

CALEB GREENWOOD K-8
PTSO Executive Board Meeting
October 7, 2008

- A. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS** - PTSO President, Stephanie Riley
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 9/16 MEETING** - PTSO Secretary, Lisa Menzmer
Motion made by Karen Halbo; Second Laura Murphy **(APPROVED)**
- C. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET** - PTSO Treasurer (complete report attached)
Total projected income: \$57,600.00
Motion made by Karen Halbo; Second Laura Murphy **(APPROVED)**
- D. AUDITOR'S REPORT** - PTSO Auditor, Laurie Loft
After her review, it was found that the Caleb Greenwood PTSO financial records were sound.
Motion made by Karen Halbo; Second Jessica Edwards **(APPROVED)**
- E. REPORTS**

PRINCIPAL - Sue Carey reported for Christine Hanifen

- Two new teachers have been selected to both the Kindergarten/1st grade split and the 5th grade class. Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) Human Resources Department should approve these hires within the next week at which time Caleb Greenwood will welcome two new teachers. BIG THANKS to Emily Olmsted and Steve Plescia for teaching these two classes in the interim.
- Christine Hanifen has been thrilled with behaviors on campus these first few weeks of school. Keep up the excellent job.
- Caleb Greenwood will receive a benchmark scanner which will aid in scoring benchmark assessments. Christine Hanifen and Sharon Garner will be trained in how to use this new equipment.
- The computer program Zangle will be in use at Caleb Greenwood within the upcoming months. Zangle is an application that allows users to access various aspects of student information, bringing a school's data to your fingertips with ease whether over the Internet or your district's intranet. Teachers and Faculty Members can: View online student profiles; enter classroom news; submit attendance data; input grade-book data & student class marks; share news and grade-book data with parents & students; track student special education and health information.
- In light of the recent acts of vandalism on the Caleb Greenwood campus, a safety committee will meet monthly to discuss ways of combating the problem. Christine Hanifen has been documenting all acts of vandalism to provide local police with the information they need to process our occurrences. Committee dates and details will appear in the Cougar Chronicle. All are welcome to attend these meetings.

- Cost of security cameras, installation, and monitoring service will be discussed at an up-coming community meeting 10/15. The River Park Neighborhood Association will host a round table discussion to talk about ways in which the River Park community can assist and support Caleb Greenwood in the months ahead.

FALL FESTIVAL - Erin Field

Those involved in the Fall Festival planning are extremely positive about the changes being made to make this year's festival a sure success. October 24, 2008 (Friday) is the date of this year's Fall Festival (5p.m.-8p.m. ~ more information to be sent home in students' green folders). The Fall Festival will be geared towards all grades/ages with the newly revamped booths of previous years mixed in with some returns (Haunted House) and new additions (fortune telling, pie throwing, nachos, cotton-candy, snow-cones, and air-brush tattoos). Chick-fil-A will vend their food and Brandon Tyler will play live music throughout the event. Pre-sale of Chick-Fil-A food (chicken sandwich, salad, or chicken nuggets) and event-access bracelets will take place in the week(s) leading up to the event.

SALLY FOSTER - Karen Halbo

The Sally Foster envelopes have gone home. Friday October 10th was the cut-off date for student sales (with the 19th being the official Sally Foster deadline for everything to be turned in). Volunteers are needed to assist with the "rip-n-strip" process of opening up all the student sale envelopes and entering the data on the computer. Volunteers are in HUGE demand as this is a cumbersome undertaking if just a few are involved. Laura Murphy and Stephanie Riley said that they would be happy to forward a list of volunteers (generated from the "Volunteer" form that went home in green folders a few weeks back) to Karen Halbo to increase the manpower of this fundraiser.

HOLIDAY FUN RUN - Lisa Menzmer

The Flapjack 5k and Short Stack Kids' Run is slated for December 13th just prior to the holiday pancake breakfast. A committee of 15 individuals have signed on to support this run in the planning stages ~ the course has been routed, the permit process is underway, some amazing art has been turned in as potential graphics for the run t-shirts, and volunteers continue to solicit the community for donations. The upcoming weeks will bring a final shirt design, banners, advertising, written articles in a number of local publications, registration options, and day-of coordination. Those interested in helping out with this sure-to-be fabulous event are encouraged to contact Lisa Menzmer at menzmers@yahoo.com. No experience necessary. ☺

HOLIDAY BASKETS - Eric Storm

Eric presented an overview of the Holiday Baskets and provided a Holiday Basket Timeline (attached). 28 family names have been submitted to receive a holiday basket. Eric will place calls in the next couple of weeks to touch base with families and to determine eligibility. A giving tree that lists families' needs (toys, clothes, food donations and holiday dinners) will be placed in the office November 5th with item drop-offs taking place between November 24th - December 5th. Baskets will be delivered December 10 - 17th.

TEACHERS - Rosanne Cherry

First grade teachers reported an amazing turn-out at Back-to-School Night. Unit 2 in Open Court is on animals and all three classes are busy reading non-fiction books about real animals. All 3 first grade classes are hoping to plan a field trip to the Fire Station in observance of Fire Safety Month. **Mrs. Cherry's** class is doing an in-depth bat unit that connects Open Court language arts with their Life Science curriculum. Their new learning in math is to memorize their "doubles facts" through a fun song, "Doubles Rap." **Ms.**

Kitowski's class is learning about spiders this month. They are also working on their Character Education unit, "Second Step" in which students learn ways to calm down through breathing asking questions when trying to problem solve. **Mr. Myers** first field trip is planned to Apple Hill on October 8, 2008. On October 22, 2008, Mr. Myers class will attend the River City Theatre Company's (RCTC) production of Annie at Hiram Johnson High School. Feel free to visit the Room 7 website: www.geocities.com/caleb8401

Music this month ~ Kindergarteners are working on steady beat, rhythm stick activities, "What Falls in the Fall?", and Halloween songs; 1st graders are working on steady beat, ostinatos: repeating patterns in music, "Leaves are Falling" with bourdon on metallaphone, rhythm stick activities, and Halloween songs; 2nd graders are learning "Watch the Stars" with sign language, bourdon accompaniment, resonator bells, rhythm stick activities, and Halloween songs; 3rd graders are working on Melodic Contour, lines and spaces of the treble clef, rhythm stick activities, and Halloween songs; 4th graders are reviewing 5 finger pattern, C major on pianos, C chord, "I'm Not Gonna Let that Ruin My Day," and Halloween songs; 5th graders are focusing on finger pattern in C major, C-F-G chords in the bass clef, "Think Positive," Treble Clef line and spaces timed testing; 6th graders are working on 5 finger pattern in C major, C-F-G chords in bass clef, "West Side Story," Leonard Bernstein biography, journal writing continues throughout the year, review lines and spaces of treble clef; 7th and 8th piano elective students are preparing for their finals the last week of the month ~ composition, performance and analysis of performances. Morning Sing ~ "Wheels on a Big Rig," "The World is a Rainbow," "Flip Flapjacks," "This is Halloween," "So Glad I'm Here," and "I Got You." The Winter Concerts will take place on Wednesdays in December @ 6:30p.m. (in the Caleb Greenwood cafeteria) in the following arrangement: December 3rd ~ Kindergarten; December 10th ~ 1st & 2nd; December 17th ~ 3rd, 4th, & 5th

Mr. Spalding placed a request for a portable sound system and storage unit/space for PE equipment. Once this request is submitted in more formal detail, it will be revisited by the PTSO as well as the School Site Council. Ms. Southern has requested some assistance with the end-of-the-year celebration for all students who have perfect attendance all year. She is looking for some volunteers to help with the actual party as well as monetary support to help fund the celebration. There was also a request to reinstate the practice of giving students something tangible to accompany the weekly certificates that are given during Friday Sing.

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION - Stephanie Riley reported for Lynette Nordstrom
Campus Beautification meeting October 5, 2008 in library @ 6:00p.m. preceding the next
PTSO meeting @ 7:00p.m.

STUDENTS - Leah Horner & Madison Olmsted, Student Leadership Officers

It was noted that the Middle School roller skating trip on Thursday 9/25 was a BIG hit; Sports Day (dress like an athlete) on 9/26 was very popular with the student body; the next spirit day will take place on Halloween ~ "Scary Hair Day;" the "Full Moon Freak-out" Dance on 10/30 ~ tickets now on sale; and October 20th is the 6th-8th grade Field Day at CSUS. It was announced that the Cougar Café (located by the Middle School lockers) serves noodles to 7th & 8th graders M, W, F; to 5th graders as a trial on Wednesday 10/8 and to 6th graders on 10/10. The plan to up-grade the picnic area outside of the Middle School lockers (currently being called the Outdoor Edu-Center) and the Lowe's grant application is tabled until spring. The Middle School grant writers are looking for a landscape architect to come give them a quote on what something of this nature would cost (supply costs as well as labor) to construct.

F. NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

- The library will soon be open for business. Once student names are bar-coded into the system under their 2008-2009 teacher(s), the library will be open once again. ☺

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08p.m. The next PTSO Executive Board meeting will be held Wednesday, November 5th in the school library.

Recorded/submitted by:

Lisa Menzmer, PTSO Secretary