

PCPA Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2011

Attendance: Amy Lombardo, Ang Foley, Kim Shur, Ashley Werhner-Collins, Eileen Hetrick, Biz Brewer, Tara Simopoulos, Megan McConagha, Rachael Harriman

1. **Welcome and Introductions:**

Amy Lombardo called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. **Vote on Meeting Minutes from October 19th PCPA Meeting:**

The meeting minutes from the November 16th meeting have been posted on the PCPA website. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

3. **School Update:** Principal Tom Eismeier

Mr. Eismeier noted that the social thinking lessons are going well and the seasonal charitable projects have been successful. Three teachers talked about the Daily 5 at the last school board meeting. Mrs. Gallagher had her twins and Cherie Gustafson is now on board while Mrs. Gallagher is on maternity leave. After school vacation he will begin working on next year's budget.

Tom also discussed Superintendent Nadeau's invitation for all to participate in the process of revisiting the vision, mission, and values of the Cape Elizabeth School District. More information can be found at http://www.capeelizabeth.com/news/2011/sch_vision.html

4. **Guest Speaker:** The guest speaker was cancelled due to inclement weather.

5. **Budget Report:** There was no budget report.

6. **Upcoming Events:**

- Craft Night - February 9th, 5:30 to 7:30pm

7. **Program Updates:** There were no program updates.

8. **Open Positions:** If you are interested in volunteering for one of these open positions, please contact Julie Merriam or Amy Lombardo, PCPA Co-Presidents:

- Ice Cream Social - 2 Co-Chairs
- F.I.T. (Friends in Training) Chair
- Garden Club Co-Chair
- Playground Support Co-Chair

There will also be open positions for the beginning of the next school year (2012 - 2013):

- Leadership for next year's Harvest Festival
- Website Coordinator
- Kindergarten Picnic
- 1st Grade Lunch
- Executive Board - shadows for Co-Presidents

9. **Grants:** Ashley Wernher-Collins and Eileen Hetrick, PCPA Grants Co-Chairs

- **Reading Advantage Literacy Texts:** Rosemary Ginn, Literacy Specialist, requested a grant to pay for Reading Advantage materials, which are based on nonfiction text. She attended the meeting and showed samples of the materials. Ms. Ginn explained that it is becoming increasingly critical for students to be able to understand nonfiction materials. The Reading Advantage materials are presented in a magazine format. They are very engaging and appealing because they look like higher level texts but are written at an appropriate level for her students. These materials would be particularly helpful for her 4th grade students prior to their transition to middle school where students are reading more nonfiction. Ms. Ginn's grant request was for \$1131.85, which would be for two different kits. The grant co-chairs recommended full funding for the grant. A vote was taken and the grant was approved (7 in favor, 0 opposed).
- **Bluetooth Keyboard:** Erik Nielsen, 4th Grade Teacher, requested a grant to pay for a Bluetooth keyboard to be used by his students. The grant request was for \$72.45. The grant co-chairs recommended full funding for the grant. A vote was taken and the grant was approved (7 in favor, 0 opposed).
- **Water Fountain:** Paula Harris, School Nurse, requested a grant on behalf of the Pond Cove Wellness Team to pay for a wall-mounted, outdoor drinking fountain for the PC playground. The cost of the water fountain is \$999.95, including installation. The grant co-chairs recommended full funding for the grant. A vote was taken and the grant was approved (7 in favor, 0 opposed).

10. **Open Discussion:** Lisa Stevens, co-president of the Middle School Parent Association (MSPA) stopped by the meeting to give a brief update on the Middle School Outdoor Experience. She indicated that the current 5th grade needs to raise a significant amount of money to be able to attend Chewonki next year. There will be a meeting on January 9th for 4th and 5th grade parents to discuss fundraising issues related to the Outdoor Experience program.

11. **Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.