

October C.A.P.E. Meeting
Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Attendees: Janet Zegarelli, Mark Simpson, Jeff Kidder, Sharon Wagner, All Cathedral Center Teachers, Mrs. Lane, Jill Belmonte, Teraza Kuolarop, Barbara Weibel, Tessie Staaf, Tim Brown, Martin McCormick, Jill McCormick, Vicki Wiesner, Kate and Norb Klebanski, Sharon Prenovitz, Anne Hardner, Nancy Bird, Michele Kretzing, Angela Fatica, Kelly Titus, Mr. and Mrs. Perschka, Alexis Bailey-Garcia, Christine Pardini, Maureen Wegley, Katy Tullio, Pamela McCormick, Joe Kloecker, and Fr. Mark.

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Welcome and Prayer:

Janet Zegarelli welcomed everyone and recited an opening prayer.

Mrs. Lane introduced the speakers for the evening: Confidence Coaching, L.L.C. provided a presentation on the self esteem program they are implementing at C.C. Ms. Cynthia Gannon and Ms. Valerie Krahe explained the exercises and activities they completed with each grade level recently at the Warner Theatre. They also explained various factors of self esteem and provided hand outs for each grade level.

Officer Reports:

Janet Zegarelli asked for approval of last month's meeting minutes. A motion was given by Kelly Titus and a second by Mrs. Lane.

Sharon Wagner requested that everyone sign the attendance sheet as the "Jeans Day" program is being implemented this year. Everyone in attendance will receive jeans day passes for their children to use during the school year. Mrs. Lane reviewed the rules, which include receiving permission from their teacher prior to wearing jeans.

Mark Simpson reviewed the budget and requested a motion to approve. Barb Weibel motioned and Jeff Kidder gave a second motion. Approval was granted.

Principal's report:

Mrs. Lane introduced all the teachers to the group. Mrs. Lane also indicated we currently have 327 students enrolled, including 12 new families. She reviewed the Middle States Re-Accreditation Process: C.C. has three goals to reach by 2111: 1- enrollment increase 2-writing proficiency on the Spring Writing Assessment and 3 – technology upgrade (electronic portfolios upon graduation for all students). The Accreditation team will be visiting C.C. in December for four days.

Committee Reports:

Ice cream Social: Janet Zegarelli read a report by Anne Rahner stated that a flyer was sent home which included the necessary information about the event. The flyer was read to the group. Anne Rahner also requested that the school stop buying Styrofoam for future events and focus on plastic products when necessary.

Athletics:

Bill Henry was not in attendance but information was provided by Katy Tullio. There is a strong need for parent volunteer representatives at all sporting events. The Boosters committee is busy working on some upcoming fundraisers for athletics which include a spring 80's dance, sale of C.C. water bottles, and a parent/teacher/priest basketball game. The C.C. tent/bake sale at the cross country meets also was mentioned as a great marketing tool for the school.

Christmas Event:

Nancy Bird announced that details are forming regarding the December 4th event. The time is tentatively set for 6pm-8pm and more details will materialize after the ice cream social.

Dukes Store:

Tessie Staaf announced there will be a table at the Ice Cream Social. She is still checking on pricing regarding a C.C. sticker for the outside of vehicles. Mrs. Lane stated that the office will donate a Dukes Store basket to the Chinese Auction at the Ice Cream Social.

CAPE Directory:

Bark Kelly completed the directory and it was distributed.

School Supplies:

Sharon Prenovitz reported that 100 students participated in this year's program. She also indicated that anyone who is not happy about a product should call her. As for next year, Sharon indicated that the deadline will be later in the summer and order forms will be posted on line.

Katy Tullio requested that school supply lists be updated so parents do not buy unnecessary items each year. Sharon also asked the teachers to provide feedback so she may "fine tune" the lists for next year.

Literature Enrichment:

Janet Zegarelli reported that several books have been ordered for various classes. Requests for additional novels will be granted as long as the funds are available, mainly dependent on the collection of outstanding CAPE dues.

Lego League:

Tim Brown stated that our two teams will be competing on November 10 and at a state competition on December 1.

Web Site:

Kelly Titus reported that she has received a great deal of positive feedback regarding the web site. She requested that coaches, activities coordinators, etc. utilize the web site for announcements, scores, etc. She will post any information that is necessary or helpful. Mrs. Lane reported that our web site was recognized at the recent Diocesan Advancement Council meeting as an effective and very useful website.

Advancement Council Report:

Janet Zegarelli reviewed the workshops and Nancy Bird provided an overview. Everyone is encouraged to attend to attain excellent information regarding the future of our

school. Please inform Mrs. Lane if you are interested in attending an upcoming workshop. Janet Zegarelli reported that a Fall Open House (as suggested at the workshops) is being considered as it has proven to be a great marketing tool. More details will come from Mrs. Lane and the Marketing Committee.

Technology:

Kathy Roach posted an update on the web site. Dave Winn, Rob Raimondi, Kathy and Eugene Kurtic hard wired the computer lab and a White Board is being installed shortly. An in-service is being planned for the teachers and the over-budgeted expenses are being paid by an anonymous donor from the parish. Please refer to the website for a complete overview of recent developments.

CASS:

Angela Fatica indicated that the program has stalled this year. Mrs. Lane responded by indicating that the Self-Esteem program is taking the place of CASS this year to give the students a “break” from the same information. Next year, CASS will be re-introduced on some level. Angela indicated the CASS folders were to be distributed to all students but lack of funding halted that project.

New Business:

Janet Zegarelli requested that a committee be formed to review and update the CAPE bylaws to better determine CAPE’s actual purpose. They have not been reviewed since 1999.

Mrs. Lane also requested a committee be formed to look into the possibility of adding a skort option to the uniform. Sharon Prenovitz and Angela Fatica offered to assist.

Sharon Wagner announced the need for a cheerleading coach this year and requested that anyone who may be interested or know of someone to please let her or Bill Henry know ASAP.

The playground upgrade proposal was tabled at this time.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Wagner