

Cunningham Park Elementary School
December 8, 2009

Approved PTA Minutes

President Susannah Frazier called the regular membership meeting of the Cunningham Park Elementary School PTA to order at 7:15 p.m. in the school library.

All members of the Executive Committee were present. A quorum was established with 30 PTA members present.

The minutes from the November 10, 2009 PTA meeting were approved by a motion duly made and seconded.

President's Report (Susannah Frazier)

President Frazier announced she will post the results of the Proposed Legislation Program from the Northern Virginia District PTA on the PTA website. She also reminded everyone to turn in their Campbell Soup can labels for Bonus Bucks by December 31, 2009. These will be eligible for matching dollars for the school.

Frazier also made available a list of potential program reductions and/or eliminations for the FCPS FY2011 budget which was distributed at the recent Parent Advisory Council Meeting that she and Kristen Fennel attended. She announced that our school board representative, Stu Gibson, will be speaking about the budget issue at CPES on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Information about the meeting will go to all schools in the Madison High School Pyramid.

Finally, Susannah encouraged those in attendance to contact our Fairfax County Board of Supervisors representative, Catherine Hudgins at hnrmill@fairfaxcounty.gov with any questions, comments or concerns about the budget crisis.

Treasurer's Report (Marnie Sturm – reported by Kristen Fennel)

Balance in PTA checking account today is \$19,763.54.

Vice Presidents' Reports (Rebecca McNaull)

VP McNaull reported that Inclusive Schools Week has gotten off to a great start. Mrs. Elliot is helping each class make a unity flag so that every student can show how he/she is a superstar. Mrs. Hartke is showcasing library books on the subject of unity within our diverse school community.

Committee Reports

Girls on the Run – Laura Martin reported that the fall program was successfully completed with 20 girls participating in the 5K race held on December 5 at Reston Town Center (despite the snow.) She also presented a prepared photo slide show acknowledging and thanking the PTA for their support.

Yearbook – Laura Schmorrow reported that clubs and candid photos will be taken by a professional photographer on Thursday, December 10. She is still in need of parent volunteers with good camera skills!

Read-a-Thon – Jenny Min reported that the first planning meeting was held and volunteers are still needed.

Teacher Representative Report (Laurie Chaker)

Ms. Chaker thanked the PTA for their continued support. She agreed to take information to the teachers about the ability of the PTA to provide financial support for items they may need that fall outside the school budget.

Principal's Report (Rebecca Baenig)

Ms. Baenig noted the PTA's financial support of field trips which decreases the out-of-pocket cost per student on some of the major field trips i.e. Jamestown, Pamplin Park, etc. She will also remind the teachers that the PTA offers scholarship funds for most extracurricular activities and field trips.

She also reviewed the new dismissal process and handed out an informational sheet showing last year's bell schedule as well as this year's schedule noting the addition of the "silent dismissal" process.

New Business

The next general membership meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 12, 2010 in the school library.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Lauri Mennel
Secretary