

## **CYC PTA Meeting – Minutes**

**January 14, 2009**

**Attendees:** Dr. Favretto, CYC Faculty & Staff, PTA Officers and approximately 65 CYC family members.

Welcome from CYC Co-Presidents and Co -Presidents thanked Fran for being at the meeting. Fran did not have anything to report.

Mr. M has been recording students during sing-a-long times to prepare a CD that will be on sale sometime in February as a fundraiser for CYC.

Ann Marie reported on the fall semester Families Read program. This fall we had over 75% of our CYC families participating in the program. A survey is being prepared for families to respond regarding the CYC Families Read program. Ann is reviewing new books for the Spring Families Read program.

Kisha gave a book fair update. Thank you to all who volunteered and supported the book fair.

Kisha reported that we collected \$525 in donations for Ms. Rosa, CYC Housekeeper. Thank you to all who were able to contribute.

Denise reported that the CYC PTA will be purchasing several new items that support gross motor skill development for the Great Room as the CYC PTA gift to the school (approximately \$875).

International Dinner on May 16<sup>th</sup>. We will also be holding a silent auction on this date. Sabrina will be sending out an e-mail to solicit volunteers to bring food items. Jovann Swan will be soliciting items for the silent auction. Gift cards, resorts, plane tickets, any items will be accepted for the auction. The auction is our biggest fundraiser.

Diana reported that the book fair raised just over \$1000 for CYC. The auction is our major fundraiser and we really need support to make it successful.

Brooke reported on our Family Night Out program. We held four fantastic FNO programs this fall. We made almost \$500 at our Franklin's fall event. We have two scheduled in January and two in February. Noodles will be held on Wednesday, 1/21/09, and it is all day for 25% of proceeds. Our second one will be at Boston Market. In February we will be back at Franklin's and to McDonald's. Brooke has contacted many venues to inquire about the possibility of hosting a FNO program. Brooke is looking for a volunteer to assist her with the program during March & April.

Kisha reminded families to record their service points in the red binders in each of the classrooms. Ms. Daniel is preparing reports for families on their service points.

Denise reported that we are planning a family workshop. She passed around a list for families to select their top two choices for topic areas for the workshop/s. We hope that we can plan two workshops to be held during the spring semester.

Kisha announced that we need a coordinator for a CYC PTA sponsored service activity this spring. We are looking for a project that also provides an opportunity for the children to be involved. If interested in volunteering, please contact Kisha.

Red Room representative reported that the class studied farms. Now the class is studying Eric Carle. The Red Room is sponsoring an Art Exhibit on Friday, January 16, 2009, from 3:30-5:00pm in the Great Room.

Orange Room representative reported that the class is studying sculpture. They are making sculptures out of recycled materials. They are exploring what art is in general and that it is more than just painting. They took a field trip to the UMD art gallery. They are going to make a culminating project out of paper mache.

Yellow Room representative reported that they have finished up their study on trash. They learned about recycling and composting. They are now studying Jan Brett, a famous children's book author. They are looking for a hedgehog. She reported that CYC is very popular in her office.

Green Room representative reported that class finished up their study of seeds with a seed feast with families. They are now studying families and they are creating a family story book.

Blue Room representative was absent so Denise shared that they have finished up their guinea pig study. They are now studying electricity. They took a walking field trip around the campus to observe electrical items. They generated 4 pages of notes about their prior knowledge of electricity. They are also writing stories. They are having homework, as well, using inventive spelling and writing. They are also beginning guided reading with one-on-one support from the teachers. They also have to bring home books for homework. They took a part a toaster and are exploring the parts. They are soliciting donations of broken appliances to support their study. Mr. M has introduced the Blue Room to recorders.

Purple Room representative reported that they have finished a food study. They created a recipe book of some of their favorite foods. The children kept it a surprise. They did a mini-study of the hamsters. Next, they will study dogs.

Kisha thanked the teachers, again, for all of their work.

Leo's (Orange Room) mom reported that Vertigo Books is hosting the author and illustrator of a children's book on Barack Obama at 1:30pm on Martin Luther King day. If you would like your book to be signed it is recommended that you purchase the book in advance.

Kisha reminded attendees of the upcoming Men's Basketball game dates that will have an impact on CYC pick-up and parking.

Ms. Daniel reported that we will have a chance to vote on our favorite fall Families Read book next week.

Denise thanked Monique Anderson for coordinating the fall teacher appreciation potluck luncheon. The family participation was excellent!

Denise reported that we tallied up the topics for the workshops. We voted on the three top choices to narrow the choices down to one. As a result of the vote, the following topic was selected: *Beyond Apologies: Helping Children to Develop Social Skills.*

Diana polled the group to gauge whether or not families prefer to use the internet to respond to PTA inquiries.

Our next PTA meeting is March 11, 2009.

Denise adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.