

CGS PTO Minutes

November 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Kari Bennett at 7:05 pm.

Principals Report – Mrs. Moyer

H1N1 – There has been a rise in the amount of children out sick. Symptoms are varying. Today, 52 kids were currently out, which is 10% of student body. If your child has a fever, they need to stay home at least 24 hours with no fever, preferably 48 hours. We are working with Eastern Highland on the vaccine clinics. Check the website for updates. Per Dr. Barnard, the school will not close.

Alert Now System – The district is currently implementing the alert now system. Testing of the contact phone numbers will start on 11/12 and also on 11/19. This system will notify you of snow days and early release days as well as any emergencies. If you did not receive a call on these days, please get in contact with the office to make sure your contact information is updated.

Emergency Lockdown in the school will take place on Monday 11/23 between 1:30 -2:00 pm.

Budget is currently underway and going in at a 0% increase again.

Parent conferences will be taking place on 11/17, 11/18 and 11/19. These are early release days. Children will get out at 1:10 pm. Check the website for specific hours for kindergarteners.

There are new para-educators in Kindergarten and first grade. Mrs. Snow-sans is working in Kindergarten. Mrs. Darling has replaced Mrs. Ballock.

Teachers Report – Mr. Kyer – 1st grade

Emergency Lockdown – This should not be scary or stressful for anyone. Reassure and talk to your children about it.

Thanksgiving Feast – It will be held on November 25th. This has been a 35 year tradition. Children sing songs and make costumes. There is not enough parking to allow children to invite guests. An issue was brought up that this was done in years past and nobody was sure why that changed. Kindergarteners are allowed to invite 1 parent or guest.

Veterans Day – Children are being encouraged to talk with parents about Veterans Day. Do you have any Veterans in your family?

Math – First graders are currently working on grouping of 10's and 1's and odds and evens. They continue to work on the Making Meaning program which includes reading stories, increase comprehension of stories. They are also adding a writing component.

You may hear your child throw out such questions as “can we turn to each other and talk now?”

Teachers Report – Ms. Sieckowski – Special Ed Teacher

One of the goals of being a special education teacher is to make the school feel like a home base for children with special needs. This is a goal probably with all teachers to make sure that the children feel comfortable. There is a great collaboration with all of the teachers.

Ms. Sieckowski also works with the Fine Arts Program. Becca Osbourne will be the chairperson for this program going forward. The objective of the Fine Arts Program is to get children together to look at prints. What do they see? What do they feel? Parents volunteer to come into the classroom and discuss the prints. They meet once a month and there are 3 prints per theme. First introductory meeting is Friday November 13th. If you are interested, please get in contact with Becca at beccaonthelake@msn.com. Free babysitting for children available.

Acceptance of October 2009 Minutes – Beth Hassett

Stacy Simko made a motion to accept the October 2009 minutes. Haley Small seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurer’s Report – Darby Muia

Ending balance of approximately \$8400.00 \$3826 profit was made on the pies/cakes. \$2510.00 profit was made on the artwork and \$510.00 profit was made from the scrapbooking day.

Committee Reports

1. **Teacher Appreciation** – Jen Oberlin is Chairperson for this event. It will be held all 3 days of conferences. Tuesday November 17th, Soups and Breads lunch, Wednesday, November 18th, Salad Day and Thursday November 19th Potluck Lunch. Jen still needs 3 soups, 2 breads for the 17th, 4 salads and a dessert for the 18th and 5 more items and dessert for the 19th. If you can help out, please get in contact with Jen at jennoberlin@charter.net or call 742-2925.
2. **Adopt a Family** – Human Services hosts this event. If you are interested in adopting a family for the holidays, contact Human Services.
3. **Apples for Teachers** - Apple trees will be put up the week before the conferences with the teacher’s wishes. Every teacher has made up apples for wishes of items that they need for their classroom. Pick an apple, fulfill the teachers wish and bring the item into the teacher. Please put the child’s name on the back of the apple so that the teacher knows where it came from. All left over apples will be fulfilled by the PTO. The apple tree is transformed into the giving tree.
4. **Craft Fair/Bake Sale** - This event is being held on Saturday December 5th from 9 am – 3 pm at the High school. CGS is responsible for the Bake Sale portion of this event. We will need lots and lots of baked items as well as volunteers to help work this event. We have time slots available for 7am – 10

am, 10am – 1 pm and 1 pm – 4 pm. If you are available to assist in anyway, please contact Jen Zawacki. If you can bake, please let her know what you would like to bake. Contact is jenniferzawacki@yahoo.com.

5. Kids Fun Fair - We are having our first meeting on Thursday November 12th at 7pm in the CGS Teachers Lounge. Please come if you are interested in helping out or chairing an event. This event takes a lot of volunteers to coordinate. We are looking for volunteers and chairpersons to assist in coordination of gift baskets, creating games, running the craft table, soliciting donations, etc. Please contact Kari Bennett if interested at klianemcb2@aol.com
6. Thymes Remembered Vendor Night – This event is being held Friday November 13th from 4-8 pm at Thymes Remembered. Crissy Stinson will be their selling her jewelry and Leigh Lezotte with her Dove® Chocolate business. Each vendor is donating a portion of their sales back to CGS. Enjoy a night out of shopping and helping the schools.

Old Business

Bingo Night was a night of fun!! We had approximately 60 people in attendance and got the children involved with calling out the BINGO numbers. There were prizes for adults and children. Is anyone up for BUNCO? This was one of the adult prizes won by Mary Minor. We also rounded up 3 big boxes of non-perishable food for the Food Pantry.

New Business

Movie Night – December 11th will be having a family fun night. Get in your jammies and get comfortable to watch *Polar Express*. What better way to get in the mood for the Christmas Holiday? Speaking of Christmas, unfortunately, we will not be hosting the Holiday Hush this year. There was a lot of noise surrounding this topic last year so we decided to put it on hold. We can always re-visit it again.

Wolf Pack Night and Rock Cats Night – there seemed to be interest in hosting these 2 events for future family fun nights. Kari Bennett will get in touch with both and coordinate dates.

Issue: There was an issue brought up regarding the cafeteria service un-healthy snacks in the cafeteria. Parents will discuss with Dr. Barnard as this is not an issue that the Principal of CGS has much control over.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. Next meeting will be a short meeting with a Holiday celebration. Please feel free to bring a snack or drink for the festivities on December 8th at 7 pm.