

CGS PTO Meeting – June 10th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Members present: Maria Arner, Denise Wallace, Tracy Ramos, Jennifer Grigsby, Michael Hart, Lynda Francis, Marisha Lecea, Mary Becelia, Evette Russett, Theresa Aberg

Secretary's report: **Maria Arner** – Tracy Ramos made a motion to accept the May 13th, 2019 minutes with two corrections under Kudos & Good News. Lynda Francis seconded the motion and they were **unanimously approved**.

Treasurer's report: **Denise Wallace**

- Income to date: \$26,330.31
- Expenses to date: \$23,992.70
- Net for year to date: +\$2,337.61
- Need to change the Proposed 2019-2020 Insurance budget line to \$500 (was voted on last month).
- Model UN doesn't need the money (from Teacher Grants) so that money won't be deducted from this year's expenses.
- We have 233 memberships to date

Director's report: **Jennifer Grigsby**

- **CGS Application Process**
 - All incoming student lists have been finalized.
 - Every freshmen class is completely full, with the exception of Colonial Forge.
 - King George – 25 total (20 KG and 5 Caroline; Site capped at 25)
 - Riverbend – 30
 - Spotsylvania – 32
 - Stafford – 30
 - North Stafford – 30
 - Colonial Forge – 27
 - There are a handful of sophomores and juniors coming into the program at various sites.
- **Exits**
 - The deadline to exit for the 2019-2020 school year has passed (June 1st).
 - Exits are permitted at the end of the 1st nine weeks, end of the 1st semester, and the end of the year (prior to June 1st).
 - Exits are limited to those three times of the year due to teacher schedules and class sizes already being set.
 - All exits must go through the CGS office before counselors may change schedules.
- **New Field Experience for AP Biology;** approval has been received from all counties.
 - Chincoteague Bay Field Station
 - Overnight trip
 - Intertidal studies, wetland ecology, dune ecology, maritime forest, sustainable wetland ecology, marine invertebrates, fish biology, coastal botany, ornithology, organism dissection, nocturnal adaptations hike, life history of arthropods, teambuilding

- **New Teachers**
 - New CGS Teachers
 - Ms. Ashley Davis – King George – AP Environmental Science & AP Biology
 - Mr. Craig Giles – King George – Mathematics
 - Mrs. Jenn McLaughlin – Spotsylvania – English
 - Mr. Mark Ulanowicz – Spotsylvania – AP Environmental Science
 - Ms. Amie Goldfarb – North Stafford – AP Environmental Science & AP Biology
 - Mr. Kerlin Doss – North Stafford – AP Physics 1
 - CGS Teacher Transfers
 - Mrs. Faith Calleson – Stafford – AP Biology
 - Mr. Paul Dugas – Colonial Forge – DE Chemistry & AP Physics 1
 - Ms. Julia Pittman – North Stafford – continuing with CGS math courses, but also adding CGS DE Chemistry
- **Teacher Work Weeks**
 - June 19th-21st
 - July 29th-August 3rd
- **Upcoming Events**
 - **New Student Orientation** – Monday, August 5th, 2019 at Stafford HS – Information will be emailed and mailed after June work week.

Old Business:

- **Senior Recognition**
 - The Color Guard was blocking the slide show (was on the stage too long).
 - The location of the reception was too far from the ceremony.
 - Scholarship Winners
 - Ava Purcell (Riverbend) - \$1,000; received a thank-you note from her.
 - Abigail Wallace (Stafford) - \$500
 - Wendy Poe (Colonial Forge) - \$250
- **Family Picnic**
 - Everything went very well.
 - Mike Hart and Mrs. Grigsby were very helpful.
 - We are losing our grill master and his family.
 - Next year double up on amount of charcoal.
 - There were many left over desserts. Unopened packaged ones were donated to the homeless shelter.
 - Next year
 - Can reserve the pavilion in January.
 - Suggest moving time to 5:00-8:00PM (easier for commuters to get there).
 - Maybe only have ¼ of the alphabet bring deserts (put on Sign Up Genius); everyone else brings sides to share.

New Business:

- **2019-2020 Event Dates**
 - Hope to have a good list of dates (as many as possible) by the end of August.
- **Misc.**
 - All sites have the same summer assignments that have been approved by Mrs. Grigsby.
 - Suggest that teachers promote events (Fall Social, Snow Ball) more.
 - The incoming President and Treasurer need to meet with Denise Wallace at the bank for turnover.

Committee and/or VP Reports:

- **North Stafford Teacher Appreciation:** Rachel Dunlap and Nicole Niles have agreed to co-chair.
- **Stafford Teacher Appreciation:** Mrs. Grigsby will send an email requesting a Chairperson.

Kudos & Good News:

- We received a thank you note from Michele Cuba for the gift card and flowers.
- Good news is that Stafford County is almost finished with school for the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07.

Next PTO meeting – August 12th, 2019 at 7 p.m. - Central Rappahannock Library – Headquarters/ Downtown Branch

Prepared by:

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