

November 13, 2009
Cedar Hill School
General PTO Meeting

I. Call to Order

II. Officer/Committee Reports

Co-Presidents: Christina Ehret and Elaine Edge

-The new tables for the Kindergarten classes are in use and the teachers are very appreciative.

The old tables were donated to a YMCA in need of supplies.

-The Tropicana Juice Carton Program is beginning. Families can save the cartons that will be collected at school. The preservation of the Rain Forest is the goal.

-Ehret reported that the PTO is brainstorming to create new programs to replace the Science and Reading programs that were cut from the budget. Parents are asked to volunteer if they can, so the events will be fun and successful for our children.

1st Vice President: Alicia Martine-

-Movie event is 12/4, we need to keep the attendance below 200

2nd Vice President/Fundraising: Joyce Tulenko

-Please attend Barnes+Noble event, vouchers for discounts will go home in backpack today.

-Gift Wrap delivery on 11/16, pick up will be 11/18

3rd Vice President/Newsletter: Karen Richman

-This weeks Scoop will have 4 attachments to look out for.

Treasurer: Candy Pescatore

-No Report

Trustee: Elizabeth Barickman

-No Report

Trustee: Kristina Folkart

-The 1st Cultural Arts Program "Food Play" was very popular with students. CHS learned about nutrition. Parents can visit Foodplay.com for more information.

Secretary: Colleen DeSalvo

-Colleen asked that all attending sign the attendance sheet.

III. New Buisness

IV. Old Buisness

V. Meeting Speakers:

Mary Asfendis- Supervisor World Languages

Mary spoke about the addition of Latin to our curriculum. NJ law requires we teach World Language, and we are required to measure progress for grades 4,8+11. Since Spanish was cut from the budget, Latin is a viable substitution.

Benefits of Latin in Elementary School: Develop skills to use in future language studies, develop awareness of origins of language, understanding of contributions of Roman Culture on modern society, developing decoding skills.

Teacher Education: Training for teachers began in Sept. 4th graders will continue the Latin program in 5th grade for consistency. Teachers were taught the curriculum by Latin experts within the district. Teachers will be given an opportunity in January to voice any concerns and needs they may have.

Sean Siet-Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Sean gave a presentation about the new Curriculum Rubicon System, for parents to be able to access it for information

The instructions to use the system are: Go to www.bernardsboe.com, Click on Departments. Then click on Curriculum and Instruction. Scroll down to All District Curriculum and click the red link to access the Rubicon system for researching the curriculum.

Sean reported the website reflects a “living curriculum” that highlights what students are expected to know in each subject for every grade. The goal is that parents can access each grade curriculum, and have a better understanding of what their child is learning in each subject. The website also will give parents a guideline of what the district expects each student to know as a result of studying a particular unit.

Mr. Mollica-

Mr. Mollica reorted that a lot of work has gone into preparation for the QSAC State requirements. Mollica encouraged all parents to attend the next Board of Ed Meeting, January 11, 2010 at WAMS.

VI. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted by Colleen DeSalvo, Secretary