President Michelle Nelson called meeting to order at 5:45pm.

Number of guests & parents in attendance: 48

Welcome by Dr. Mona Leigh Guha, Director of CYC

- Reminded parents to be mindful of the links selected for online bill payment

Silent Auction Update – Claire Worshtil

- Saturday, May 14, 2016 at CYC, 6-8:30pm
- Music, Food, Maui-Wowi Smoothies, 50/50 Raffle
- Still in need of donations, particularly craft items (quilts, baby clothes, etc); will accept items up to the day of the event
- Last year the Silent Auction raised $5000; looking to meet or beat total for 2016
- Class projects due 5/5/16 so baskets can be displayed for parents to view prior to the event
- No cost to attend, however please sign up so we can anticipate how much food we will need
- Please sign up to volunteer to earn service points
- PTP will send out thank you cards after the event

Committee Reports

Family Nights Out- Tracy Sweet, Chair

- Anticipate next event at Chevy’s in Greenbelt, Wednesday, April 20, 2016; look for email confirming event.
- Last event will take place in May/June. Chair open to suggestions for new restaurants that may be willing to participate.

Spring Teacher Luncheon – Nora ATKHEN, Chair

- Spring Teacher Appreciation Day is Friday, May 6, 2016
- Look for email with link to sign up to volunteer
Green School-Vera Wiest and Sally DeLeon

- Thank you for great participation with CYC’s e-waste event to properly recycle and dispose of old electronics and computers.
- CYC recertified as gold office for the 3rd year in a row; longest recertified record on campus!
- Green Fest by Resident Life on Thursday, April 14, 2016, 4-5pm
  - In need of parent volunteers and student participation to help at CYC’s table
  - Food, games, take a plant home
- Save Fuel Week April 18-22
  - Earn points when you car pool, walk, bus, or bike to school
  - Participants place their name in the Save Fuel Week container located in the lobby
  - Students will receive a popsicle party if 40 people participate

ROOM REPORTS

Yellow Room- Stephanie Mawler, Room Representative

- Current Study: Pizza
  - Students have practice prepping ingredients, cooking pizza
  - Upcoming field trip to Ledos

Green Room- Tracee Matthias, Room Representative

- Current Study: Seed
- Upcoming field trip to Behnke Nurseries
- Room rep open to ideas for the green room’s silent auction basket

Red Room- Antonio Downing, Room Representative

- Current study: Dogs
- Students and CYC staff have brought their dogs in to visit; Recent visit from a veterinarian
- Upcoming field trip to Pet Smart

Orange Room- Ahren Studer, Room Representative

- New Study: Garden
- Students have planted lima beans, visited the local garden on campus, and learned how to prepare a garden from Mrs. Weist and Ms. Penny (campus landscaper)
- Field trip to Behnke Nurseries to purchase plants for the Orange Room’s garden; Upcoming field trip to Brookside Gardens
Purple Room, Kristin Redmon, Room Representative

- Current study: Homes
- Kids have shared photos of their homes; Home Inspector to visit class, parents contributing story of remodeling
- Upcoming field trip to the Building Museum
- “Homebody” theme for basket for Silent Auction

Blue Room- Maya Bernstein, Room Representative

- Current Study: Art
- Parent artist shared technique, students learned how to sculpt clay
- Field trip to art studio on campus, National Gallery of Art, and Renwick Gallery
- Students are learning to write sentences, and solve word problems

Treasurer Report - Amanda Pike-McCruden

- 3 transactions since last meeting in February
- Current balance $14,053
- Moving forward, the treasurer’s report will be included in the PTP minutes posted online in an effort to save paper.

2016-2017 PTP Leadership

- PTP Board members are now accepting nominations for all PTP positions for the upcoming school year; look for email with board member info to submit nominations
- Michelle is willing to return as president, Amanda is willing to return as treasurer; Vice President and secretary seats need to be filled
- Voting will take place online (SurveyMonkey); suggestion received to consider using ballotbin.com for authentication of voter
- Hope to have officers installed by the end of the school year to ensure smooth transition
- In need of a volunteer to chair the International Fair in October (first event of the year)
Open Discussion

Snow Days

- CYC currently follows Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) versus UMD campus policy
- CYC director is able to make independent decision apart from PGCPS
- Dr. Leigh voiced main concern is to ensure staff who live far away will be able to arrive safely
- Make-up days are not required for CYC
- Unable to use Teacher Work Days to make up snow days as they are designated for training and continuing education as required by Maryland State Department of Education

Leadership Transition

- Room representative suggested creating a standard process to carry over information to new leaders for the upcoming school year.
- May be easier to pass roles to returning parents versus new parents
- Leadership roles and responsibilities to be update online

Fundraising Ideas for 2016-2017

- Will look into the feasibility of shopper reward programs for upcoming year
  - Box Tops for Education
  - Revisit Giant’s A+ School Rewards and Safeway’s Rewards Program
  - Amazon Smile
- CYC t-shirts (“littles terps” t-shirt)
- UMD’s Annual Giving Day campaign (select CYC)
- Why are we raising money? The fundraising goal may help to drive future funds; suggestion to use Survey Monkey to poll teacher, staff, and parents for potential needs for the upcoming school year.
  - Phase II of the playground project; Dr. Cohen and Landscape students will complete interactive sign this spring and begin secret garden in the fall
  - Refresh bird and terrapin with new coat of paint
  - Mrs. Bowman will create a Teacher Wish List
  - New gross motor equipment for students
  - Scholarships
    - Funds currently come out of CYC’s operating budget
    - 7 students currently receiving need-based partial scholarships
Fall School Supplies

- Suggestion to purchase school supplies in bulk to save money and reduce waste
- Room representatives can organize class efforts

Parent directory

- Suggestion to include parent occupations, UMD departments, or hobbies in directory so teachers are aware of resource pool for future class studies
- Hanaa suggested polling returning families and requesting information from new families at the beginning of the year
- All school message with list of studies from all rooms and request for volunteers

Trading post for clothes/toys

- Could coordinate swaps online
- Potential fundraiser to be facilitated during PTP meetings

Upcoming Events at CYC

- Vision Screening April 19
- Maryland Day April 29
- Annual Family Dance June 1

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm