

## Canon-McMillan School District Parent Council

### Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2011

The final meeting of the 2010/2011 Parent Council was called to order at 9:41am on Friday, 05/20/11 at Cecil Intermediate School by Jan Lawrence – Parent Council President. She thanked Amy Smith – Parent Council Vice President, and Maureen Corwin – Parent Council Secretary. Note the change in location from North Strabane Intermediate School to Cecil Intermediate due to Field Day schedule. There were 27 people in attendance.

Mr. Chambers (Cecil Intermediate) introduced 10 children and teachers who were participating in Colonial Days. They spoke of the activities and information about colonial times. Eight student greeters were introduced.

Mr. Chambers (Cecil Intermediate School) –

- Received grant for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the April 2011 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed by Marie Trossman and seconded by Karen Fowler.

#### **Reports:**

Dr. Helen McCracken (Superintendent) - Not in attendance

School Board Representative – Not in attendance

Mrs. Grace Lani (Director of Curriculum and Instruction) –

- No report

#### **School Reports:**

Mrs. Tomicek (South Central) –

- Grant received for Science Olympics.
- Portfolio Days and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Band and Choral concerts taking place.

Mrs. Brose (Muse and Hills-Hendersonville Elementaries) -

- VIP Breakfast , Band and Chorus concerts, Fitness Day and Portfolio Days all taking place.
- At Muse, *101 Dalmations* musical was attended.

Mr. Schrag (Canonsburg Middle School) –

- Parent Meeting for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents, tours for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and Band Concert are taking place.
- Concert and Symphonic Band returned from Six Flags in Maryland.
- On May 25<sup>th</sup>, the Schools to Watch celebration will take place.
- On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in Move Up Day.
- On June 1<sup>st</sup>, The Annual Art Show will take place.

- Programs at Canonsburg Police Department include: Vacation home check, Office Phil and School Bus program, fingerprint program for Day Care, DARE, bicycle safety, Watchful Sheppard and child care seat safety check.
- EMA Department declares disasters. Mayor Rhome has had to declare two in his 17 months as Mayor.
- As the Assistant Fire Chief he reminded all that smoke detectors save lives. All residents should practice exit drills in home to pre plan for fire escape.
- Drug Safety – In April, Canonsburg held a National Drug Take Back campaign for collecting old prescription drugs. Approximately 50 pounds were collected and safely discarded.
- Question regarding how residents are made aware of all the programs that are available. Answer – Mayor Rhome is working to list them in the newsletter.
- Comment – Thanking Mayor Rhome for allowing the Girl Scouts to use the fire house bay for distributing their cookies.
- Comment from Mrs. Tomicek – thanking him for working with South Central making them aware of a police action in the neighborhood of her school.
- Question regarding loitering issues at the High School track. Answer - Continuing to be a collaborative effort with school and police.

**Old Business – None**

**PTA News - None**

### **New Business**

- Vote for the 2011/2012 fundraising dates. Option 1 Friday, 09/09/11 – Friday, 09/23/11 was selected. Motion to approve Option 1 by Sue Harouse and seconded by Jennifer Rush. Monies raised should not exceed \$62 per child + \$5 for field trip + \$3 for bus transportation for a total of \$70 per child.
- Question regarding can the Parent Groups opt NOT to fundraise for Field Trips. Answer – Yes
- Question regarding can the Field Trips be ‘Pay to go’? Answer – There is always a ripple effect. How do we take care of the children that either cannot afford for do not choose to attend the field trip? The Parent groups have to look at different options and be creative. Example: virtual field trips, community parks. Remember fundraising funds are permitted to be carried over from last year.
- Election of new officers for 2011-2012. Shianne Kampf (President), Cathy Kohlmeyer (Vice President) and Laura Lapaglia (Secretary)

Adjournment – Amy Smith motioned meeting adjourned at 11:16am and Maureen Corwin second it

Minutes submitted by: Maureen Corwin – Parent Council Secretary