

PCPA Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2012

Attendance: Amy Lombardo, Julie Merriam, Ang Foley, Kim Shur, Ashley Wernher-Collins, Eileen Hetrick, Tara Simopoulos, Megan McConagha, Elizabeth Scifres, Melanie Tennyson, Mary Chung

1. **Welcome and Introductions:**

Amy Lombardo called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

2. **Vote on Meeting Minutes from December 21st PCPA Meeting:**

The meeting minutes from the December 21st 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:** Linda Alfiero, Teacher Leader

Ms. Alfiero stated that things are going well at Pond Cove. This is a particularly busy time of year because teachers are working on benchmarks and progress monitoring of students. The PCPA grant co-chairs asked Ms. Alfiero to remind the teachers of the grant deadline, which is a week before the general meeting.

Ang Foley highlighted two events with the PC Climate Committee:

The Pond Cove School Climate Committee's "Dream for our Community" drive will collect new or clean, gently used, gloves, hats, socks, mittens, pants and sweaters for both men and women or the Preble Street Resource Center. All adult sizes are welcomed. The collection has been extended through Friday, January 20th.

The Climate Committee will also hold Beach Day on February 17th. The Cafetorium will be decorated in a beach theme. The students and staff have enjoyed this event in the past. Additional information about the event and ways to help make it a success will be available in the near future.

4. **Budget Report:**

PRIOR MONTH EVENTS/PROGRAM RECONCILIATION

- Shop for Education (November 30) – \$347.73
- Movie Night (December 2) – \$65.51 proceeds and \$16 in donations
- PCPA and MSPA Red Claws (December 4) – PCPA received \$264

CURRENT EVENT/PROGRAM ACTIVITY

Grants - (paid, does not include outstanding)

- Wireless Keyboard - Eric Nielsen \$73.49

BoxTops – \$1,355.10 first check received

The 2011 - 2012 budget listed a net of \$1850 for BoxTops. This amount was adjusted down from previous years based on last year's submission (2010 - 2011), which was significantly lower (\$1500 in 2010-2011 vs. \$2300 in 2009-2010).

Kids Courier – first edition paid \$375.00

One parent asked if participation in the Kids Courier program has led kids to read newspapers in general. Megan McConagha, Kids Courier co-chair responded that they have not talked about that with the kids but they did take a group of kids on a tour of the Cape Courier facility. There were suggestions that perhaps the Kids Courier staff could encourage kids to read the Cape Courier and possibly submit a piece from the Kids Courier to the Cape Courier for publication.

FUTURE EVENTS/PROGRAMS

- PureArt Cards
- Craft Night Bingo/Raffle
- Arts Day
- Kid's Courier
- Visiting Artists (K, 1, 2)
- Hannaford Dollars BoxTops
- Playground Supplies
- Staff Appreciation
- Friends in Training (FIT)
- Pond Cove 5K
- Ice Cream Social
- End of year thank you celebration

5. Upcoming Events:

- **Craft Night** - Thursday, February 9th, 5:30 to 7:30pm. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. There will be a bake sale at craft night and allergy free cookies will be available. The birdseed that will be used to make birdfeeders will be nut free.
- **PlayAgain Screening** - Wednesday, February 15, 7pm at CEHS Auditorium. The screening of this documentary is free and open to the community. It was brought by the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT), CE Parent Associations, and CE Schools. The documentary speaks to the importance of a child's connection to nature. Visit www.playagainfilm.org for more information and to view a trailer of the film. Older kids (10+) might be interested in viewing the film, though the trailer might be a better fit for kids.
- **Social Thinking Presentation**, March 14, 6 - 8 pm in the Pond Cove Media Center. Social Thinking is the program that Pond Cove teachers are currently using to address behavior in school. This presentation will explain the program to parents.

- Pond Cove Parent Night presents **Daily 5 and Cafe in the Classroom** - March 28, 7pm in the Pond Cove Cafetorium.

6. **Program Updates:**

Hannaford Gift Card - The PCPA is in the process of helping to extend the Hannaford gift card program currently offered in the Middle and High Schools to Pond Cove. This will be a Middle School initiative but PCPA needs a Pond Cove parent to help with the program. This program will help Pond Cove students start to save funds now that they will be able to use for their Middle School Outdoor Experience.

Pond Cove 5k - This will become a tri-parent association event. There is a chair from Pond Cove (Andie Mahoney) but there is a need for Middle School and High School parents to be on the committee. The Friends in Training (F.I.T.) program will be offered again this year. The co-chairs for F.I.T will be Kara Leopold and Gwen Moore.

Harvest Festival - The plan would be to have a pre-planning meeting in the spring. Everyone who had a booth last year is interested in coming back next year. PCPA is looking for 2 chairs for the event, one of which would lead the event and one who would shadow the lead in order to be able to lead the event the following year.

7. **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
- Playground Support (co-chair)
- Movie Night (co-chair) - the next movie night will be some time in March
- Leadership for next year's Harvest Festival
- Kindergarten Picnic
- 1st Grade Lunch
- Executive Board - shadows for Co-Presidents
- Executive Board - Grants Co-Chair

A special edition of the PCPA Newsletter will include the job descriptions of the various open positions for those who might be interested in volunteering.

8. **Open Discussion:** Ideas for February's Staff Appreciation were discussed.

9. **Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.