

Friends of Country Day

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2011 3:30 pm.

Present: Ivette Ogden-President, Patrizia El-Yousef-1st Vice President, Jennifer Williams-2nd Vice President, Theresa Comparetto-Secretary, Dawn LeBlanc-Treasurer, Stephanie Armstrong-Pre-Primary, Francis Winstead-Primary 2, Agnes Smojver-Cottage 1, Susy Cabral-Cottage 2, Kendra Neter-Upper Elementary, Hank Houser-Middle School, Cindi Thomas-Middle School, Bruce Danielson-School Administration

Board of Directors Report:

- August meeting minutes will be on the website soon
- Sara Turner-Art Teacher from Country Day School, spoke at the meeting about the Pepsi Refresh Challenge. Country Day is in the running for a \$10,000 grant from Pepsi during the month of September. The funding would be used to host a free children's art and reading festival in the spring and invite the community to learn more about Country Day School. The grant is based on voting and there are 3 ways to vote; register and vote of the Pepsi Refresh website, vote via Facebook or text your vote in. Specially marked Pepsi, Diet Pepsi and Pepsi Max bottles have yellow caps with codes inside. These codes are worth a minimum of 5 votes and a maximum of 100 votes. Sara also asked for help from the parents in putting in votes with these caps. Ms. Turner researches many fundraising/grant to help get extra income in for school programs. The board also suggested putting information on the marquee to reach more parents for votes.
- Ivette welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were done of everyone in attendance.
- Directory update: Ivette is in the second phase of the directory. Ads placed in the directory will cover the cost of the directory. Ads were due last Friday, but Ivette will accept new ads that are camera-ready.
- Facebook page: FOCD Facebook page, like it, post any school pictures you may have.
- Winter Social/Auction will be held on Friday, November 4th at Tapas Garden & Bistro on Gulf Boulevard in Indian Rocks Beach. Ivette and Dawn are still negotiating the details on pricing, etc. The PTSA will need help gathering contributions, some contributions already coming in. PTSA has a contribution letter available for volunteers to use in getting contributions. There will be art items from students this year and Bruce Danielson will be the auctioneer. There will be several live auction items and some raffle items. Kendra is getting past auction information from Nicole Piccarreto.
- Room Director updates: There is an open position in Cottage 3.
- Cards for families with new babies: FOCD will send out cards to families with new babies. Ms. Heather in the front office will keep the board advised of any new babies.

- Library Book stacking: Jennifer Williams is in need of volunteers to help organize and re-arrange 12-15 boxes of library books. She will need volunteers next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the morning after drop-off
- Event Recap: Ambassador Program went very well. Parents feed back; The program was a great help to parents and they would like to see it continue. Back to School Breakfast was a great kick-off for Teachers. The PTSA was invited to stay through the day and help teachers prepare for the upcoming school year. The PTSA would like to hold the breakfast every school year for the teachers. Meet and Greet went well. PTSA sign up was put out for volunteers to sign up for events held through out the year. Back to School Breakfast was attended by all room representatives and board members. Cindi Thomas suggested name tags next year for parents to wear. Also it was suggested that board members wear name tags at the board meetings.
- Upcoming Events: Family Fall Gathering will be held in October 12th at 6:30 pm with a PTSA meeting also being held at the gathering. Patrizia El-Yousef will shadow Dawn Leblanc this year for Family Fall Gathering to gather more information for next years events. Grandparents are always welcome to volunteer for events. The middle school kids to help with some of the activities. Ideas for this years entertainment is a drum circle, pumpkin patch with decorations for the pumpkins, barn may be open. Coach Mike will help with ideas for the middle school kids. Agnes will call Sonny's to place the food order. The event usually costs \$2500.00 - \$3000.00 for the event with food being \$1100.00 - \$1400.00.
- Winter Social/Auction: Dawn and Ivette are meeting with Tapas tomorrow to work out the details. Ms. Turner will do children's art for auction this year. Bruce Danielson will be the auctioneer, there will be silent auction items, live auction items along with some raffle items. Each classroom will gather items for a classroom basket to be put together by Mrs. Goodridge. Please think of new basket ideas and email them to Ivette.

Committee Reports:

- Communications- need a coordinator, this person will run communications through Kendra Neter in the school office.
- Special Events- need a coordinator, this person will coordinate all the different events and get someone to head up each individual event.
- Fundraising- need a coordinator. Wreaths/Citrus will be sold this year as a fundraiser. Ivette is getting information from a wreath company.
- Golf Tournament: will be headed up by Patrizia El-Yousef, it will be held at Bardmoor Country Club on 4/28/2012.
- Treasury- Dawn provided a copy of the treasury report to everyone present at the meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday October 5th, 2011 at 3:30 pm