

## **General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 by Cheryl Maynard.  
Welcome and thanks for attending the 1<sup>st</sup> PTO meeting of the year.  
New parents welcome to the school and board members were introduced by Cheryl.

**Secretary's Report:** Deb Langevin read the correspondence from last spring. Motion to approve by Colleen Smith, seconded by Jen Ahearn and all approved by majority vote.

**Program Committee Report:** Amy Stein reported the pre-meeting went well with people explaining what all the committees do. She encouraged parents to volunteer and pick what is right for them. Working on a committee is a fun and rewarding experience. Children will love you being in the school. All committee members spoke briefly about their committees and urged parents to sign up.

**Membership Report:** Dina McCamish urged parents to join PTO so they can vote on the issues and that it is important to be involved. Any questions for new families, please let her know.

**CHAMPS / Fundraising Report:** Amy Murphy stressed how important it was to join CHAMPS as a one time monetary donation so parents don't have to sell anything if they choose not to and still help out the school. CHAMPS funds support many things at cedar Hill. Cookie dough starts the end of Sept. and cookies will come in mid November in time for Thanksgiving.

**Communications Report:** Jennifer Mann reported for Deirdre Weedon who could not attend. Making progress on the web-site. Jen Buckley will be the Highlighter editor so please send any articles to her. She is putting together a school wide directory e-mail system. Angela Reed talked about the web-site and inputting the information as a calendar of events as to eliminate some of the paper that comes home.

**VOWS Report:** Julie Hayes & Lynn Cuddy reported that each person needs to fill out a VOWS form if they are going to be volunteering in the school even for a field trip. When you come into school, please sign the sign in sheet at the front office as this helps keep track of all volunteers.

**Treasurer's Report:** Claudene Davenport reported the budget based on last year. We made money last year from Getting Gorgeous, Books and Burgers. The Arts Night funds went back to Art Masters. Motion to approve the budget by April Ferns, seconded by Kara Walsh, with majority approval of the budget.

**Principal's report:** Mr. Peltier welcomed new and returning families to the meeting. This was first year for rain on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school in a while and with

446 kids, it went smoothly. Kids are getting used to the routine. New teachers and staff are also settling in. We have 2 new kindergarten teachers, 2 new grade 6, teachers, new teacher assistant, science teacher and new gym teacher.

Open House will be held Tues, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 7:30 K to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 to 8:30 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade with itinerants from 7 to 8pm. We are hoping for the usual big turnout.

NECAP testing for grades 3 to 6 will take place in October. PARK test will be used after 3 more years. Grade 5 will also get the writing portion. Lifetouch pictures will be on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** Cheryl Maynard mentioned the needs assessment plans. There will be a meeting on Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 pm and she wants to get as much input as possible. These needs will be what directs past and future fundraising and how we want to spend our money. (ie. technology etc.) Those who can not make it, are encouraged to share their thoughts via e-mail.

**New Business:** In last Friday's folder the general board meeting schedule went home for the whole year. Please mark your calendars.

Parking Spot raffle: Mr. Peltier picked the raffle name and the winner is: Amy Muprhy

Colleen Smith mentioned trying to get walkers who live just a bit too close seeing if they may be eligible for the bus. This would eliminate some of the parking lot congestion.

Someone else mentioned making up of the 3 days at the beginning of the school year due to the hurricane. Mr. Peltier said he is not sure yet of how many will need to be made up.

Mrs. Onorato told us that the Turnto10.com website is the best bet for seeing closing and delays. Parents can also sign up to receive texts in case there is a power outage.

Motioned to adjourn at 8:20 by Mr. Peltier, and seconded by Cathy Costantino.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Langevin, Secretary