

Carderock Springs Elementary School General PTA Meeting—June 2, 2009

The minutes of the May general PTA meeting were unanimously approved.

Principal's Report

Here are the highlights of Mrs. MacLaughlin's staffing report for the coming school year:

CSES is losing one classroom teacher;

The staff development position has been maintained as a full time position;

Art, music and PE positions have been maintained;

The reading specialist position has been cut to half time; and

And the hours allocated for the reading initiative positions have been cut.

Mrs. MacLaughlin retires this year—as does Mrs. Konkus, our administrative secretary. Mrs. VerPlanck, CSES counselor, is leaving to take a job at Pyle Middle School, and 1st grade teacher Mrs. Fletcher also is leaving to take a job closer to her home. Other departures include reading specialist Mrs. Hampton and ESOL teacher Mrs. Peterson. Mrs. Herr, the 1st grade Reading Initiative teacher, will be leaving Carderock; Mrs. Ferrigno will teach both 1st and 2nd grade Reading Initiative next year. Mrs. Schneider, the PE teacher, is leaving but her position has not been filled yet.

Next year's classroom teachers are:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Zeitlin and Ms. Noonan;

1st grade: Ms. Rule and Mrs. Fitz

2nd grade: Ms. Ross and Ms. Murphy

3rd grade: Ms. Smith and Mrs. Barna

4th grade: Mrs. Healy and Mrs. Cloherty

5th grade: Mr. Obstgarten and Mr. McMahan

There will be some changes in math instruction during the 2009-10 school year. As was the case this year, grades K-1 will have no formal accelerated math classes; they will be grouped accordingly within their classes. Grade 2 will have one on-grade level math class and one above-grade level math class. Grades 3,4 and 5 will be broken into seven math classes taught by the six homeroom teachers, plus Mrs. Veihmeyer. Several math classes will consist of students in combined grade levels.

Students will receive their homeroom and math class assignments via letter in mid-August.

Finally, Mrs. MacLaughlin expressed her thanks to the CSES community for 4 years at our school. She cited highlights of her tenure at CSES including the addition of more rigor to the reading and writing program, the design of the new CSES building and the move to Radnor. She spoke of the high level of parental volunteering and the many good ideas parents offered to help her over the years.

Incoming principal Rock Palmisano also briefly addressed the meeting, assuring parents that he is “very student-centered.” He will be visiting CSES to meet students before the end of the school year.

President's Report

Many items are awaiting pick up at the CSES lost and found. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the school year. Room parents are in charge of lining up volunteers for Olympic day and end-of-the-year festivities.

PTA President Sara Bhatia welcomed Mr. Palmisano to Carderock Springs, and thanked Mrs. MacLaughlin for her many accomplishments as principal over the past 4 years.

Treasurer's Report

CSES is in a sound financial position; our fiscal year ends 6/30/09 and all receipts for reimbursement are needed as soon as possible so the books can be closed out for the year. The last round of Giant gift cards is being distributed.

Renee Edson was unanimously elected as the new CSES PTA treasurer for the 2009-2010 school year.

Respectfully Submitted
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Recording Secretary