

Cherry Run Elementary School
PTA Meeting - May 4, 2011

i. Call to Order by Nancy Ohanian at 6:40

i. Election Information:

- Overview of process
- The slate was presented.
- Nancy asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.
- Nancy announced that the slate will stand.

i. President Report: Nancy Ohanian

- Fireball of the Month: Carole Franklyn and Anne Marie Brandow for their amazing work on the fun fair and silent auction.
- Firecracker of the Month: Mr. Wayne for everything he does for our school!
- Nancy thanked Kristen Zarr and Becky Sides for the wonderful teacher appreciation lunch.
- Nancy announced the final PTA meeting will be on June 8 at 7:00 at Glory Days.

i. Treasure Report: Tricia Olsen

- Silent auction money not listed in the budget report as of yet but it looks like the school made approximately \$11,883.00.
- The Executive Board will be meeting in May to discuss the final distribution of budget funds.
- Please email Tricia if you have questions, concerns, or ideas.

i. Vice President Report: Nickole Aquario

- There will perhaps be one more program prior to the final day of school.

i. Vice President Report: Kelly Serote

- Please contact Kelly ASAP about any interest in a PTA job for next year.

i. Assistant Principal Report: Tamara Sistrunk

- A copy of the testing schedule was distributed.
- The amount of homework should be less during testing periods. Mark will discuss this with teachers again.

i. Staff Representative: Scott Logan

- Thanks to the PTA for a great teacher appreciation week!
- Nancy thanked Scott and the staff for the nice volunteer breakfast.
- Nancy also thanked Scott for helping to get all grade levels to report their use of their grade level PTA money.
- Scott was asked if there could be more staff members on hand for the May 21 run for charity. He will send out an email.

i. Committee Reports: Fun Fair: Carole Franklyn

- The event was a success!
- High praise for location and set-up of prize booth.
- Chick-fil-A acknowledged their errors regarding food. An email from CFA was sent offering to assist with another event. CR is waiting for another email from Chick-fil-A with their intentions.
- Carole welcomes suggestions for next year.

i. Committee Report: Parent Education Night

- The event was well attended with 12 parents.
- The seminar was regarded as helpful and professional.

i. Principal Report: Mark Bibbee

- Mark outlined his financial priorities: books, technology, beautification, and a kiln.
- The silent auction went well.
- Mark outlined some important successes for this year: school, PTA, Fall Festival, attendance rate of staff at events, and PTA membership at an all time high!
- SOL parent night on May 10 at 6:30. This event is geared toward 3rd grade but all who take SOL tests are welcome. Parents will be given helpful information and will have questions answered.
- 6th grade promotion party will be an all day event with a fun, carnival-type atmosphere. Money will come from the PTA and Mark will personally buy lunch for all 6th graders. This will be on Friday.
- The 6th grade graduation will be on Monday. All families are invited.
- CR staff will be reduced by one (1) due to numbers. Class size expected to be an issue again.
- Mark stated that 74 surveys regarding his first year as principal were returned. 54 people filled out the essay portion. Mark stated that he was concerned with people saying he was "unapproachable". Mark wanted to apologize if he ever came across that way and to let all families know he is available at any time.
- Mark stated that CR is banking on three (3) full day kindergarten classes.
- The AAP Program was discussed. Mark stated that a minimal number of kids qualified and CR is only servicing 14% of students. This creates inequalities and that he cannot justify continuing the program. Next year "level 4" students will be grouped so that they have a peer set to work with in class.

i. School Board Representative: Liz Bradsher

- Liz again stated she is "for" full day K at CR. She said if it is a main motion it will be hard to defeat. The final vote is May 26 with one more public hearing prior to that date. Liz will vote for FDK and staff compensation at that May meeting.
- Liz reminded those at the meeting that any renovation or reconstruction is a bond issue. CR will be on the 2013 bond. Some improvements will be coming to CR over the summer prior to the start of the 2011-2012 school year.
- Liz discussed the county discipline policy.

i. Election of 2011-2012 PTA Ex. Board

- Nancy accepted the slate in full.

i. The meeting was adjourned by Nancy Ohanian at 8:50.

Submitted, for the final time, by Alison D. Conley-Baldwin, Secretary!