

# **Carderock Springs Elementary School PTA Meeting, 2/3/09**

The CSES PTA met on 2/3/09 at Carderock Springs Elementary at Radnor. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Sara Bhatia, President. The Board members in attendance included Deb Lang, Sheryl Golub, Karen Hutchinson and Sharon Keegan.

## **President's Report**

Sara announced that Mrs. Barna, Ms. Ross and Mr. Obstgarten would be discussing the science curriculum at our next PTA meeting.

## **Principal's Report**

Mrs. MacLaughlin reminded those in attendance that Science Night was coming up next Tuesday, February 10, for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to visit the Air & Space museum.

The grades K-2 Mathathon is to take place on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The Readathon will be enjoyed by the 3-5 graders simultaneously. Teachers will be guest readers, board games will be played and silent reading will take place from 9 to 11am.

Thursday, March 5, grades 3-5 will present a Celebration of the Arts. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade chorus will sing and grade 3 will perform on the recorder. Artwork will be displayed for reflection throughout the evening.

In May, grades K-2 will enjoy their Author's Teas in the morning during school. This will be their chance to enjoy the arts.

Dee Flanjak was injured on the job. Those on attendance brainstormed ideas of how to help her.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Cyndi DeBisschop revealed that no PTA budgeted donation will be made for the auction. Also, we are still waiting for \$26,000 in revenue from the Giant gift card fundraiser.

## **Principal's Selection Process**

Mrs. MacLaughlin has decided to retire from her position here at CSES in June of 2009 leaving parents wondering what the process of finding a replacement will entail.

Mrs. MacLaughlin shared the process that she went through pursuing the job at CSES.

The position has been posted. A letter will be distributed with a formal announcement.

There will be a meeting in March to hear input and take comments. A profile will be developed accordingly.

A meeting with staff will be held thereafter. A panel will be

formed with staff members, parents and community. Interviews will be in April. Each

interview will be 40 minutes long. The final decision will be made by Dr. Stetson. The

new person will be appointed by May to make for a smooth transition. We now have a

large pool of candidates who are finishing their internships. It was mentioned by those in

attendance that we may wish to find someone who is tech savvy and can try to keep

construction on schedule. Also, someone who is familiar with special needs students and

can help them to navigate the system better.

## **General Information**

Two staff positions at CSES are being jeopardized by the \$35 million in budget cuts

projected for Montgomery County Schools. Please send e-mails to the Board of

Education requesting that we not be affected. Dr. Stetson said that 40-50 e-mails would be

impressive. Mrs. MacLaughlin said we are looking for creative ways to manage these two

positions.

A before and after-care program at the new school was discussed. This is a PTA project.

Initially, a survey will be sent out to see if the need for such services is necessary. We

will look for providers of this service.

The process has begun to look for people to serve on next year's board by the

Nominating Committee, comprised of Deb Lang and Ana Sanchez. Positions available

include Secretary, MCCPTA representative and one Vice President.

Jackie Konkus will be leaving at year's end.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Hutchinson

Vice President acting as Recording Secretary