

PTA Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Coffee

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Welcome

Karen Roman called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m. Karen welcomed everyone to the PTA meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Coffee. She thanked all the parents who have volunteered throughout this year. Mr. Palmisano could not attend but sent his thanks and appreciation for all our parent volunteers have done this year. She also thanked Michelle Murphy, Holly Hoscheit, and Suzanne Crump for providing coffee, pastries, and smoothies for the meeting. A special slideshow with highlights from our "Volunteers of the Week" photos played throughout the meeting.

Graduating Parents Recognition - Karen recognized the following 5th grade parents who have been active in our community and PTA that are graduating from CSES this year – Salma Ali, Jody Aucamp, Sara Bhatia, Page Dekker, Alison Ewing, Sheila Hahn, Sue O’Donoghue, Charla Poulard, Kristin Russell and Ana Sanchez. Books that are being donated by the PTA in honor of our graduating parents were on display during the meeting.

Vote on 2012-2013 PTA Board slate – Amy Moore read the proposed slate. Karen asked for a motion to pass the slate. A motion was made and seconded, and those PTA members present passed the following slate:

President – Karen Roman

Trustee – Wendy Kuhn

VP of Programs – open

VP of Community Service – Leanne Till

VP of Events/Fundraisers – Anthea Higgins

Treasurer – Caroline Walsh

Co-Secretary – Amy Moore

Co-Secretary – Marcie Fezza

Autism/Special Needs Liaison – Ali Hoffman

Whitman Cluster Representative – Anne Kisslinger

MCC-PTA Representative – Lisa London

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Spring Fling – Anthea Higgins gave an update on the upcoming Spring Fling. Potomac Pizza will donate 100% of sales to the PTA. Karen encouraged people to go online to place orders and sign up for a volunteer shift. Discounts for early purchase of wristbands are available. Only children need wristbands. Incoming Kindergartens get a free wristband at orientation.

Open PTA roles – A lead for VP of Programs has been identified. The Nominating Committee is still searching for an Afterschool Activities Chair, Staff Appreciation Committee, Staff meeting snacks, Yearbook, Bingo Night (or ice skating night), Lunch Live, Book Fair/Dance Party, and FLES.

Staff Appreciation Week – Sheila Hahn gave an update. Breakfast from Corner Bakery was delivered to the teachers yesterday. The quotation board was brought in as well. Tomorrow’s lunch will be from Tally Ho. Smoothies are planned for Thursday. Friday is homemade baked goods day. Parents can drop off items before 11:00 a.m. Parents have been generous with donations of gift cards and checks. Rock conducts a raffle daily. Altogether we have 59 staff (including teachers) and we should easily have enough for every teacher/staff person to get something. Karen suggested Sheila send a Carderocket post Friday thanking everyone for his or her contributions. She noted the team is still accepting gift cards and donations.

Giant Gift Cards - Marcie Fezza gave an update. We have one more order this school year. The deadline is Wednesday, May 22. Cards will be distributed the following week. Giant gift cards can be used to purchase other gift cards at their gift card mall.

School Supply Kits – Wendy Kuhn could not be here today but flyers for the school kits will go home this week. Parents are encouraged to go online and buy supplies for next year.

Other:

- The next few weeks of school are very busy. Karen listed key dates on the agenda and reminded parents to visit the PTA website where Karen keeps the e-calendar updated in monthly view.
- Karen conducted a raffle of 4 prizes - two Potomac Pizza gift cards, 7 Imagination Stage tickets, and 8 Imagination Stage tickets.
- More Career Day volunteers are needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.