PTP Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2018

**Director’s report** *(Mona Leigh Guha)* It’s been a great start to the semester. More researchers and observers in the CYC (even external ones). Reenrollment for the next school year is in process. Scholarships information is available on the CYC admission page. This must be applied for annually.

The Family Reads books will be sent out in an email.

**Committee/Events**:

**GREEN Committee** *(Ms. Vera Wiest, CYC In-house Sub & Web Developer, Priya Varadan, Chair)* Please be sure to recognize things that are compostable! Trash Free Tuesdays are doing very well! At the last Trash Free Tuesday, there was so little trash that they couldn’t even weigh it – there were only two pieces of trash for the whole CYC! This promotes good nutrition and good stewardship of our planet – keep up the good work!

There will be an electronic recycling event on Friday, March 9th. Anything with a cord or a board is eligible. Will have boxes available in the CYC lobby where you can drop off items. Ms. Wiest sent out an email on March 1st that you can refer to for additional information.

**BUDGET report by PTP Treasurer** *(Amanda Pike-McCruden)* The PTP has a balance of $6,797.65. Funds expended include $128 for the International Picnic, and $87 for the Families Read program. Funds brought in include $218.68 in cash from the Book Fair; $118 from Family Night Out at Potomac Pizza, $114 from Family Night Out at Jason’s Deli. $59 from the Wee Sale, $190.85 from the Yard Sale, and $40 donation in ‘found’ coins from cleaning out a closet!

We also had $2800 in sales for the Book Fair which means either $650 in cash or $1300 in Scholastic products. The PTP is talking to Ms. Daniel to decide which may be a better option for the school and its programs/classrooms.

Please participate in the CYC Silent Auction as it is the single largest fundraiser for the CYC. Also the next Wee Sale is on April 19-22nd!

**Teachers Luncheon** *(Deb Patra, Chair)* – The Spring Teacher’s Appreciation Luncheon will happen on Friday, May 4th. We are still in need of volunteers for this event. An email will be forthcoming.

**Family Night Out** *(Blessing Enekwe, Chair)* – We will have two upcoming events at The Board and Brew in March – one during Spring Break on March 20th and one on March 28th! Come out and support the CYC – we will receive a portion of items sold all day long, even take out! You will need either a flyer that will be available at the front desk or you can tell them that you are there to support the CYC.

**Silent Auction** *(Margaret Bereano & Meghan Simpson, Co-Chairs)* – This is the PTP’s biggest fundraising event and will take place on Saturday, April 21st at Fishnet, a fun little restaurant in Berwyn Heights that serves locally caught, raised or grown food. There is a “sea” theme (you know, the C-Y-C!) Please donate items as you will receive service points for each item. Area businesses have given things and each classroom will be contributing something as well. Will be sending out reminders to donate and/or volunteer (more service points!). Donations are due by March 2nd, but there will probably be opportunity to get things in even after that date!
There may be an online system for doing the bidding. Several systems are being considered, we will keep you up to date on the final decision. Most of them rely on smartphones so we are trying to ensure we have other ways for people to bid for those that may not have access to a smartphone. More information will be forthcoming!

**CLASSROOM/COMMITTEE Updates:**

**Red Room** (*Craig and Becca Kier, Rep*) – The vehicle study has been completed. Now studying the “Human Body”. Interested in the heart, blood and veins. Focusing on eye/hair/skin descriptions. Talking about physical attributes which leads to talks about differences and tolerance.

**Orange Room** (*Claire Worshilt, Rep*) – Wrapped up the apple study and made recipe books. Now doing a mini-study on the 3 Little Pigs – ways to tell and dissect a story. Will be doing a new study on plants – roots and names of the parts of plants.

**Yellow Room** (*Megi Renjilian, Rep*) – Spent time on the KnuffleBunny and other books. Celebrated Chinese New Year with animals and made dumplings. A new study is coming up and the kids are now looking at clues to what it may be!

**Green Room** (*Trisha Lay, Rep*) – Wrapped up the Kitchen Tools study – made latkes with Mrs. Wiest and learned about kitchen tools like “Angry Mama” and culminated with a Stone Soup celebration. The tool theme is being continued – learning about the physics of tools and how tools have changed from ancient to modern times. In January, lost the class guinea pig, Despereaux. With the flu, focusing on handwashing and health. Concentrating now on art tools - experimenting with clay and sand. Taking a field trip to the Art and Learning Studio.

**Blue Room** (*Alison Minoque, Rep*) – Finished the photography study. Now studying sports, tying in to the Olympics. Celebrated the 100th day of school in January. Started Guided Reading where the children select their own books and are now learning simple addition.

**Purple Room** (*Kristy Murray, Rep*) – Studying cars. Did a survey of the class on who had cars – learned counting and quantities. Did photos of children and their family cars. Discussed parts of the car and labeled and diagrammed then – now looking at parts and exploring their functions. Making letters using cars on roads shaped like letters. Deciding on their first car field trip. If you have expertise in cars, please let them know!

**Additional Notes:** Please check your children’s mailboxes for a letter from the Communications Office of the College of Education – March 7th is Giving Day and the CYC has a fund you can give to!

Next PTP Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 9th – see you there!