

Cub Run Elementary PTA

General Meeting Minutes December 11, 2012 9:30 am Cub Run Library

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. The meeting of the Cub Run Parent Teacher Association was held at Cub run Elementary School, Centreville, Virginia on December 11, 2012. The meeting called to order at 9:36 am with President Robin Loper presiding and Cami Minks Secretary. A total of 12 attendees were present.
- II. Fairfax County School Board/ Kathy Smith**
 - a. Presentation**
 - i. Kathy Smith, Sully district school board representative, encourages all to go to the School board web site to find information. There is a link from FCPS home page. On the site are Board meeting minutes, presentations, agendas and such. Parents can sign up to present at a board meeting, 10 slots open, must be about topic on agenda.
 - ii. When have an issue, please send email to Kathy, but CC the rest of the school board.
 - iii. There are also School Board advisory committees with websites and information.
 - iv. News Tab tells upcoming events including new superintendent search.
 - b. Q and A**
 - i. The board is still deciding on the advanced academics program changes. They are getting feedback from some parents that they don't want change. Please email feedback to Kathy and CC the other board members if you have concerns. Information on the website.
 - ii. Questions were raised about how much FCPS gets from the state vs county for the annual school budget. Approximately 20% comes from the state and 70% from the county, with a very small amount from the federal government and other sources. More information on the website under budget.
- III. MyOn Books and EnVision/ Mr. Timpson, Miss Beck, Mr. Magwire, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Soller**
 - a. Presentations**
 - i. Mrs. Soller and Miss. Beck presented information about online math textbooks EnVision Math and how they use them in instruction. They gave instruction on access from home-(blackboard or FCPS home page). K-2 has no login required, 3-6 has student id and standard grade level password. May have difficulty with the online text when accessing from Tablets.

- ii. Mr. Timpson and Mr. Magwire presented on MyOn Books- This is different from years past. Students track books they read and take assessments to determine their reading levels. Books are leveled to help with reading ability. Recommended tab lists books based on their reading level and interests.
- iii. Q and A- County recommends Firefox version 11 instead of Internet Explorer to access MyOn books at school, this may help at home too. Tablet access varies by device. Parents wondered which site should be encouraged for students to work on reading- depends on student purpose, but MyOn is encouraged by the county. It's best intention is for grade K-2 reading level.

IV. Report of Officers

a. Treasurer's Report

- i. We have \$ 25,000 in account, but need to write check to library for about \$7,000 from book fair.

b. Vice President's Report

- i. Had magical math assembly, did earn \$230 from book sales towards next year's assembly. Had great feedback from kids.
- ii. Marine Silent drill team will come for older kids in June

c. President's Report

- i. Will work on communication email about newsletter and meeting minutes.

d. Principal's Report

- i. Able to collect 125 bears through bear drive. Mrs. Maynard drove them to New Jersey and dropped them off for the children. See pictures on Keep in touch and twitter.
- ii. Chorus and heritage program a success.
- iii. Office over winter break is closed
- iv. Family Life Education soon for grades 4-6.

V. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes of the PTA meeting from November 13, 2012 were approved.

VI. New Business

a. Upcoming Events- Confirmed

- i. No Fuss Fundraiser: ongoing
- ii. Ditch the Kids Night- December 14, 6-9pm Café
- iii. Winter Break: December 24-January 1
- iv. General PTA meeting: January 8, 7pm Library
- v. Ice Skating @ SkateQuest: January 12, 1-3pm Reston
- vi. Ultra Sports Camp Winter Session: January 15-March 12
 - 1. Parent concern about the number of coaches during the outdoor sessions of the sports camp. Robin will give the contact number for parents to contact the organization.

b. Upcoming Events –Tentative

- i. Scripps National Spelling Bee: February
- ii. National Geographic Geography Bee: February

iii. Genghis Grill: March 20 (tentative)

- c. Mr. Magwire-Thank you to PTA for document cameras supplied for the teachers. They are most appreciated. Please keep Mr. Magwire in the loop when considering donating technical items.

VII. Opened to questions:

VIII. Meeting adjured at 11:05 am.