

PTA Meeting Minutes November 3, 2009

PTA President Jacque Carey called the November 3rd meeting to order at 7:04pm.

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the September and October PTA meetings. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Principal's Report

Principal Oduyoye expressed her appreciation for the Sally Foster activities and the parent volunteers. A special thanks to all of the PTA and parents involved in the Halloween activities. Love the Support!!!

Student Health –Children have been out with flu symptoms as well as H1N1 virus. Principal Oduyoye has met with the facilities staff and supervisor. A cleaner called Q128 has been distributed to the school and the night crew will use it in the classrooms, doorknobs and in the bathrooms. The school has purchased additional Purell sanitizers for the cafeteria until the permanent dispenser arrives.

Principal Coffee is November 9th

Picture Retake is November 18th

Education Week is the week of November 16th – 21st

Grandparent Day is November 20th

Report Cards will be distributed on November 17th.

Pick a Time for Parent/Teacher conferences start on November 5th – 19th to schedule an appointment with your child's teachers.

Field Trips

Kindergarten is going to Sharp's Farm on November 12th

ALS is going to Food Lion on November 16th

3rd grade is going to the Baltimore Aquarium.

President's Report

PTA President Jacque Carey welcomed all new parents.

All details for Grandparent Day will be posted on the PTA website.

Drive By Breakfast for GCES' bus drivers will be held on November 23rd. Coffee and bagels will be handed out as a token of our appreciation.

Treasurer's Report

The cash balance at month end was \$27,206.27.

Receipts was driven by the Sally Foster and Otis Spunkmeyer fundraiser. There is \$1,600.00 for Sally Foster internet orders that is not reflected on the report since our report is on a cash basis. The Sally Foster payment is not shown in this month's cash report but will be in next's month.

The next Chick Fil A night is November 6th.

There are no spiritwear sales reflected. There are no Spirit Days slated for November or December. There are extra large kids t-shirts available.

Form 990 was filed today 11/3.

Currently, teacher enrollment in the PTA is at 50%. We are encouraging more teachers' and families to become members. Thus far, 25% of families are members.

Committee Reports

Sally Foster – The top sellers are listed in the committee report. The scheduled delivery date is November 4th. The pickup time is 4pm – 8pm.

There are additional Otis Spunkmeyer cookies available. A list will posted on the PTA website and in the school's newsletter. The "pig race" date and time is to be determined. The winner will receive a basket and gift.

PTA Council – We do not have an official Reflections chair. The council is asking for any training ideas as well as suggestions for increasing parent involvement. For the Board watch, the current agenda item is 1st day of school for the 2010/2011 school year.

Homewood school (alternative education) does not have a PTA. In the past, GCES has provided donations.

County Scholarship Fund Committee just started. County provides scholarships of \$6,000 - \$8,000.

All building requests for the rest of the school year need to be submitted by January 1st. The school is trying to conserve energy. Heat/AC will be cutoff one hour after school day ends. Any group using the school building must pay for any additional energy costs. After-school activities are already included. PTA will ask for more information on estimated costs.

Final Bylaws have not been approved yet. One clarification is needed.

After School activities – Fall classes will be returning in the Spring. Golf and Drama are two new ideas. Drama needs two dress rehearsals and has a full performance (Cinderella or High School Musical).

Cultural Arts – November 12th is the 1st performance. Folk Tales will be held on January 14th. The February date is secured but no scheduled performers.

We still need a committee chair for the Nutrition & Wellness.

Old business – none

New business – Ms. Holden introduced herself and she provided details on the STEM program. She submitted three requests:

1st request - \$100 for Oyster project

2nd request - \$400 for Website subscription for 30 licenses. The website is good for students with special needs. It helps with MSA prep.

3rd request - \$1000 for four robotic kits for the GCES Lego League after school club. The club would like to compete in local competition. The robotic kits are \$248 each. There is a need for 2 kits for 4th and 5th grade. The club had open enrollment for one week. Everyone who signed up was able to participate in the club. The County supports the club's enrollment and participation. There is a plan to register the club with the IRS.

The PTA meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.