

CMS PTO Minutes from the meeting June 7, 2012

Ellen Grayson the young adult librarian from Belmont Public Library stopped by to promote summer reading at library.

**Welcome and introduction** by co-chairs Peggy Eysenbach and Megan Pickett. Attendees went around the room to introduce ourselves.

### **Principal Report**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade DC trip – everyone having a blast and exhausted. Keep them busy and take full advantage of the opportunity to be in DC. The trip fits into the 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum beautifully. About 250 students attend with 45 remaining at Chenery. For students who didn't attend the trip activities were scheduled for them also. Big thank you for that team of teachers! Just some of the activities were; a trip to the MFA, Drumlins Farm, State House and Africa American Tour, Lexington Tour, Reservoir Physics class. Ms. St. George reviewed the organizational structure of the trip, amazing the details that are needed to keep everyone accounted for, safe, entertained and educated at a pace for all interests.

4th graders are visiting - Last week Kristen, Heidi and Student Ambassadors from Chenery went to visit the elementary schools. This week the future 5<sup>th</sup> graders are coming to visit Chenery. All incoming 5th graders can come and visit Chenery in August. Date still needs to be set. 322 incoming students for 2012/2013 school year.

8th grade curriculum change - to a more humanities portfolio as opposed to the current format of National History Day based curriculum model. NHD will be a club for 2012/2013 school year. This change aligns Chenery to the State mandated Common Core Standards.

### **In Great Appreciation**

Peggy Eysenbach, stepping down as Co-Chair. Thank you for all your wonderful work. Kristen, Heidi and Daniel thank you for all your help, insight and information

this year. Thank you parents, you make the PTO!

### **Budget report**

2011/2012 Budget - Carla absent, Megan stepped in. Still have a reserve fund. Budget in good shape. Parent advised to add a NET column next year's budget "so you can see the balance between income and expense and not have to figure it out. An easy way to see the true balance".

Budget for 2012/2013 - approve.

### **Committee Reports**

Staff Appreciation Lunch – Thank you Meg Piccione. Greatly appreciated by all who work at Chenery.

8th grade night - 7th grade parents have step forward to volunteer. Tickets about 230 out of 300 students have been sold. One more day of ticket selling. Still could use volunteers for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation morning reception.

Welcome Committee – Heidi would like to start a new welcome committee for next year. Anyone interested please contact her.

### **Secretary Report**

Minutes were approved from the CMS PTO meeting May 3, 2012

### **PTO Election of the 2012-2013 Executive Board**

Approved and voted in were the following;

President – Megan Pickette

Co-President – Nancy Grayson

Recording Secretary – Doreen Cameron

Treasurer – Susan Black

Asst. Treasurer – Elena Hanley

Committee Chairs for 2012/2013 are staffed

Adjournment and Happy Summer!

## **Addendum**

The Executive Board executed 2 financial votes after the June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting but prior to the August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 end of fiscal year. The voting was accomplished via email from August 28 to August 31, 2012. Both items passed, they are:

- CMS PTO Membership dues will be raised to \$30 a year
- At the June meeting, the PTO voted to pay for the Agenda Notebooks, school year 2012-2013. The cost rose from the approved \$5000 to \$6000. The Board approved the cost difference of \$1000.