

Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Cub Scouts of ARCAE.

- Mrs. Ellicott welcomed new parents and introduced the staff. She thanked the teachers for all their patience and hard work with the changes regarding the new school.
- PTA President Tina Shaw introduced the PTA board members. She spoke briefly about PTA and asked for volunteers. She also commented on the importance of our business partners and asked for support of these businesses
- Sara Stone presented the Treasurer's Report. She stated that the budget will be the same as last year.
- School Improvement Council. Chairman Rick Simmons gave an update on the newly installed traffic light. He also spoke about the Brick Campaign. There were some mistakes with the information on some bricks. An audit will be done to correct the ones with incorrect information or those that are missing. The SIC will meet September 15th at 6 PM and parents are invited to attend.
- Ways and Means: Rollins Babb gave an update on fundraising. She stated that tax dollars do not cover all the costs needed for ARCAE to be the school that we strive to be so we need to join together to raise money through fundraisers so that programs like the Artists in Residence and dance program can continue. She also spoke about Sally Foster, going on now through mid-September, the auction, the largest fundraiser to be held in March, the playground and swings which were partially funded by PTA (\$9500)-includes swings and installation.
- Communications: Stan Halstead spoke about the new PTA website and eNews alert system. Stan will be the source of communication to parents via email for information coming from PTA, administrators and CCSD. This information will no longer come from grade level Room Reps so that teachers may solely use their Room Reps for their classroom information and messages. He requested that parents submit their email address to their child's teacher so they will be part of the messaging system.
- Book Fair and Membership: The Book Fair will be held in early October in the new school media center. Gift Certificates will be available to give to grandparents and other extended friends and family members to give to the students. We need 1080 to reach our 200% goal. We are currently at 780. A Pizza Party was earned by 5D for 280% membership. An Ice Cream Party was earned by 2C and 2D for 229% membership. Several other classes have earned parties as well. There will be no Grandparents Day this year due to lack of space/no cafeteria.

- Mrs. Ellicott presented the Teacher of the Month. It is Megan McComas from 3rd grade. The Teacher Assistant of the Month is Erin Ezell from Special Needs. She also discussed how some items did not pass inspection with the new building so the walk-through had to be rescheduled. She also stated that the old building will be torn down and the cafeteria will be twice the size as it is now. She discussed concerns regarding the Swine Flu and encouraged parents/families to talk with children about ways to prevent spreading infections by washing hands, using hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes to clean. If a child has a fever of 100 degrees or above she asked that you not send them to school. Mrs. Ellicott encouraged parents to look at sample lunches prepared by the food service staff.

- Mrs. Middleton discussed the carpool pick-up procedure to begin Wednesday, September 2nd. Students will be escorted to their cars instead of parents parking and walking up to get them. Cars are not to line up prior to 2:45. Parents are to display the child's name on the dash board to help match students with the correct vehicle.

- The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Middleton.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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On Behalf of Emily Poland, Recording Secretary