

Cub Run Elementary PTA

General Meeting Minutes November 15, 2011

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Cub Run Parent Teacher Association was held at Cub Run Elementary School, Centreville, Virginia, on November 15, 2011. The meeting convened at 7:02 PM. President Beth Haubach presiding and Jim Bolton Secretary. A total of 12 attendees were present.

II. Special Presentation

Special guest 2nd Lt. Hargus, from the Fairfax County Police's Child Exploitation Unit, spoke about providing Internet safety for children. Hargus has supervised the local Internet Crimes Against Children unit for 1 year. Key points shared by Hargus:

- Keep communications with your kids current; know what they are up to and monitor their Internet activity. Be diligent. Ensure their online access is in a family room; discourage any private/bedroom access. Ensure that they know that if something strange has happened online (e.g., they have been approached by someone making requests), they are comfortable providing you with full disclosure.
- Microsoft Windows 7 and Vista operating systems now come with robust parental control applications. By using these, you can see what your kids are doing online and create controls that prevent accessing dubious sites. If you have a WiFi platform, ensure it is secured against external access.
- Facebook and the 100's of chat rooms in Yahoo are notorious breeding-ground environments rife with predators. Predators pose as children and as to be friended. Unfortunately, many kids view the number of friends published on Facebook as a popularity/social standing – and are eager to accept new friends even if they've never personally met the contact. Once friended, the predator has access to the child's network – not to mention increased intimacy with the child.
- Hargus noted that, based on the activity that his department has tracked, there are far more sexual predators than just the 440 registered sex offenders in Fairfax County. e.g., when his team posts bait listings for child slavery on Craig's List, within the hour before Craig's List identifies the nature of the listing and removes it, they will have received 40+ hits. 99.9% of predators are men. Kids face a 1 in 8 chance of being contacted by a predator.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.slideshare.net/fairfaxcounty/internet-safety-tips-from-fairfax-county-police>

<http://www.novadcicac.org/aboutnovaicac.htm>

III. Secretary's Report

a. PTA Minutes

The minutes from the October 2011 meeting were approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

a. Pie Sales

The pie & wreath fundraiser sales to date totaled \$2,911.95 – of which \$791.80 will come to Cub Run.

b. No Fuss

The No Fuss fundraiser (an alternative to traditional fall fundraiser sales) has netted the PTA \$1400.

V. Vice President's Report

a. Smencil Sales

All Smencils have been sold, netting the 6th grade year-end party fund \$277.

b. Movie Night

Knabe is exploring options by which the PTA would host a free family movie night.

VI. President's Report

a. Thanks

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

- Kristine Jefferson – Prepackaged school supplies (EPI)
- Lois Hale – Membership
- Pam Watson - Directory
- Melissa Macri – Fall Dance
- Lori Talley – Reflections
- Nancy Render – Moe's

b. Centewood Plaza – Holiday Promotion

A flyer announcing a drawing offered by local merchants will arrive home in the Wednesday folder.

c. Box Tops for Education Check

Box Tops coordinator Liz Malloy has provided the PTA with a heads up that in December we can expect a check from the program for \$900.

d. Literacy Night

Haubach is exploring options with Pam Watson regarding the PTA hosting a new special reading event that the whole family can participate in.

e. C3 Cyber Club – After School Computer Classes

C3 Cyber is a vendor who offers after school classes in computer programming for kids – especially in game development. Eagle View is one school that has used C3 Cyber. Haubach plans to explore C3 Cyber feasibility at Cub Run.

f. Teachers Wish List

After discussion with Coakley regarding the Cub Run teacher's wish list, and as the board wishes to make a donation to the wish list during the school year (instead of waiting for a final donation at year's end), the board proposed to make a donation to support the purchase of 4 new Senteo systems. The donation will consist of \$5900 in direct PTA funds, and \$900 as coordinated with Pam Dutrow and Liz Malloy from the Box Top funds.

VII. Principal's Report

- Thanks to the PTA from Mrs. Mason for the recent luncheon.
- Reminder: There will be a 2-hour dismissal on Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving. A reminder will be sent home via a Keep In Touch email.

VIII. Old Business

a. Volunteers Needed

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.

IX. New Business

a. Vote on Senteo Proposal

A motion was made for approval of the proposal for the PTA donation for the acquisition of new Senteos; the motion passed unanimously. With this addition, Cub Run will have 8 Senteo systems.

b. Impending Cancellation of the Spring Fling

If no chair is established for the Spring Fling by the January 2012 general meeting, the Spring Fling will be cancelled.

X. Upcoming Events (firm dates)

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Minutes submitted by Jim Bolton

Date of approval: January 10, 2012