

MINUTES

Present: Sia Campbell, Presv. Roula Drossos, Joanne Makrakos, Reni Georgallidis, Tasso Georgallidis, Paul Makrakos, Soula Tsamis, Kleo Kolovos, Nick Variatzas, Sam Karamoutzos, Jim Koudounis, John Tryphonopoulos, Father Elias, Sophocles Katsademas, Dina Sakellis, Sandy Ballas, Steve Eleftheroglou, Georgia Kollias

Opening Prayer

Principal's Report

- Show you what we are working with apart from the books.
- The books from Crete come with CD's.
- At present we have the CD's for the books that we are using in grades 2 and 3. We will be hopefully getting the other books shortly.
- The CD's match what the books have.

President's Report

- We have 191 students enrolled.
- The bank account has \$19,720.
- For our first fundraiser, the oranges/grapefruits, the forms have gone out and will be collected on November 27, with distribution on December 11.
- Κάλαντα, will happen again, on December 19. We are organizing a group of parents to go out and be available for transportation that day.
- Letter's dance will take place on January 29. Pat Groumpos will be organizing the dance and anyone that would like to volunteer would be welcome to.

New Business

- *Alternate meeting times.*
 - o Suggestion: we are always 10-15 parents during these meetings. Maybe if we held them during the evening and the teachers were also able to attend. Let's not just look at the convenience of being here on a Saturday. Let's try another time and see how many we can get out.
 - o Maybe we can do a survey and find an alternate time.
 - o Arrange with Steve to cover for the teachers during these meetings.
 - o Maybe come earlier or later on a Saturday.

Motion: I move that the Education Committee draft a form/survey to send to parents to see if an alternate date can be selected for a parental meeting.

Moved by Joanne Makrakos, seconded by Sam Karamoutzos.

Carried.

- *Communicating with the education committee*
 - o All members are available on the internet but how many are able to get information.
 - o Distribute contact numbers to parents maybe on the back of the annual calendar.
- *Parent meeting*
 - o 2 weeks prior to the meeting send a letter to the home listing topics and if one can't make it send in your comments.
 - o Maybe have a meeting and be able to bring kids along and they can do a movie while parents have a meeting
 - o Maybe have an activity centre for the kids
 - o Older kids maybe can watch the smaller kids.
 - o Ultimate goal is to increase attendance at these meetings.

- It would be good for parents that are also teachers to be able to attend.
- Minutes of these meetings should be distributed.
 - A print copy goes out to all the parents.
 - A copy is made available on the internet.
- *Appropriate protocol*
 - It would be good to have an appropriate protocol made available to parents about how to deal with student problems.
 - Address the teacher
 - Next level is the principal
 - How to deal with the next level
 - Everyone should be on the same wavelength with a letter from the principal.
- *Teacher Professional Development Day*
 - Held while registrations were taking place on September 11.
 - Addressed the issue of multi-level learning. Students are at different levels in the same grade level and also each of them learns in a different way.
 - Teachers were appreciative of the information.
- *Κάλαντα (Carols)*
 - The school will be going out to sing the κάλαντα to those that request.
 - The city will be split up for different groups.
 - Looking into liability forms etc. for the trip.
- *Fundraising*
 - It was suggested that at the beginning of a year the list of fundraising ideas be formally presented and families be given the option of participating or making a direct donation without having to fundraise (even though they could if they did want to later).
 - We should look at fundraising ideas that are different than those presented at our regular schools, maybe Greek magazines or Greek Christmas cards.
 - Scheduled for this year is the Letters Day Dance. Tickets can be sold in advance and the students perform their dances. This is probably the only family event left that is organized by a part of the community.
 - Hoping to do the Dance-a-thon for Απόκριες, as we have done the last couple of years. This has proven to be the best fundraiser to date.
 - Other ideas:
 - Raffle tickets. These would probably require a license to be legal.
 - Bingos
 - London Knights night. Will look into box seats as well.
 - Another dance around the national holidays. Mar 25 or Oct 28. Reni Georgallidis will look into what the community is doing.
 - Do something around the OPA Festival (scheduled for Sept. 2005). Maybe have something for sale during that time with the proceeds going to the school. Ideas about working with the OPA Festival should be communicated to Mr. Kerhoulas.
 - Something around the Alexander the Great movie coming out.
 - A separate fundraising committee should be established.
- *Alternative activity for Halloween*
 - It would be nice if there was an alternative available so that kids don't go out as ghosts etc. The Community will be organizing Harvest Fest activities next year, especially for the younger kids.

Motion: I move that the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by Dina Sakellis, seconded by Reni Georgallidis.

Carried.