

## Coventry Grammar School PTO Minutes October 13, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Co-President Kari Bennett at 7:02 pm. We went through and did introductions again which was good for everyone to get to know some new faces.

### **Principal's Report – Mrs. Moyer**

Thank you/Appreciation -

We recently had Picture Day which ran very smoothly. A big thank you to the volunteers that came in. Leigh Lezotte and a team of volunteers have been working on cleaning up the courtyard. It is coming along nicely. Thank you to that team of volunteers.

Goals –

Mrs. Moyer recently presented her long-term goals and objectives to the Board of Education. One of the goals is RTI (response to intervention). A team of teachers are currently piloting this program. First grade intervention is scheduled for 45 minutes/3 times a week. Kindergarten Intervention is 45 minutes/4 times a week. This will be held two times a week for AM Kindergarten and two times a week for PM Kindergarten. The programs objective is to identify students who are struggling and the teachers are working with them. Early intervention is identified and then teachers will monitor and evaluate their progress. Letters will go home to parents for children that have been identified for this program.

Technology lab is up and running. There are 20 computes that are up and running. Each class will have the opportunity to become acclimated to this newly-established center under the supervision and guidance of their classroom teachers.

H1N1 – A survey was sent home in the beginning of October about whether or not you would want your child to be immunized. The school is working with Eastern Highlands Health District to assess the need for hosting an onsite flu vaccine clinic. It has been determined that we will be having a clinic most likely at the Nathan Hale school. More detailed information to be coming.

### **Teacher's Report – Ms. Bitwinski, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Taber, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Dieter**

Ms. Bitwinski (Kindergarten) – All Kindergarteners will be assessed individually by the reading room staff using the Phonological Awareness Skills Test. In addition, student readiness profiles will be formulated for the State Department of Education. Every kindergartener gets evaluated as they enter kindergarten. The results will be shared with families during the November conferences.

Mrs. Taber (1<sup>st</sup> grade) – Show and Tell and Sharing is an important part of First grade. It helps to create communication skills, develop a sense of community and gives children an opportunity to develop self confidence. They also get an opportunity to develop oral presentation. Items should be picked out and shared with parents and children should go over what they want to share with the class about that item.

Mrs. Bennett (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) – Children have started the WEB reading program. The students pick out a book and bring it home to read every night. A new program that will be starting is called Book Reviewer. The students will have a chance to write a mini book report after reading a story. This will help them develop sentence making. This should be coming home towards the end of the month. Storybook Day will be held on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>. Students may bring in a book to share about one of their favorite characters and may dress up to match that character.

Reading Teachers/Consultant - Mrs. Jones/Mrs. Dieter

Reading aloud to your child is very important. They recommended and read excerpts from a book called *Read Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease*. Reading aloud to your child is encouraged even if your child is a good reader.

#### **Acceptance of September 2009 Minutes – Beth Hassett**

Please take the time to review the September 2009 minutes. At the bottom of the minutes there is a summary of the School Rewards that we participate in along with the links to sign up. Leslie Poland made a motion to accept the minutes and Carrie Houk seconded the motion. All were in favor of accepting the Sept 2009 minutes.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Darby Muia**

The ending balance is approximately \$1600.00. Please note that the nurse had asked for several items for emergencies for children. Some children are still at a young age and are having accidents. The PTO has donated items to the nurse's office. Please feel free to pack an extra set of clothing in your child's backpack in case of emergency.

#### **Box Tops – Beth Hassett/Haley Small**

We have created a new role in the PTO to keep our School Rewards organized. Haley Small has volunteered to be our School Rewards Chairperson. She is currently working with Mrs. Christie and Mrs. Ray to understand the process of Box Tops and Campbells. The other rewards programs we work with are Target, recently signed up with Stop & Shop, Tyson and the ink recycling program.

#### **Family Fun Night – Jen Zawacki**

October 16 from 6-8 pm. Come join us for fun night of Bingo. Admission is free but we are asking for donations of canned good to support Human Services Food Shelf.

#### **Craft Fair – Kari Bennett**

CGS is in charge of the bake sale. December 5<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of a chairperson to coordinate items being baked and organizing work shifts. Please contact Kari Bennett if you are interested at [klianemcb2@aol.com](mailto:klianemcb2@aol.com) or 498-0087.

### **Scrapbooking Day – Kim Power**

Please join us for a fun day of scrapbooking. Event is being held in the CGS gymnasium on November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-6 pm. This event will benefit the CGS PTO. Admission is \$35. Breakfast and lunch are included. Please feel free to bring a snack to share. There will be lots of tools to share so if you are not an avid scrapbooker but are interested, please come and join us. Please contact Kim Power at [jwpowerman@yahoo.com](mailto:jwpowerman@yahoo.com) or 656-6940.

### **Spiritwear Orders – Kari Bennett**

Kari is working with Thymes Remembered to create new order forms. Flyers will be coming home shortly.

### **Fall Fund Raiser – Kim Power**

November 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the pick up for the pies from 5-7 pm. We received sales of approximately \$4100.00 Profit to be determined soon.

Artworks Program going home and the original artwork will need to be returned. There will be a 1 week turnaround time to get the orders sent back in to the school. This is so that we can get the orders back to us in time for Christmas.

### **Apples for Teachers – Doreen Hurley**

We will be putting up our apple tree for the week of parent conferences. The apples are filled out by teacher wishes for the classroom. Please come in and grab an apple or two and fulfill our teacher's wishes.

### **Fun Fair – Jen Zawacki**

The date has been set up for the Kids Fun Fair. February 27, 2010!! Mark it on your calendar. We are in need of volunteers and a person to Chair this event. Please volunteer so that we can keep this great fun event going. Contact Jen Zawacki if you are interested. We will be holding an open meeting if you would like to know more about it. Details to come.... Jen Zawacki email: [jenniferzawacki@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferzawacki@yahoo.com) or phone 742-5074.

### **Thymes Remembered Night – Kari Bennett**

Please come join us for a fun night of shopping, support your child's school and supporting local businesses and vendors all in one shot!! November 13, 2009 from 4-8 pm. Thymes Remembered store in the Highland Park plaza.

Congratulations to Monica Swanson for winning the raffle!!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>**.