



## Cottage Street School PTO Membership Meeting Minutes from February 4th, 2016

Meeting began at 7:02p.m., adjourned at 7:55 p.m.  
14 people present

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Approved January 2016 meeting minutes by voice.**
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Liv reviewed income and expenses based on notes from Elizabeth, report distributed. Wendy brought up Celebration Books and that they didn't take off as expected. We decided to try again next year, launching it from the beginning of the year.
4. **Committee Updates:**
  - a) **Rollerskating:** Thanks to Lisa for organizing the event. It was well attended and worked with the time change. It made a profit and everyone enjoyed themselves.
  - b) **Iron Chef Night:** Thanks to Angela for organizing the event. It was not well attended and we are trying to figure out why. It was the day after kindergarten orientation, so for some, it was too busy of a week. Some didn't come because they weren't sure if they could show up without food. Others were intimidated by the idea of it being a competition. We discussed changing the name to International Food Night, International Food Potluck, or International Food Festival and doing away with the competition.
  - c) **Broadway Cougars:** Performances are February 10, 11. Someone asked whether any help is needed the night of the show. The thought was that Mrs. Sellers had likely already reached out to alumni to assist. The actors are doing great during rehearsal and the show is coming along.
  - d) **Programming:** Hip Hop Promotes Positivity took place on January 26 and the kids really seemed to love it. On February 26, the Artist in Residence for African Arts in Education is visiting. This will include 6 workshops, African dance, drumming, 2 concert performances, and 6-8 pieces from the museum to put on display for the month. On March 9, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will have the author visit. On March 21, the Easton Children's Museum is coming to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade.
  - e) **Fun Fair:** Planning is under way. Mr. Madden sent out the Class Booth & General Volunteer SignUpGeniuses. The book collection has already begun. Wendy mentioned that Room Parents are having a hard time raising money for classroom raffles. It was suggested that they ask again and directly ask individuals if need be.



- f) **Yearbook:** Pictures are needed. If you are ever in the school volunteering, helping with Broadway Cougars rehearsals, etc., please consider taking photos and sending them to Elizabeth. We are in need of someone to shadow Elizabeth next year. Sue mentioned that Dan Clem has a lot of pictures and perhaps he and Michelle Cho might be interested.

## 5. Principal's Report:

- a) There have been many great programs and events in school—Hip Hop Promotes Positivity, Hoops for Heart, Krazie Tracy with the kindergarten, etc.
- b) The new recycling system is going well in the Cafeteria.
- c) Water Bottle Wednesday has been very positive. Mrs. Wolf shared information about how the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students get involved in reading the #'s from the water stations, doing math problems, etc.
- d) Someone brought up the longer lunch/shorter recess, which led to some feedback. Some are hearing from their kids that recess is particularly short and lunch is too long. Questions arose about whether the lines to buy lunch are still long and if so, are they long to wait for the food or to check out?
- e) Kindergarten registration is closed. As Cottage is at capacity, there were questions about whether there would be a lottery.
- f) Someone brought up student placement and that in some cases, students are not placed with any friends. Ms. Munise explained that there are so many factors that go into student placement.

## 6. New Business

- a) Coupon Book—We discussed that it appears to be a very worthwhile fundraiser. Lisa is willing to chair this fundraiser once again.
- b) Committee Vacancies: Programs, Scholarships—We are looking for someone to shadow Jen and Beth for Programs. Scholarships currently consists of a committee of 4 people, and we lost one member. It is a minimal time commitment and is all done over e-mail.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.