PTP Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2017

WELCOME address by PTP President and introduction of new PTP Officers and Committee/Event Chairs.

PTP Officers:

President – Hanna Lee
Vice President – Blessing Enekwe
Treasurer – Amanda Pike-McCrudden
Secretary – Patricia Woodwell

Committee/Events:

International Picnic (Ying Li, Chair) – a very exciting experience that will happen on Saturday, November 4th. Would like ideas sent to her of activities that parents think may be appropriate. She will send out an email regarding this. After gathering ideas, will discuss and announce any volunteer opportunities that will be available for service points at this event.

Book Fair (Lisa Hathaway, Chair) – tentative date early December. Will communicate via email and flyers as the time approaches and details are more forthcoming.

Teachers Luncheon (Deb Patra, Chair) – Teachers Luncheon will happen twice a year – in the fall and spring. It is an opportunity for us as parents to show our appreciation to the teachers for all they do for our children throughout the year. Information will become available as we draw closer to those dates.

Family Night Out (Blessing Enekwe, Chair) – This is not only a funding opportunity but also an opportunity for us to join together to be able to spend time outside of dropping off and picking up kids and socialize a bit more. There will be approximately two a semester and the first will be Wednesday, 10/18 at Potomac Pizza on Route 1. Come out and support the CYC as we will receive 20% of the sales that evening!

Silent Auction (Margaret Bereano & Meghan Simpson, Co-Chairs) – This is the PTP’s biggest fundraising event and will take place in the spring. We are soliciting help with donations and logistics and are looking for donors and parent participation! Stay tuned for more details!

School Historian (Elizabeth Novara, Chair) – The historian takes on the documentation and archiving of the history of CYC.

BUDGET report by PTP Treasurer

The PTP has a balance of $9,385.73.

Last year, we raised funds such as $600 from Family Nights Out, $750 from the Book Fair, $400 from T-Shirts, and $5000 from the Silent Auction. We spent $5000 on new play equipment both indoor and outdoor, repainted the Testudo in front of the CYC, had expenses related to the International Picnic and Family Reads programs and food for the PTP meetings, and spent $3000 in gifts for teachers and shirts for the staff.

Overall budget – Raised $9400 and spent $14,600. We need to get momentum with our fundraisers so we can get things that our children and teachers need.

MUSIC program at CYC (Mr. M)

Mr. M is in charge of the CYC Music programs. He comes twice a week – one day is a circle time with instruments and dance and the other is a sing-along day. He teaches traditional songs and dances. He will be having a dance day at the Clarice Performing Arts Center in the spring.
FAMILIES READ program (Ms. Anne Daniel, CYC Asst. Director & Becca Rappaport, Chair)

This will be the 28th semester running the Families Read program. When it started in 2004, it had a 19% participation rate and the last few years has had a 90% average participation rate. The program was explained and it was announced that there would be a table set up in the entry foyer to help explain the program and introduce the books. This year, the Families Read program will start on October 25th and the books chosen are:

- The Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His ABC’s (the Hard Way) – Patrick McDonnell
- Full of Fall – April Pulley Sayre
- Life on Mars – Jon Agee
- On the Spot – Amy Prouse Rosenthal & Kea Redmond
- Nutshell Library – Maurice Sendak

Mr. M will be performing songs from the books in the Nutshell Library by Maurice Sendak in February at the Old Parish House in College Park.

GREEN Committee (Ms. Vera Wiest, CYC In-house Sub & Web Developer, Priya Varadan, Chair)

The CYC is a Maryland Green School. We have Trash-Free Tuesdays! We teach the kids to be as green as possible – composting in the rooms, recycling and trying to keep as little as possible in landfills. Please compost at home! To encourage being ‘green’, at the International Picnic, if you bring your own plate, you will get a token to put into a jar. If we reach a certain percentage, the PTP will buy each classroom a subscription to Ranger Rick magazine. Please join the Green Committee if you are interested!

CLASSROOM/COMMITTEE Updates:

Red Room (Craig and Becca Kier, Rep) – Over the past six weeks, children are learning to identify things to do with kindness and friendship. On Friday, they will reveal their first study topic.

Orange Room (Claire Worshil, Rep) – We have been learning new routines and creating our “All About Me” books with our families. Doing surveys of what to do for our study. We cooked pancakes. Decided we would be studying “Apple” and did searches on the web to gather apple knowledge.

Yellow Room (Megi Renjilian, Rep) – Working on pre-study skills. Taking pictures of fall related things. Talked about family. Will introduce what their study will be on next week.

Green Room (Trisha Lay, Rep) - Learned rules of the CYC and the Green Room. Created and read the “Green Room, Green Room” book to learn our classmates. Learned about landfill/composting/recycling. Acted out with puppets. Did observational drawings on items. New study will be about Tools.

Blue Room (Alison Minoque, Rep) – Learned about Blue Room privileges. Practiced literacy, block, alphabet, Math, Science. Did detail drawings. Study will be Photography.

Purple Room (Kristy Murray, Rep) – Learned about each other and class rules. Made a Purple Room Book. Visited classroom centers. Had homework where there were family questions and the children got up and talked about their families with family photos. Did surveys about class members.

If you have any ideas you’d like to share or would like to assist or participate in the PTP, please contact any of the PTP officers.

Next PTP Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 6th – hope to see you there!