include: 1) an Interactive white board (\$1,000) 2) 2 additional tables and 48 headphones in the computer room (\$1200.)

On April 1st, the school had another mandated lockdown. Outside doors and classroom doors were locked within 30 seconds.

Reminder that spring break is held April 12th through April 16th.

Parent Conferences are being held Tuesday April 27th, Wednesday April 28th and Thursday April 29th. These will be early release days.

Class pictures will be held on Friday April 30th.

May 4th is the Budget Referendum Vote. April 24th is the Town Meeting on the budget.

Retirements this year: Mrs. Unkert – Speech, Mrs. Beeching – 2nd grade, Mrs. Dieter – Reading Consultant and Mrs. Schardt – Kindergarten.

Teachers Report –

Wendy Baver, Kindergarten – Classes are currently working on the Flat Stanley project.

Through this project the children learn about different states. They are now also finishing a unit on homes. Guided reading is another area that they are working on. Students are reading in small groups with their teachers as they develop their reading strategies. In math they are working on measurement, sequences and combinations.

Megan Babcock – First Grade – From May 3rd to May 7th the first grade is working on the program, “Here’s Looking at You” which teaches about making appropriate choices and learning about what a drug is. The utilize puppets to help kids to relate to different scenarios. Teachers will use a team teaching approach to teach this unit.

Acceptance of March 2010 PTO Minutes – Beth Hassett

Carrie Houk accepted the motion to pass the March 2010 minutes and it was seconded by Haley Small. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report - Darby Muia

Balance of approximately \$12,000. The Yankee Candle Sale generated \$4800 in profit. A motion was made to give \$6,000 to the classes for field trips. Carrie Houk accepted the motion and Mary Minor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Box Tops – Haley Small

The Box Tops challenge has come to a successful end. We have exceeded our goal of 20,000 box tops. We are now at 21,119. A total of 7159 box tops were collected during the month of March for the Box Tops challenge. The winning classrooms were: Mrs. Bitwinski's PM Kindergarten class with 648 box tops. Mrs. Hamlett's first grade class with 1321 box tops and Mrs. Beeching's second grade class with 522 box tops. A total of \$715.90 was generated from this contest. Great job everyone!! A special thank you to Haley Small for organizing and counting and cutting all of those box tops!!

Family Fun Night – Beth Hassett

The fun and fitness night was a huge success last month. All ages had a great time. A huge thank you to Michelle Corrigan and Julie Dutton for organizing and running this event!

Committee Reports:

Dimitri Days – Beth Hassett

A suggestion was made to change Dimitri Days for next year. Rather than have Dimitri Days be the second Tuesday of the month, it was suggested that we have a certain day of the month be a Dimitri's night. Everyone seemed to like this idea much better. We are looking for someone to chair this for next year and get in touch with Dimitri's to suggest this idea and come up with the days for next year. If interested, please let Beth Hassett know – bhassett5605@charter.net

Spring Book Fair – Martha McKerley

The book fair will be held the days of parent conferences. We will be holding the coin drive the week of 4/5 and also the week of 4/19. Students can collect loose change and bring it into their classrooms. The class for that grade level that has the most change will win a pizza party with Mrs. Moyer. This change will be utilized for the Buy 1 Get 1 book sale. Books will be purchased for the library with the loose change.

Family Fun Fair – Jen Zawacki

The Family Fun Fair will be held on June 4th this year in conjunction with the Spring Arts Festival and Ice Cream social. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday April 21st at 6 pm. Meeting will be held at CGS in the teachers lounge. Please come help us plan and prepare for this fun event.

Dolphin Dance – Jen Zawacki

The dance will be held on Friday May 14th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. A motion was made for \$95 to buy decorations. Mary Minor accepted the motion and Carrie Houk seconded the motion. All were in favor. The dance will be held at CGS in the gym. It will be a luau type theme and lots of fun for the kids.

Teacher Appreciation – Kari Bennett

This event will be held during the week of May 3rd – May 7th. Jen Oberlin is the chair for this event. There will be a brunch lunch and Cinco de Mayo day. Raffle baskets will also be done. If you can donate food or items for the baskets, please Jen or Kari know.

New Business

Elections 2010-2011 – Beth Hassett

We are currently seeking nominations for the PTO Board. This is for President or 2 Co-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. We are also seeking nominations for the various committees that we have. A flyer will be coming home shortly and elections will be held at the next meeting. We are also actively seeking someone to be able to do the PTO Newsletter for next year. If interested or have questions, please contact Beth Hassett.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. Next meeting, Tuesday May 11th.