Meeting Minutes for November 1st, 2011:

Notations: PD=Peggy DeCrispino, Principal

Motion to accept the minutes from the Oct 2011 meeting by President. Second offered and minutes approved.

**Treasurer Report:**

* We are doing ok. We made $3800 on fall fundraiser. A little under what we budgeted. We have a little over $5000 in bank and some big ticket items coming up. We just paid for our part of the homework folders.

**Admin. Report by Peggy DeCrispino:**

* The first marking period ends Thurs. Nov 3rd. Schools are closed this Friday Nov 4th for students. This Sunday is daylight savings. Am Ed week is coming Nov 14th. Kindergarten is available all week to visit. Try to visit in the AM but you can visit afternoon if needed. That Friday is the Grandparents breakfast. We expect over 500 grandparents. The BCPS Parent Mobile will be here, as well as photographers avail after breakfast.
* Schools are closed again Monday 11/21 for conferences.
* Possible Kangaroo Kids assembly on the Wed before Thanksgiving. Still awaiting confirmation for the group.
* Tues Nov 29th picture make up date.
* DI: 5 competitive teams and 1 Rising Star team. DI has already started doing some fundraising.
* Barnes & Noble night: Nov 30th.

**Question from Parent:** There was no information on website, from school, in email re: the Parade. Why was it not publically advertised and what led to the separation of the PTA and school newsletters b/c I find it confusing.

The teachers knew about it. Some teachers communicated it; others did not.

RE: The School and PTA’s email newsletters: Information was sent out specific to the school and specific to the PTA. It was an effort to get all of the info together at one time. It was very cumbersome to get it all together. Mr. Torrington asked the PTA to do their own newsletter last year.

Parent feedback. Some like it some don’t.

**Question from Parent:** Do we have a defibrillator? Yes. In the front hall. In BCPS there is one in every school.

**Teachers Report by Beth Allen:**

* Over 40 students have joined Student Council. Thursdays from 4-4:45pm.
* Candy drive has started until Thursday. Please send in extra candy.
* DI has started as well.
* Free tutoring is available through Towson Interns if you child attends Open Door in the AM.

**Presidents Report:**

* Oct fundraising – we are discussing for next year. We have some ideas to change things for next year re: fundraisers. We are doing ok, but need to make some changes for next year.
* OT Athletics is coming to a close for the fall. Kids have loved it. We will run it in Jan with jump rope for 2nd-5th graders. A spring session of another sport will also run.
* Dec 16th is the holiday movie night.
* Boo Grams are normally sold by 5th grade parents as a fundraiser. It was missed. It was going to be passed on to Ms. Allen to mention to 5th grade teachers. The teachers or parents did not bring it up. PD: “We did ask Tina Stout to touch base with the 5th grade teachers b/c it did not happen.” Parents will need to know if they will have to pay more for the 5th grade picnic. Boo Gram money is not PTA money. It is a fundraiser towards the 5th grade picnic. The $ the PTA donates towards the 5th grade is usually towards the t-shirts. PD: “The Audit office came down on the teachers for having money left in their accounts, so I’m guessing this is why.”
* We will be sending papers home (even though we are a green school) sometimes this is necessary. The form will also be avail. Via Constant Contact.

*Committees:*

**Fundraisers:**

**Welcoming:**

**Grandparents Breakfast:** Barbara Clark showed the form. This is not a breakfast for parents. Grandparents & students only. Please send something in please. Fruit salad is the most needed, but baked goods are needed too. If you have grandparents coming – please donate a food item(s). We need donations the day before. There is some fridge space avail. We need help the night before and the day of with volunteers. Discussion to encourage grandparents to join PTA. Suggestion to have a raffle of grandparents who join who get to sit at a special table if their name is chosen.

**Spirit Wear:**

**Box Tops:** Collections will be this week for Sept/Oct. Competition is by class. Baggies of 50 would be great if possible! Neatly trimmed. ;-)

**Food Nights:** Chick-fil-A night will send a check directly to the school. They did not report how much we made. Next food night will be in early December.

**Cultural/School Assemblies:** One program is set for May. It’s an Opera Ed program on May 7th. 930 (grades 3-5) and 1015 (grades K-2). Blue Sky Puppet Theater is another option, and several others Kate is working on. We work with a $1000 budget, PTA sponsored for in school assemblies.

**KIDS Club:**

**Green School:** We are going to try to schedule a meeting to get people involved in certain groups.

**Beautification:** We are still planting. Ms. DeCrispino organized a large donation of mulch which was a huge savings. We need to get kids involved with the mulch and planting. Mr. Huff tilled for 5 hours.

**Yearbook:**

**Playground:** It’s a really fun process to work with the county! We can only work with certain approved companies. We worked with Game Time (approved company) and have 2 toss and scores (one higher and one lower) and a buck-a-bout. We will do Gobble Grams and the Turkey Trot to fundraise for the above items. The Trot will be mc’d by Transformations and there will be lots of donated prizes. It’s free to attend. Donations are optional but MOST appreciated. There is no registration fee to participate. It will be on Monday 11/21 – the day of conferences.

**Staff Appreciation:**

**Membership:**

**Directory:** Is in my truck.

**Book Fair/Book Night:**

**Beach Night:** I would love to have more volunteers. I need cooks, and a few extra volunteers. Friday Jan. 20th.

**Variety Show:**

**Math Night:**

**Movie Night:** Dec 16th is the holiday movie night. Be sure to email the teachers of any movie decision so they don’t show it in the class. It has to be G rated. We will no longer use the big screen (it’ll save us $600).

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Thank you for the survey re: school lunches. Lisa Costa is taking the results to discuss with Food and Nutrition. 137 parents completed the survey.