

Board Attendees:
Jason McConachy, Kim Painter, Sarah Yurasko, Theresa Thomas, & Becky Rotem
Members:
Casey Obringer, Katherine Seto, Anne Neumann, Charlotte Adamo, Meagan Dwyer, Joanna Sampson, Mark Bibbee

Meeting Minutes:

Call to Order

J. McConachy called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

SCA Update:

Presented by Jason McConachy

- Thank you to everyone who has donated to the plastic recycling competition. The SCA has collected 832 lbs. of plastic. They continue to collect on Thursday mornings until the beginning of April. If anyone can help bring the plastic to get sorted and weighed, that can be done anytime on Friday. Ms. McGuire and the SCA would be very thankful the assistance. It's done at Safeway.
 - What is being collected is just bags (not plastic containers). If something that is not the plastic film is sent in, they have to sort it out.
- Thanks to everyone who came to Jeopardy game night. It was a good time.
- It's time for our annual Souper Bowl drive. The SCA will be collecting canned goods for Echo starting on 1/23. If you bring in a can, you get a raffle entry for a prize. On 1/31 there will be a Jersey day.
- There is a lost and found outside the Cafeteria. At the end of second quarter it will be cleaned out and donated.

Treasurer's Report:

- We are doing well. In the next month or two we can reallocate some items that we cut. We are still waiting on some projected income to come in before we spend.
 - For example, box tops hasn't met our goals yet.
 - We are staying within budget. We are on track.
- J. McConachy: if you have suggestions on how to reallocate money, let us know. Of course, we will come back to you with ideas too. We try not to carry over funding from year to year.
 - We discussed what was reduced in the beginning of the year budget. Library: we previously gave \$3K and this year we gave \$2K. We reduced the budget for assemblies. The prior amount had been upped during construction because we couldn't have anything offsite. Now that we have things onsite, we felt ok to cut back on school level assemblies.

President's Update:

- Approval vote:
 - Motion to approve the Nov. 21 PTA General Membership Minutes as presented: K. Seto

- Seconded: T. Thomas
- Election of Nominating Committee: Per our bylaws we have a nominating committee that we elect to fill vacancies. We need to elect the Nominating Committee for this year. J. McConachy has received commitments from E. Gibbons, K. Seto, and K. Hintos.
 - Motion to elect Nominating Committee as presented: J. Sampson moves
 - Seconded: C. Adamo
 - Passed by popular vote.

Principal's Update:

- We have two teacher work days coming up. Tomorrow, in the Weekly Highlights from PTA we will publish the SOL testing schedule. Once that's out, we'll encourage upper grade students to avoid appointments on those dates.
- Parents are encouraged to treat SOL testing days as school normal days in terms of at home routine the night before and morning of.
- Regarding inclement weather: we are a FCPS public school. Our school follows to the FCPS school delays and closures. Families should check those announcements and not call the school to ask about delays or closures.
 - The county site will send texts and emails about the snow delays.
- We have AAP screenings coming up. The deadline was 1/9. We meet Jan. 23 to do screenings and send packets forward. Late march / early April decisions are issued. You do have access to the files if you have questions.
- Kindergarten enrollment for next year will be opening soon.
 - The first Monday in May is orientation for new kindergartners. (It will be in the afternoon – around 2:45 to 3:50pm)

2nd VP Report:

- A. Neumann will serve at the School Kits Chair:
- J. Gallihugh is seeking help with planning and running the Talent Show. The dress rehearsal is 2/19 right after school. The show is 2/28.
- L. Emerson's has been running Spirit Wear for the past few years, but her youngest child is graduating from Cherry Run. We are seeking someone to learn from her while she is still around and can help. Ideally, we would get this process going sooner than later to have spirit wear available at back to school bash in the fall.
- S. Yurasko has served over two years in the 2nd VP Position. If you know of anyone looking to serve as 2nd VP, please reach out to the Nominating Committee

1st VP Report:

- Bingo night is on 1/22.
- 2/14 is Sweets with your Sweetie
- We will have 2 more paint nights. 2/21 is the next one, and there will be one in March. Those will come out in Tuesday folders.

President's Report, Continued:

- Reading night is planned for 2/6.
- The Talent show is 2/28

- The Spring inclusion carnival will be upcoming
- The Beautification committee is busy planning for a spring improvement
- Before the February PTA meeting, 2/20 we are going to have a school resource officer from FCPD talk about internet safety (this presentation is intended for adults, and what to be aware of for kids). The presentation will start around 6:30pm with PTA meeting immediately following.

Closing:

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.