

# Cub Run Elementary PTA

## General Meeting Minutes October 11, 2011

### I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Cub Run Parent Teacher Association was held at Cub Run Elementary School, Centreville, Virginia, on October 11, 2011. The meeting convened at 7:05 PM. President Beth Haubach presiding and Jim Bolton Secretary. A total of 15 attendees were present.

### II. Special Presentation

Keith Spengel and Ken Murray (Financial Advisor), who are with Edleman Financial Services, provided a 50-minute presentation, "Personal Finance in Turbulent Times and How to Save For College." Spengel and Murray also took questions from attendees. The presentation was at no cost to the PTA, and complimentary copies of Ric Edelman's *Rescue Your Money* were also distributed.

### III. Secretary's Report

#### a. PTA Minutes

The minutes from the September 2011 meeting were approved.

### IV. Treasurer's Report

Results were reported on the following recent fundraisers:

- Lavenders: Currently at \$9144.09; additional funds from late orders yet to be added.
- No Fuss: \$1325.00
- Cub Run Day at Ace Hardware: \$89.00

### V. Vice President's Report

Knabe and Basham will coordinate and manage the sale of Smencils and Smens at the book fair, fall dance, and other events. Proceeds will go to *The End-of-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Party*.

### VI. President's Report

#### a. Thanks

The PTA gratefully expresses thanks to contributors for their efforts in the following:

- Heather Huling – for chairing the Lavender's, No Fuss, Pie and Wreath fundraisers, and also the Book Fair.
- Dana Zakula – for chairing Rita's Night October 13

#### b. Upcoming meeting programs

In addition to the educational financial presentation provided tonight, the PTA has the following presentation scheduled for the November 15 PTA meeting:

- “Internet and Facebook Safety” presented by 2nd Lt. Hargus, Fairfax County Police.

Provision of these special presentations represents an exploration of providing additional value to PTA members. The provision of any additional/future presentations will be determined by the interest and suggestions provided to the board by PTA members and the Cub Run community.

### **c. WHS Honors Classes Update**

Haubach met recently with FCPS school board chairwoman Kathy Smith regarding the future fate of honors classes provided at Westfield High School. Essentially, no one on the school board is likely to make a public stand on the issue until after the upcoming elections. They likely may all comment that they are “open” to the idea of continued honors classes but otherwise won’t make any commitment.

### **d. Spelling Bee Update**

As there are no FCPS-related entities that meet the Scripts National Spelling Bee requirements (i.e., there must be (1) sponsorship by a newspaper; (2) a FCPS event chairman); FCPS will not participate in this year’s national bee. Cub Run will conduct its own in-school bee, but care must be taken to set expectations regarding outcome; i.e., the bee ends in Cub Run.

### **e. Anti-bullying Wristbands**

Wristbands are being made available to interested groups participating in the Westfield High School pyramid’s anti-bullying program. The board agreed to acquire wristbands for 630 students and 85 teachers at Cub Run in support of this program. At Cub Run, the wristbands will be passed out as part of a presentation provided by Mrs. Rodriguez.

## **VII. Principal’s Report**

- With the creation of a new class for the 2011-2012 school year, Cub Run now has 5 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes. The new class has gotten off to a great start.
- The Westfield HS Home Coming Parade will start in Cub Run’s parking lot at 5 PM October 14.
- The Centreville Patch is the local representative of a group of local online newspapers. As the Centreville Patch is requesting content from Cub Run (i.e., updates of note regarding events and students at Cub Run), the board requested direction from Jenni Coakley. Mrs. Tapper shared that, after checking with FCPS Community Relationship regarding protocols for release of pictures/identity information, the PTA may submit but not the school. Prior to submitting any information to Patch, the PTA will need to check with Cub Run’s opt-out list created by student parents wishing non-public disclosure of their children.

## **VIII. Old Business**

### **a. Volunteers Needed**

Due to lack of volunteers, it is now very unlikely that Cub Run will have host a Chess Club. Those interested in information on joining a chess club at Bull Run can visit the related item at <http://www.cubrunpta.org/events.htm>. Also, with no volunteer(s), time is running out for the provision of a Cub Run Geography Bee.

Chairs and co-chairs are still needed for the following events/activities: Silent Auction; Spring Fling; Talent Show 1; Talent Show 2. Interested parents should contact Haubach at [bhaubachpta@verizon.net](mailto:bhaubachpta@verizon.net).

## **IX. New Business**

### **a. Proposed New Family Event: Reading Under the Stars**

Haubach is in discussion with various contacts to see how this free event, proposed for Spring 2012, may be best-tailored to Cub Run's needs.

### **b. Proposed New Family Event: Cub Run Movie Night**

This event would provide a free, age-appropriate movie showing (e.g., *How to Train a Dragon*). Basham is currently in discussion with contacts to learn what local providers, venues, and costs would be necessary to support this event.

### **c. Cub Run Directory**

Haubach expects the directory to be published and copied by October 19, 2011

### **d. Photo Stand at Fall Dance**

Basham proposed that a special photo stand be made available at the fall dance. For a modest fee, attendees dressed in costume could have their picture taken with a seasonal backdrop marking the occasion. Proceeds would go to the PTA. Meeting attendees agreed with the proposal.

## **X. Upcoming Events (firm dates)**

A separate attachment, 2011-2012 Calendar of Events, was available and distributed at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Minutes submitted by Jim Bolton

Date of approval: November 15, 2011