PTP Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2019

PTP Officers:

President – Blessing Enkwe
Vice President – Jacqueline Kautzer
Secretary – Patricia Woodwell
Treasurer – Hilary Sazama

WELCOME address by PTP President – We have several new groups and initiatives that we will be sharing/discussing. Two reminders from Chairs that could not be here:

- Family Night Out (Stacy Siegel, Chair): The next FNO will be at Potomac Pizza on March 27th! Potomac Pizza has been a great addition to our list of FNO restaurants. Please come out and support the CYC/PTP!
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (Amanda Pike-McCradden, Chair): The Spring Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be held on May 3rd. Informational emails will be forthcoming later in the semester.

PTP Board of Directors (Ed Kenny, Chair) – The CYC PTP is a non-profit organization and as such, there are several requirements. To comply with the PTP’s 501(c) non-profit status, a board had to be established with 3 main responsibilities:

1. Fiduciary responsibility of being a non-profit, including filing and overseeing stewardship of funds.
2. Meet twice a year.
3. Oversee the nomination/elections process for new PTP Officers.

This year, we were able to get our status as a non-profit in line and all filings are up to date! Please consider being a part of the PTP Board of Directors – a CYC wide email will be forthcoming about how you can participate.

Director Address (Mona Leigh Guha, Director) – Invited Rachael Day, Donor Relations and Annual Giving Coordinator in the College of Education to come and talk about Giving Day which is on March 6th. Giving Day is a 24 hour fundraising event for all members of the University of Maryland community. The College of Education has committed to raising CYC scholarships to one of their top 4 available funds to which you can donate on Giving Day! The “Friends of CYC Endowment” is for scholarships to fund tuition for attendees of the CYC. There are matching funds (22k!) that will be available for things such as first time alumni donor matching, recent grad (2014 to present) gift matching, etc. Watch for an email that will provide further information about Giving Day!

Treasurer Update (Hilary Sazama, Treasurer) – The CYC PTP is in good standing as a non-profit with the state of Maryland and our 2018 tax filings are done! Our Amazon Smile account is active and we have made $17 so far (in only one month). Please sign up to have the CYC PTP as your charitable organization so we can all benefit – Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases!

- Wee Sale (Trisha Lay, alum) – The Wee Sale is a consignment sale for children where 5% of the proceeds can come back to the PTP. The Wee Sale is from March 28 – 31, 2019 at the Prince George’s Sports and Learning Complex in Hyattsville, MD. You will need the flyer to attribute your purchases to the PTP - flyers for the Wee Sale will be put in your children’s cubbies, at the front desk, and will be attached to an email about the event.

Elections and What’s Next? (PTP Community):

- The PTP Officer positions will be up for election. Below are the four positions with a brief description:
  - President – The president helps build a sense of community among CYC families, teachers, staff and children and encourages parental involvement; facilitates PTP meetings/activities; elicits feedback; works with CYC administrators/staff; listens to parent concerns and brings them to attention; and, most importantly, keeps CYC families informed.
Vice President – The Vice President supports the President in building a strong CYC community; serves as the Fundraising Coordinator (coordinates T-shirt fundraiser) and works with the Major Fundraising team; assumes specific projects/responsibilities as designated by the President and substitutes for the President when necessary.

Secretary – The Secretary takes and distributes minutes of the PTP meetings; posts notices and reminders of meetings/events; oversees setup and breakdown of the PTP meetings; maintains the PTP bulletin board in the vestibule; works with the PTP Officers to promote PTP initiatives.

Treasurer – The Treasurer maintains and balances PTP financial records; coordinates the money-side of fundraising events (providing cash, payments, deposits, etc.); works with PTP Board of Directors to ensure fiscal responsibility, payment of taxes, etc.

The PTP Officers have created a Google Drive to store various documents for future officers to provide consistency and knowledge. Next year, all positions except Vice President will be up for nomination/election.

PTP Community Discussion of what you’d like the PTP to do in the next year or next five years. Community was broken up into four groups who discussed among themselves and then shared their ideas.

GROUP A:
- Play dates among classroom or regionally
- Reach out to alumni and get information about resources after the CYC
- Toy Swap or Stuff Swap (like the Wee Sale but just among the CYC Community)
- Organize a Sports Day or something similar
- Merchandise with the CYC Logo

GROUP B:
- Playdates, especially on CYC days off
- Mentoring for new parents to “learn the ropes”
- Local chapter by zip code, organizing Saturday play dates, etc.
- Restaurant nights out at specific times so that kids can be there at the same time
- CYC PTP sponsored ‘lateness’ insurance (i.e. pay ahead at a half-rate up to a certain amount/number of times, if don’t use it/lose it)

GROUP C:
- Ways to support the PTP – how can we do this, what things would help?
- As the PTP is a non-profit, are there grants we can apply for? While the PTP is not a school, grants are available for events that foster community, etc. Parents who have grant writing experience?
- Social activities beyond the International Picnic (like a Sports Day, Carnival, Festival, etc.)
- Play dates on “off” days which could include a Families Afternoon Out opportunity, similar to Families Night Out, but as lunch instead of dinner for additional fundraising

GROUP D:
- Dinners at restaurants – the challenge is the style of restaurant that may/may not be inclusive for kids, but something different might be nice
- Photographs of kids for purchase (as they engage in activities or portraits in a natural setting)
- Addressing challenges of participation in PTP – perhaps a PTP presence during the gradual entry days to elicit people to participate, or a welcome picnic for new parents which could serve as a resource down the line
- Having some kind of CYC PTP kid-friendly service-based activity

These are great ideas! Encourage our community to take the helm and volunteer to be an officer and leave the PTP better than you found it! An email will be coming in the next few weeks about these ideas and with information about the PTP officer elections which will take place in May.
Major Fundraising:

**T-Shirt Fundraiser** *(Jackie Kautzer, Vice President)* - T-shirt fundraiser is live! It will last three weeks – February 27, 2019 – March 20, 2019 at 11:59pm. Purchases may be made directly online – any size, any color! The PTP will purchase a T-shirt for each of the teachers and have some extras to sell at a later time.

**CYC T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER!!**

**February 27 – March 20!**

$16/EA plus tax

*Choose from 6 colors to match each classroom*

*Available in both youth and adult sizes (YXS – XXXXL)*

*Order online at https://ter.ps/CYTee*

*Shirts will be available for pick-up during the week of April 8th.*

Please support the Center for Young Children Parent Teacher Partnership!

**Major Fundraising Team** *(Meghan Simpson, Margaret Bereano, Erin Hogan, Team Chairs)* – The Silent Auction is coming! May 10-17, 2019. We are still looking for auction donations but have some great stuff – rooms at The Hotel and Cambria Suites, birthday parties, sports suites, etc. In an effort to go green, the auction is online this year – here is a [link to the catalog](#) – new items are being added regularly! Invite your friends, family, and alumni to take a look and bid on an item when the auction opens on the 10th!

On May 18th from 4-7pm, there will be a family-friendly event at Art Works Now in Hyattsville. Come and celebrate the CYC community and bid on additional auction items, participate in creative fun, and enjoy food and drink! Tickets will go on sale in May.

**GREEN Committee** *(Ms. Vera Wiest, CYC In-house Sub & Web Developer)* – After working hard to obtain one, the CYC has a compost bin! Ms. Wiest has kindly donated a lovely bento box and bag as a prize to encourage us all to be greener! Several other events of note:

- There is an E-waste event happening soon – you can bring in anything with a cord. Look for signs that will be made by some of our children and for emails with further information.
- The week of April 8th is save fuel week! Walk to places where you might normally drive – and let us know where/what you took instead of a car! If we have enough participants and changes, we may have a smoothie party to celebrate!
• The Denton Community is having its “GreenFest” and the theme is “Get Active!” We participate as part of renewing our MD Green School requirements. Come out and celebrate with us! It will be on April 18th from 4-7pm.
• Maryland Day is April 27th! We will be showcasing the green activities of the CYC and Mr. M will perform! Bring your kids out to see what the University is doing and has to offer!
• Trash-free Tuesdays! We’ve been doing great. We will continue to weigh our trash and will create a new chart poster in the front lobby area. Ideas have been given about possibly having a meatless/meat-free Tuesday as well. The CYC Community seemed very receptive!

FAMILIES READ program (Ms. Anne Daniel, CYC Asst. Director & Becca Rapoport, Chair) - The CYC Families Reads program starts up for the Spring on March 4th! There will be six books:

- **Who Was That?** - Olivier Tallec
- **Animalphabet** – Julia Donaldson and illustrator Sharon King-Chai
- **Joint Books:**
  - **Moon** – A Peek-Through Picture Book – Britta Teckentrup and A Big Mooncake for Little Star – Grace Lin
  - **A Parade of Elephants** – Kevin Henkes
  - **Harold Loves His Wooly Hat** – Vern Kousky

Anne will be out with hip replacement surgery for 6-8 weeks. The children can read the books, have their cards punched and talk with their teachers about the books while Anne is out. She is hoping to catch up on some reading herself and we wish her a speedy recovery until she returns in mid-April!

Lending Library books will be available. Please remember that it is one book per family and to return them quickly so that others can enjoy the books too!

Book Fair (Lisa Hathaway, Chair) – The Scholastic Book Fair went very well! Thank you to all those who participated and purchased items both for the classrooms and for themselves! We made over $3000 in proceeds – not yet sure of the CYC’s profits, but will share the information when it becomes available.

CLASSROOM/COMMITTEE Updates:

**Red Room** (Rita Choula, Rep) – Just want to give a shout out to our wonderful teachers /staff for all the different schedules they have had to deal with and with our children and the weather! The Red Room concluded it’s HOME STUDY with a culmination that was a representation of a home they built with recycled materials incorporating what they learned of in their own homes. They also did a small ‘aside’ study of tools. They shared stories represented by drawings. They will be deciding their next study and the choices are currently Planting, Bugs, or Musical Instruments.

**Orange Room** (Susan Miller, Rep) – With all the snowstorms, the Orange Room learned about snow/ice, melting, etc., at the sensory table. Froze birdseed in ice cubes to feed the birds and have really enjoyed feeding/observing birds at the feeders. Their current study is on SHOES! They all brought shoes from home (so many different kinds!) and did observational drawings. Learned how shoes are made. Going to StrideRite for a field trip where there will be measurements to take, learn about the different parts of the shoes and their names, etc. The children have also been working on rhyming, letter recognition, etc. and a parent came in to talk about Chinese New Year.

**Yellow Room** (Caitlin Marshall, Rep) – The Yellow Room is studying DOGS! There have been many dog visitors to the Yellow Room. Currently learning about service/working dogs who provide access to people with disabilities. Celebrated Black History month, Chinese New Year, and the culmination of their BABY study ended with a real birth!

**Green Room** (Bryon Bereano, Rep) - The Green Room ended their song study with a guinea pig song video. They also made a temporary stage in dramatic play for performances. They had many weather challenges activities such as listing items and having the children create stories from those items - the teachers creativity in coming up
with things to do when the weather was bad was outstanding! Currently doing a RESTAURANTS study. Went to the Bagel Place on a field trip as customers. They had a discussion of restaurants and favorite foods, etc. May get to tour a restaurant later – everyone is excited to see what will be happening!

**Blue Room** *(Stacey Carlson, Rep)* – The Blue Room did a Playground study culmination where each child created a blueprint of a playground and created the playground from recycled materials. All the playgrounds were showcased for the other classrooms and parents in the Great Room. The current study is on RESTAURANTS! They talked about what kind of restaurants there are (sit-down, fast food, etc.) and will work on deciding exactly what they want to know about restaurants. The Blue Room celebrated the 100th Day of School! Each child brought in collections of 100 items and shared them, had a snack of 100 items, made masks and celebrated with 100 themed activities. The Blue Room made a maze for Oreo, their guinea pig, to try and the experiment failed. They used the scientific method to create a new maze for Oreo and will be trying it soon. They are working on vowels, adding and subtracting and learning about Gus the Plus and Linus the Minus.

**Purple Room** *(Patricia Bory & Michelle Garvin, Reps)* – Doing a MAIL study! Learning about mail and deliveries. This evolved from dramatic play where they would give letters/ notes to each other. They also put in an order for puzzles and when it was delivered, thought it was worms (as had come in their previous study!) On Valentine’s Day, they created mailboxes and notes for each other and ‘delivered’ the cards. They sent mail to each other “for real” and took a field trip to the Post Office where they brought money and bought a stamp to put on their letter and mailed it. Talked about who to send letters to, etc.

If you have any ideas you’d like to share or would like to assist or participate in the PTP, please contact any of the PTP officers or email cyc-ptp@umd.edu.

**Next PTP Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 1st – hope to see you there! This will also be the meeting where elections for the CYC PTP Officer positions will be held. Participate! Volunteer! Vote!**