

## 1. President's Report:

Multicultural Dinner - went very well (thank you Ruth Campbell) Volunteer Breakfast - Pam Bernier, Elizabeth Morrisette were added to service plaque - 3 years of new board - new board was elected last meeting. Michael and Joe new members Welcome Back events for staff, Autonomous Schools - Dr Deasy has ID'd 7 schools that will not be required to follow the pG curriculum requirements. Amy wrote to Board to find out how we can work to be added to this list. (see PGCPS web site for more information - www

P Seidel - They are changing from 5 regions to 7. Less schools in each region. Not sure how they are defined yet but they are working to make them smaller.

B Novick. - Schools under this ranking still have an obligation to teach the curriculum - the difference being how the curriculum is presented to the students. Same Pace, same guide, etc (We are fortunate to have some of this leeway anyways.)

National PTA healthy lifestyles grant - up to 1000.0 for promoting health and wellness in community. Anyone interested in writing a grant proposals and organize activities. Idea from floor - grow a garden so kids see how food goes from start to finish. Time frame - due September 5th.

Chorus trip to Disney - 2 thank you letters for workshop Monies. (Anne reads letters)

## 2. Principal's Report

Year has gone by quickly. Last week is last day of school.. Thanks to all parents here for support.

Will try to do the 6th - 7th grade articulation - communicating to the 7th grade teachers what the 6th graders have been doing here.

Career Day was a huge success - Ms Behe, MR Novick thank you. Tons of speakers all morning last Friday. Thank you.

End of year events - Honor Roll tomorrow, Thursday students meeting, Graduation, Monday is last day of school/promotion for 6th grade.

B Novick - We have been working together long enough that the process is routine. We take time to recognize every child. BEgins 10AM

10 kids have gone through K - 6.

Grouping - Quarterly meetings provide opportunities for teachers to group kids with like abilities - 2-3 levels in a classroom. Teachers work hard to place kids appropriately. Use cluster grouping model recommended for tAG in the classroom.

Did you find grades where TAG kids overwhelmed? That model is written for schools with strong TAG in the classroom programs. It is new and needed some work, but overall went fine. Postings will be on front door.

What is the model? Looks at achievement rather than ability. TAG regardless of achievement is TAG identified.

Would be glad to share some from the book

Question re off site pre k classroom - suggestion for orientation... please provide parents with registration for the school and before and after care.

Jon Gardner - in past have done some adv re: registration . Should we do that again? As numbers are projected, sept 30 is the review deadline for teacher need assessment, schools can show numbers at any time to notify a need for teachers. Absolutely - Earlier the better.

Add to news review. Suggest university square be notified - lots of international grad students with children

PBIS - would love to have a parent on the committee

Molly Simms asked to order books on health eating. Is anyone interested in reading the book or being part of a team that approaches the cafeteria.

Can someone help with contacting the Co-Op set out a bin for collecting school supplies. Perhaps the pool as well. Sheila Lindsay offers to help.

(Mr. Novick) Might be able to speak with Safeway about being a partner

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Month of MAY - alot of money coming/out.

Multicultural dinner +900 Misc income (CFC 950, Benkhes, Checys, Quilt Raffle) \$2387

Spent about 1k on Teacher staff appreciation Sponsored safety program. Misc Expenses included Disney recording ribbons for field day

There is some discrepancy in expenses so this will be updated. Not huge but bigger than I would like it to be.

Fund raising was successful this year. Does not not include thise listed in this months misc income

Balance - \$6743.00

No questions. Thank you to Susan

4. Funding requests: a. Scholastic News/TIME magazine for grades 2-6.

i. Shortfall for this year: \$660.55

About a third of the money has not been collected.

ii.Total for next year (based on this year's prices): \$1,795.55

What can we do for next year? Check box on flyer to go home? Volunteer to coordinate collection . Spaghetti Dinner

Lets deal with this years first. (Kirsten) Continue asking for the money from families. We do have vouchers from scholastic that could be used. We should make use of 'room parents'

B Novick - School money has to be tracked by the teacher. We might want to think about PTA handling collecting and paying and have a PTA member in the front collecting money from kids. It is a lot for teachers to manage on their own. Truly is something teachers would appreciate and support.

To what extent are the hassles because its school money? and to what extent is it

because it is just money? Would it be easier if teachers collected money for PTA? If it came in an envelope labeled PTA teachers could just put it in the pTA mailbox.

Between tension and taking teachers time for administrivia it begins to look like something we could pay for annually.

Motion to pay the shortfall for this year (665)

None opposed - motion passed.

Table discussion for next years shortfall to next meeting. We need to have more discussion. PTA could take on responsibility of collection and liability of of payment.

K Dabelko - If we try to collect we will only get 15-20% of the money. We have many things we'd like to fund. Let weigh them carefully.

b. 4 easels for the Kindergarten classes: cost about \$400 - \$500

Barbara Simon will not be coming in after this year to give painting (or clay) will come back to train students to help kids with painting.

Is this the best price? We want them to be sturdy and last. There are some for 70.00

Motion to auth up to 500 for easel expenditures. call for more discussion.

Put to vote, none opposed. motion carried.

5. Approval of the budget for 2008-2009

A lot of numbers here. Took current year budget, and actuals. Would like to change categories to include fund raisers. Not a change to the budget but an organizational change.

We have had higher income from fund raisers. Did not go as high as actuals but did bump up expected income from several fund raisers. T-shirts and CFC did not have budget line which is why they are 0. Lets drop the PG County dues line. PG PTA does not exist. Some expenses have gone up and the budget reflects this.

Need to add in expense of t-shirts.

Agreed to not do cartridges anymore.

Propose new number for budget - \$2000.00 under t-shirt expenses

School had trouble getting field trip chaperones. Perhaps we could pay for 10 kindergartners parents fingerprinting. first come first served . Trying to coordinate fingerprinting among schools. WOULD be nice have on back to school night.

Without RSVPs its hard to get fingerprinting company to come out.

Zeroed out fingerprinting item since there were no takers. Budget can still be amended after tonight.

Motion to approve the 2008-09 budget with changes suggested - elim cartridges for kids, add 2k for t-shirts

Second - none opposed. Motion carried.

6. Audit Committee - need about 3 people to look over the accounts to avoid any issued with money. (can outgoing officers - only ones without check signing)

Alan Turnbull, Jon Gardener, and Sheila Lindsey volunteer.

#### 7. Labor Day Book Sale

Will begin after Aug 22nd. Need to gather volunteers as early as possible. Need a convertible for the parade. Please let us know. Parade is on Monday 10 - 12.

#### 8. Before/After Care issues

Program is great - capacity stinks. Registration is out of control. Licensing allows for 96 - but there are only 45 slots.. No matter where you are in line you may still not get into the program. Time frame is fine, but people did not respect those that came early. We need to have more slots open.

Ms Seidel - It has been discussed with Brenda Neil - there are a lot of factors at play

30 kids are on the waiting list.

This has been going on for some time with a lack of transparency from the school. Its hard for people to understand it could be an issue of space.

Perhaps a lottery might work better than the current system. Even with an increase the capacity a lottery system might be necessary.

Ms Dixon has done a great job creating this program.

conversation tabled for next meeting due to end of meeting

9. Brainstorming session      Upcoming events:      June 9 – Last day of school  
August 25 – First day of school