

## CGS PTO Minutes September 8, 2009

Meeting was called to order by co-president Kari Bennett at 7:05 pm. Introductions of the PTO board were made. Kari Bennett – co-president, Jennifer Zawacki – co-president, Beth Hassett – secretary, Darby Muia – treasurer, Marybeth Moyer – Principal and 3 teachers were present this evening, Mrs. Schardt – Kindergarten, Mrs. Bitwinski – Kindergarten and Mrs. Hamblett– 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

### **Principals Reports – Mrs. Moyer**

Mrs. Moyer welcomed everyone back. The start of the school year went very smoothly. We do have a new bus company so it was nice to have a smooth transition. Enrollment for this year is as follows: Kindergarten – 133, First grade – 139 and Second grade 146. There are 3 para-educators in Kindergarten, 2 in First grade and 2 in Second grade.

On a sad note.... CGS is mourning the loss of a special friend and staff member, Mrs. Ballok. She was a para-educator in Grade 1. She will be missed by all. The staff will be having a tree planting memorial for her.

Thank you to members of the PTO for the Teachers Welcome Back breakfast. Thank you to all who volunteered to bake and bring in goodies. It was a great turnout of volunteers and support to help out.

Open house and book fair – September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Moyer's staff meeting update – New computer lab is up and running. 20 reconditioned PC's. It is in the first grade wing. Poetry initiative – Students will be reading poetry and tie it in with other curriculums. Writing theme initiative as well as the ABC Curriculum.

Upcoming events – Last year we had an Eagle Scout do his Eagle Scout project of cleaning up the Nature Trail as well as doing some repairs and making a brand new bridge. It turned out fantastic. This year, we are thinking of doing a similar task of cleaning up the courtyard at the school. Make it a place for students to be able to plant and garden. If anyone knows of an Eagle Scout or another volunteer to spearhead this project, please see Mrs. Moyer.

October 6<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day. We will be using Lifetouch again.

### **Teacher's Report – Ms. Bitwinski, Mrs. Schardt, Mrs. Hurlburt**

This year we are trying something new. Different teachers from all grade levels will be rotating turns each month to come and speak about topics that are going on in each grade level. Ms. Bitwinski spoke about they start the Kindergarten day with a morning meeting and greeting. Mrs. Schardt discussed the topic of Hopes and Dreams. What goals would parents like to see their children reach in their grade? Each student also goes through and answers this question

for themselves. This is discussed in all grade levels. Mrs. Hamblett from 1<sup>st</sup> grade discussed the *Golden Rule*. Teaching kids to treat others the way they would want to be treated.

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

Since this was the first PTO meeting for a lot of new parents, we went over how motions work. Anytime someone makes a proposition from the PTO regarding money or any changes or suggestions, a motion is made to accept or decline. A second motion then needs to be made. This also applies to the Minutes every month. A motion was made to accept the June 2009 Minutes by Crissy Stinson. Margie Stickles seconded the motion and minutes were accepted.

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

Budget as of 9/8/09 has a balance of \$1381.72. Fundraising packets have just gone out and are due back. Also, membership fees have come in as well for 2009/2010 year.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Open house/Book Fair – Martha McKerley/Claudia Shenck**

6:30 – 8:00 Wednesday – A huge thank you to Martha and Claudia for doing a phenomenal job.

##### **Fall Fundraiser – Kim Power**

Fundraising packets for the Coffee cakes/pie have been sent home. They will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving. Also going with another fundraiser called Original Artworks. Children will be doing their own artwork with Mrs. Dubois and it can be created into a gift. This information will be coming home mid-October so that it can be sent back in time for Christmas. Anybody interested in being a Chairperson or co-chair for the Spring Fundraiser, please get in touch with Kim Powers ([jwpowerman@Yahoo.com](mailto:jwpowerman@Yahoo.com)) or any member of the PTO. (email addresses are on the school website). All funds raised will be given to our Cultural Arts Program.

##### **Scrapbook Day – Kim Power**

November 7<sup>th</sup>. Hold the date. If you are a scrapbooker, don't miss out on lots of fun and scrapbooking. This is an opportunity to raise money for child's school and get some pages done. If you are not a scrapbooker but have always been curious about it... come check it out. There will be tools for you to use and people on hand to show you more about it.

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

First family fun night – BINGO!!! Come with your family and enjoy the fun. Fun prizes for winners. Kids too, bring your camera and watch the excitement as your child gets close to getting their card filled and gets to yell out BINGO!! October 16<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Nestle Go Play program – Beth Hassett**

We received a response from Nestle and unfortunately they will not participating the GO Play program any longer. No need to save the blue water bottle labels.

We will be focusing on the other company school fundraisers.

**Tyson** – clip the sides of the box off of Tysons participating items. Each box top is worth 24 cents to CGS.

**Campbells** – bring in the soup labels. Also on the sides of Pepperidge Farm Goldfish crackers. Box Tops – Need to register to be able to participate in Sweepstakes – Boxtops4education.com thebigclip.com is current sweepstakes. You can enter to win 1 million box tops for the school. Each box tops submitted is worth 10 cents back to CGS.

**Target** – We have just received an \$80.00 check from Target that goes directly to PTO. When parents, teachers and other school supports sign up and use the Target REDcard, Target donates up to 1% of their purchases to their designated eligible K-12 school. To enroll in the program go to Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142.

**Big Y** – Education Express – sign up online at [http://www.bigy.com/education/edexp\\_sign\\_up.php](http://www.bigy.com/education/edexp_sign_up.php) Use your big Y Savings card to accumulate points by purchasing items with the Education Express logo (I believe it's a bus)

**Stop & Shop** – A+ Bonus Bucks – CGS in the process of getting signed up for this program. If you shop at Stop & Shop, just go online stopandshop.com and register your card. With A+ BonusBucks, points accrue with each purchase where the Stop & Shop Card is used. It even works with purchases made online with Peapod by Stop & Shop. At the end of each month, these points determine your school's cash total which is automatically credited to its account and school totals updated each month. (Please note: Gift cards, pharmacy, alcohol and/or cigarette purchases are excluded from accruing points.)

#### **Pancake Breakfast – Jennifer Zawacki**

Due to a conflict with sports schedules, we have had to cancel the pancake breakfast. More to come if we are to re-schedule.

#### **Classified – Help wanted:**

Mrs. Schardt and Mrs. Baver are in need of room parents for the afternoon class. If you have a child with one of these teachers, please consider helping out. It does not take a whole lot of time. If you are interested and curious, we can get you in touch with another room parent who has done this in the past and will let you know the time commitment. Thank you.

We are in need of a few chairpeople for the following:

Family Fun Fair – We are looking to have this scheduled at the end of February. Phone calls to vendors need to be made, set up the committees and get the meetings going (fundraising committee, games committee, crafts table). Please see Jen Zawacki or Beth Hassett for more information if you are interested.

Spring Fundraiser – This role is responsible for picking out the spring fundraiser, getting the fundraising packets out and coordinating deliver and pick up of items.

Teacher Appreciation – Coordination of getting volunteers to bring in snacks/goodies, communication to parents and volunteers for clean up.

If interested in any of the above, please see any member of the PTO. See if you can get a friend to co-chair with you!! The more the merrier.