

Cameron Park Elementary School
PTGO General Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2010
6:30 PM

In attendance: Karen Coulombe, Stephanie Clark, Kristi Geib, Amy Hughes, Chris Loch, Ann Burton, Lin Kerns, Beth Anello, Wandra Whitford, Barbara Aug, Dr. Terry Rogers, Tom Carr, Debbie Werden, Alisa Burgess, Kelly Keadey, Meredith Smith, Kathy Staddler, Chris Roman, Joe Shinnick, Will Owens, Nancy Hartogensis, Lisa Welch, Tammy Baker, Mary Burns, Cindy King, Laura Casey, Heather Walker, Aimee Buck, Beverly Garcia, Jane Dease, Carolyn Phillips, Christie Barker-Cummings.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 P.M.

A. Meeting Commencement

1. Roll Call of PTGO Executive Board
2. Adopt or Amend Agenda – agenda adopted as written.
3. Approve or Amend Minutes, November 12, 2009 – approved as written.

B. Public Comments –

1. Ms. Whitford commented on the lack of Hillsborough businesses included in the fundraiser coupon book recently sent home and requested that the PTGO consider this when choosing this type of fundraiser in the future. Debbie Werden explained that although the majority of coupons are for Triangle businesses located outside our small town, the company guarantees a minimum profit to Cameron Park. Families can also return books if they choose not to participate.

C. Treasurer's Report – Kristi Geib (see attached budget for details)

1. Income highlights: (a) Fall Fundraiser profits totaled \$19,935 (breakdown of direct donations, catalog sales, online profits, etc. are shown on attached budget) compared with projected profits of \$15,000. (b) The Box Tops program (funds allocated to Technology line item) has brought in \$800 to date as compared to a projected income of \$204.
2. Expense highlights: The entire balance of Cyberkids has been paid out. The funds for this program have come from the Discretionary line (discretionary spending is currently \$2400 over that projected for the year). If external sponsors have been identified to help offset this expense, please let Kristi know.
3. Kristi also requested that members notify her when deposits to the PTGO account have been made and provide her with deposit slips so that she may allocate the funds to the appropriate budget line items.

D. Cameron Park (CP) Updates - Dr. Rogers

1. Staffing: (a) Ms. Geise (5th grade) has accepted a teaching position at a school in Cary and is replaced by Ms. Austin. (b) Bobbi Clifton (5th grade) has replaced Ms. Rieves who returned to Guilford County to teach. (c) Ms. Curran (2nd grade) has replaced Ms. Hall who is Cameron Park's new Assistant Principal.
2. The AIG informational meeting was well attended and well received. The second meeting will be held on February 22nd, and will focus on differentiation and nurturing.
3. On the first day back after the winter holiday break one of the new A/C units froze, burst, and flooded Mr. Westbrook's office. It also damaged the 4 hand held units for the sound system and some other components totaling \$1252 – the damage claim has been submitted to the insurance company.
5. The school defibrillator has been purchased by the county and should soon be

delivered soon.

6. Hillsborough Youth Athletic Association (HYAA), a non-profit baseball organization, provided a spring league scholarship for one student. The social worker selected the child to receive the scholarship, and the family and CP staff were very appreciative.

E. Old Business

1. **Prior motion to lower budget for printing newsletters:** Karen Coulombe requested that this motion be postponed until after the next newsletter printing in order to better gauge actual printing costs (there has been only one newsletter printed to date this school year).
2. **Safety Improvements and Emergency Preparedness Planning:** Kathy Staddler asked for an update on the safety improvements planned for CP (such as increased lighting in the parking lots). Dr. Rogers replied that the emergency preparedness program is ongoing and staff will attend upcoming training, but she will inquire with Superintendent Rhodes for a more comprehensive update and report back at a future meeting.

F. New Business

1. **Spring Auction Budget/Update – Amy Hughes.** The auction will be held from 5-8 PM on Saturday, March 6 at New Horizon Church. The church is providing the space at no cost, but we will have to pay \$60 for one of their members to be in the building during the event. Amy requested funds for a working budget to cover up-front costs such as the \$60 mentioned above, and possibly for food, beverages, a DJ, etc. The committee will pre-sell tickets this year, which may cover all up-front costs, but a working budget would be helpful in case it's needed. A motion was made for a \$300 working budget. Motion was seconded and approved. The \$300 will come out of discretionary funds. A parent inquired about who is tracking solicitations for gift certificates for class themed baskets, and Amy indicated that teachers or parents are to notify her, and that she keeping a list of all companies that have been solicited. Amy also clarified that teachers are welcome to assemble the gift baskets, but that it is not required. In addition, a traditional basket is not required (e.g., a cooler could serve as the basket for the beach-themed class collection). Finally, the auction will be open to the public and will be advertised in several places including the newspaper.
2. **Other – Kathy Staddler** inquired about any updates to general improvements to facilities. Dr. Rogers reported that wireless internet is being installed in all schools. Another parent asked what the Ipod Touches will be used for, and Dr. Rogers indicated that they'll be used for tutoring, and also for classroom instructional use – they essentially operate as mini computers. Kathy Staddler also asked about subcommittee updates, such as whether Mr. Westbrook will be holding Hot Shots this year? Dr. Rogers reported that he will not, but will be doing a family fitness or gym night instead.

G. Adjournment – 7:10

**Next meeting: February 11, 2010
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