

Copper Beech PTA General Meeting

April 17, 2018

Documents: 5k flyer, spring fair ticket form, plant sale order form, budgets, February meeting minutes

Call to Order – at 7:02pm

Safety Presentation

- Abington PD and Dr. Viola reviewed a very comprehensive safety/response plan and took questions and feedback from parents.

Review and Approval of Feb '18 Meeting Minutes – approved

President's Report

- Betsy Krol resigned as VP2. We'd like to thank her for her service.
 - Cristy Peltzer is the new VP2 for the remainder of the term.
- National PTA School of Excellence update – We are still exploring better ways to communicate and share information. There will be another questionnaire coming out late April or early May to assess our progress over the school year.
- Teacher appreciation – plans are in the making to recognize teachers. The PTA is aiming for one activity in the beginning of the week and one at the end. We're trying to make sure it's different than what parents do. Ideas include a snack cart throughout the school for teachers to enjoy.
- Aide Appreciation – 4/27 there will be a breakfast to appreciate Aides during Aide appreciation month. The PTA will donate towards the breakfast.
- Panera Fundraiser recap – The fundraisers was last month during Barnes & Noble night. Over \$300 was raised.
- Simple Greek Fundraiser tomorrow! – Heather Boscaino is organizing the restaurant fundraisers. Simple Greek is in Dresher and they will donate 30% of profits from all sales between 4-8pm, not just from CB families!
- 6th grade class trip is happening! We had a general membership vote at the last general meeting to increase the budget because the request for an increased spend from the committee was over \$250. Under PTA guidelines, we must do a general vote. It passed and all is well. The event is at the FunPlex in NJ June 5th.
- Yearbook – one all-school yearbook. All students who would like a yearbook will need to purchase one. There is a 6th grade section that students and teachers put together themselves. The section is larger than last year.
- Call for Nominations for terms that expire this year.
 - VP1: Andrea Judge nominated by Samantha Bromley
 - VP3: Samantha Bromley nominated by Andrea Judge
 - Treasurer: Heather Boscaino nominated by Courtney Clark

Upcoming Events/ Fundraisers

- Clothing Drive (Spring) - 4/21/18, rain date 4/28/18
- 6th Grade Dance – 5/4/18
- 5K and Fun Run/Spring Fair - 5/12/18
- Sports Fundraiser (Soul) - 5/19/18
- 6th Grade Class Trip - 6/5/18
- Sports Fundraiser (Phillies) – 6/8/18
- K - 5 Assembly - 6/12/18
- Rita's fundraiser - 6/14/18
- 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony 6/13/18
- End of Year Party - 6/14/18

Events that need a date:

- 6th Grade Spring Fundraiser – This event is typically in the spring and run by a 6th grade parent. It will, unfortunately, not take place unless we have a coordinator.

Board Reports

President Elect – Dottie

- 6th Grade Class Trip update – FunPlex in Marlton, NJ. 17 chaperones will be able to go for free. 6/5/18
- SF / 5K and Fun Run update – We are partnering with Overlook. 5/12/18. Registration starts at 8:30am; race begins at 9:30. T-shirt included. Register at Pretzel City Sports or via the flyer. The course is the same as last year with a few tweaks. Members of SWIFT will be on the course directing runners. The Fun Run will take place on the playgrounds. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in each age group. After the fun run is the spring fair from 10am-1pm and includes games, inflatables, food, DJ, crafts, presentations.

VP1 – Jason

- Cougar Chronicles update – next week will probably be the last one because we are trying to streamline the communication.
- Science Fair recap – It was a great success! We will have to look at other options if we grow this much next year. The projects were very impressive.
- Mixed Bags Fundraiser recap – This was our 4th year and we raised over \$2200.
- Sports Fundraisers update (Soul and Phillies)
 - Philadelphia Soul – May 19th. Tickets are \$25 each. It's band night and middle school and high school bands are playing.
 - Phillies – June 8th. \$20 tickets. Flyers coming soon. Tickets will be sold online only.

VP2 – Cristy/Dave

- Boys Night Out recap – Attendance was great and the Coordinators did a wonderful job. Thank you Gina Montgomery and Kate Collins.
- 6th Grade Dance update – May 4th. 7-9pm at Knights of Columbus. This year it is a carnival theme with DJ and photo booth.
- 6th Grade Social recap – The kids had a great time at the Sportszone complex and they went home exhausted!
- Spring Clothing Drive – 4/21/18 from 11am-3pm. We need volunteers for 1 hour shifts. There is a link to the SUG on Facebook and Skyward. The most needed shifts are 1-2 and 2-3.

VP3 – Tanya

- Publishing Center update – Kids in grades K-2 write and illustrate their own stories and volunteers type and bind the books for the kids. Interviews take place every Friday. We still need help doing handprints for the K kids, typing, and binding.
- Clubs update – We lost a coordinator for Tuesday Master of the Brick group so we need a new coordinator. If you are interested, your child automatically gets in. We also need a garden club coordinator and volunteers. Laura Brenner donated our biggest Lego donation ever! Book Club has 2 more meetings and this week they select the book they get to take home at the end of the session.
- Field Day update – this year the kids can bring their own water bottles to keep with them. There will be a basket to keep them in and the basket will be taken with the class by parent volunteers. There is a SUG for parent volunteers. We need 2 parents for each class.
- Collections - Escrips/A+ School Rewards via Giant has ended for this year but brought in over \$2000! Make sure you sign up for next year. Box tops are always welcome. Coordinators clip them over the summer. Soda tabs – if you have any please send them in so we can donate them to the Ronald McDonald House.

Marketing Director – Kristin

- Membership update – 1 new member since last meeting
- Funding Factory/Recycling update
 - Little Bites is not viable, so we are cancelling it. Please do not send in the wrappers.

- Toner cartridge recycling – We are still looking for a program that will help us raise money. If you know of one, please let us know!
- Join the Copper Beech PTA FB group. It's a great place to communicate and get info.

Recording Secretary – Dana

- All permits have been submitted for the year.
- The yearbook is finished and has been submitted to the printer! It looks great and so much hard work went into it. We sold over 300 books!
- Garden Club starts the first Tuesday in May. A raffle copter will go out on Friday. We are working with Dr. Viola to create a plan to use the Whole Kids Foundation Grant we received. If you have any gardening knowledge, please let us know or volunteer to help at the club.

Treasurer – Cathy

- March State PTA Membership – We have met 99% of our membership goal for the year.
- 6th Grade Activity Fees update – We are at 94% of our goal for the year.
- Please submit any cash box needs and/or checks for April and May at least 2 weeks in advance.
- The PTA Board is working on the 2018-2019 budget, which will be presented at the May meeting.
- Spending by grade discussion (follow up) – Cathy presented a chart with PTA spending per grade so it's easier to see how we spend the budget for each grade. These are budgeted numbers, not actuals. When creating next year's budget, the Board will look at the previous 3 years' budgets and actuals to decide on an appropriate budget for each line item. There was a \$2715 deficit last year in the 6th grade only budget. Adjustments were made to make up for this deficit.

Principal's Report

- PSSA week 2 – Next week is Science grade 4
- Kindergarten Orientation 4/8/18 starts at 9:30am
- Discussion about 5th grade recess procedures and training of Aides.
- Facilities found a place to get a new slide for the A side playground and it will be installed shortly.

Faculty Report (Mrs. Cusick)

- Mr. Marinello raised \$8111 for the Jump Rope for Hearts and Hoops for Hearts events! Thank you to all the CB families who have donated as well as Kris Irwin and the CB team.
- Service learning logs are due by May 1, 2018. You can estimate the hours for May. Submit to the main office before May 1st.
- One Story, One School "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" was a great program. PTA sponsored the Skype visit with the author. Some kids were able to ask him questions. The kids loved it!
- Author visit for K-3 is Fred Murphy. The order form is coming out soon and orders are due next week. Step into reading books are available for purchase for him to sign.

Announcements:

Future dates to be mindful of

- General Meeting Dates: 5/23/18 and 6/5/18

Adjourn at 9:28pm