

Carderock Springs Elementary School General PTA Meeting—January 6, 2009

The minutes of the 11/6/08 general PTA meeting were unanimously approved.

Principal's Report

First grade teacher Amy Fletcher gave birth to a daughter on 1/2/09. Her name is Samantha Paige. A long-term sub, Judith Soble, has been hired to teach Mrs. Fletcher's class while she is on maternity leave. Another CSES teacher, Michelle Fitz, is expecting a baby in March, and long-term sub Karen Weber has been hired to fill in when Mrs. Fitz is on maternity leave.

Another math-a-thon and read-a-thon are planned for Wednesday, 2/4/09 at CSES @Radnor. Grades K-2 will participate in the math-a-thon; grades 3-5 will be involved in a read-a-thon. Math-a-thon activities will include math games in the all-purpose room; Read-a-thon activities will include reading games, guest readers and silent reading.

Demolition of the old CSES building has begun. Parent Susanne Dritschilo is photographically documenting the demolition as it proceeds.

Treasurer's Report

The PTA's finances are sound and stable; although some recent events such as Bingo Night and the Book Fair came in slightly under budget, the strong performance of the Giant Gift Card program more than makes up for any shortfalls.

Fundraising

The PTA is considering other fundraising options in lieu of or to complement its annual Sally Foster program. Some other ideas include Art By You items; environmentally responsible cleaning products and flowers and flower bulbs. While these new programs offer something new and different to the school community, they may not deliver the same financial punch of Sally Foster, where 50 percent of revenue goes to the school. In the future, a balance between one big fundraiser and other, smaller fundraisers might be considered.

Committee Reports

Plans for International Night, set for 1/29/09, are under way and going well. The book fair and family night, held in December, was a spirit- and community-building success. The kids enjoyed the DJ, and food was sold for the first time at the family night.

Respectfully Submitted
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Recording Secretary