President Michelle Nelson called meeting to order at 5:47 pm.

Number of guests & parents in attendance: 50

PTA Officers introduced to general membership

- President Michelle Nelson
- Vice President Brian Lang
- Treasurer Amanda Pike-McCrudden
- Secretary LaKeisha Swan

Welcome by Dr. Mona Leigh Guha, Director of CYC

Families Read Program – Anne Daniel, CYC Assistant Director

- 90 children completed Fall 2015 Families Read Program; 81 families completed survey
- Spring 2016 Families Read Program anticipated start date Feb 22, 2016
- 3 families have volunteered to sponsor book sets for their classroom
- Books List for Spring 2016
  - Dewey There’s a Cat in the Library (Vicki Myron & Bret Witter)
  - Finding Winnie (Lindsay Mattick)
  - The Grasshopper & The Ants (Jerry Pinkney)
  - The Boy and the airplane (Mark Pett)
  - Where’s Walrus and Penguin (Stephen Savage)
  - Happy (Pharrell Williams)
  - When Spring Comes (Kevin Henkes)
  - Who Done It (Oliver Tallec)
- Disney on Ice, Friday, February 12, 2016 at the Verizon Center. Tickets available for $11 with voucher at time of purchase. Request voucher from Anne Daniel

Non-Profit Update- Michelle Nelson

- We are now an official non-profit organization! CYC Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP)
- By-law resolutions
  - No annual dues for CYC PTP membership in hope of increasing participation rate
  - All members of CYC PTP must be a parent or legal guardian of current student
• Board members required to form non-profit. Thanks to Claire Worshtil, William Sweet, & Michelle Foreman for volunteering.
• Anticipate receiving tax ID number next week
• All PTP officer and board member positions will be up for election May 2016

Silent Auction Update, Michelle Nelson

• Saturday, May 14, 2016 at CYC
  o Original date, May 7, 2016, presents schedule conflict for parents with children who also attend Greenwood School
• No childcare will be provided; unable to utilize teacher assistants for this event
• URGENT need for parent volunteers to pull off a successful event. Specifically looking for an individual to head coordination efforts. Other tasks include: set up/break down, hosts for the evening. Please sign up online or email PTP officers.
• Letter crafted for parents to give to local businesses requesting donations for event.
  o Letter will be emailed after receiving tax ID number.
  o Items donated in the past include: landscaping package, sports paraphernalia, local sports tickets, gift cards, donated items, household items,
• Room representatives are responsible for coordinating themed baskets for auction.
• Class projects created by children will be up for auction

Budget Report - Amanda Pike-McCrudden, Treasurer

• Starting Balance for 2015-2016 school year: $17,266.00
• Approximately $2000 earned in profits from the book fair, Giant bonus points, and Family Nights Out
• Approximately $4000 in expenditures including: picnic supplies, reception and present for Dr. Fran Faveretto’s retirement, & teacher gifts.
• Current balance $15,000

Committee Reports

Family Nights Out- Tracy Sweet, Chair

• Waiting for tax ID number prior to setting up next event
• Anticipate one Family Night Out per month for the remainder of the school year.

Fall Teacher Luncheon, Andrea Chronis-Tuscano, Chair
• Great participation this fall.
• Looking for volunteer who will be willing to chair committee this spring

Green School-Vera Wiest
• Thanks for you participation; half a pound of trash produced last Tuesday
• Bring old electronics (computer/laptop, cell phones, etc) to CYC for proper disposal Monday, February 22, 2016.
• Yumbox drawing for canteen, Julie Koser

Fall Book Fair, Mike Passarella-George, chair
• $3,048 in online and in-person purchases
• PTP earned $650 cash profit and $200 scholastic credit for books

ROOM REPORTS

Yellow Room- Stephanie Mawler, Room Representative
• Current Study: Jerry Pinkney (author & illustrator)
  o Little Red Hen (bread baking activity)
  o The Ant and the Grasshopper
• Please bring extra hats and gloves to school for use on the playground for children who may have forgotten items. Ask your class teacher which items are needed.
• Teacher Amanda Holiday welcomed a beautiful new baby boy, Benjamin Anthony

Orange Room- Cassandra Studer, Room Representative
• Just finished study on medical doctors and nurses
• New Study: Jan Brett (author)
  o The Hat
o  The Mitten
  o  The Umbrella
•  Children are learning how water freezes

Red Room- Audran Downing, Room Representative

•  Just completed baking study. Grateful for all the parents who volunteered to help student bake in class. Student created recipe book
•  Recently celebrated the Chinese New Year and Spring Festival by making dumplings in class
•  New study: dogs

Blue Room- Maya Bernstein, Room Representative

•  Welcomed Mrs. Kain back from maternity leave!
•  Students recently completed playground study. Parents invited to party to observe the playgrounds created by students. Dr. Cohen (landscape architect) helped the students create signs for CYC’s playground
•  Literacy block
  o  Lowercase letter
  o  Guided reading; students enjoying taking books home
•  New Study: Art

Purple Room, Kristin Redmon, Room Representative

•  Class wrapped up their tree study.
  o  Students enjoyed class workbench, visit from wood worker, and learning song about trees and ecology.
  o  Each child created a tree book.
  o  Student built treehouses and enjoyed waffles and maple syrup
•  Celebrated Chinese New Year by creating Year of the Monkey puppet
•  Current Mini Study: social and emotional skills

Green Room- Tracee Matthias, Room Representative

•  Students just completed their puppet study.
  o  Project finale was a screening of “The Mail Lady’s Day”, a puppet show featuring string puppets crafted by the children.
The puppeteers also made snacks including cookies baked in the classroom

- New Study: Properties of Clay
- Valentine’s Day celebration on Tuesday, Feb 16; please bring goodies for each child

Research Presentation

Researchers and graduate students described current studies and answered questions from CYC PTP members. Please complete and return consent forms for children to participate.

- Dr. Andrea Chronis-Tuscano (Departments of Psychology & Human Development)
  - Turtle Study: intervention to improve inhibited temperament among preschoolers
- Dr. Melanie Killings (Department of Human Development and Quantitative Methodology)
  - Research Topic: social and moral development of children (fairness, equality)
- Dr. Jeffrey Lidz and Dr. Andrea Zukowski (Department of Linguistics)
  - Research Topic: How do kids learn language; knowledge of numbers

Volunteers Needed

- Silent Room Auction
- Spring Teacher Luncheon

Next Meeting April 13

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm