



**January General Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

Attendees:

MaryJane Garibay	Steven Gimbelman	Lena Nicholson
Crystal Kaplan	Danielle Gibson	Amy Dimes
Courtney McCormick	Stephanie Collura	Marci Klein
Nancy Morin	Kristie Tierney	Erica Reynolds

The meeting was called to order at 9:40.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Administration Reports

Dr. MaryJane Garibay – I'm excited to introduce our new Curriculum Director, Erica Reynolds. She comes to us with a lot of experience. She is presently Co-Chair of Monmouth County Curriculum Consortium. She comes to us from Shrewsbury, which is a smaller district. In Shrewsbury, her roles consisted of Assistant Principal and Curriculum Director. Erica is excited to work with the Colts Neck School District.

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation with the closures. The custodians and maintenance people were here working hard on Thursday. Here's some insight for how the process works. I speak with all the superintendents of the Freehold Regional High School District, Mr. Lou Bader (head of Department of Public Works), the police department, and the bus depot. I take into account that there is staff traveling. On Saturday, I made a call to close the schools for public use because the facilities manager said they were not prepared to have all the traffic from basketball in the parking lots.

Everything else is business as usual. We are transitioning with our curriculum and Erica is picking up where Melissa left off.

Thank you for all the mini-grants that came our way. We look forward to a really fun spring!

I'm looking forward to having more and more conversations about our large-scale capital projects. Within the next few months, we will be having conversations with the community about the great improvements that we are planning for our school.

Hopefully, there will be no lice this year. Remember that communication is the most important thing. And, it's important to keep your kids home if they're sick.

As you know, this school year, we moved fall conferences up to October (from November). I'd love your feedback. The hope was for conferences to provide goal setting for the students.

See below for feedback:

- *I liked having conferences early to find out where the kids are and to set goals for the year.
- *I found earlier conferences a little bit harder, being I have a kindergartener. My daughter was still adjusting to the school environment (still learning routines and procedures). Is it possible to have different conference times depending on the child's grade level? I also found it difficult that there are no report cards in the beginning of kindergarten; however, there were report cards in Pre-K. I did reach out to my child's teacher and was able to find out my daughter's progress.
- *I have older students in the district and I liked the earlier conferences. I liked having the one on one time early (versus back to school night) to form the relationship with the teacher and to be able to see where the kids are early in the year. I think this gives parents a heads up before the report card distribution. And I like having access to the Genesis Parent Portal on a daily basis. It is extremely helpful for keeping parents informed.
- *I have not given my children the login to access the portal because then they could see each other's grades. Is there a way to have different logins for each student? (Mary Jane said no).

PARC schedules are out. In February, at the Board of Education meetings, there will be 2 PARCC presentations. This will be an opportunity for more students to receive honors.

A question arose on whether the graduation requirement for PARCC will be changed. Right now the answer is no, but with a new governor change is inevitable. That being said, since PARCC has been a requirement, there has been a big investment with Pearson. PARCC is not a bad tool. It is better than the NJ ASK and is in response to what's mandated by the federal government.

2. Executive Board Reports

a) Patricia Pecoraro / Danielle Gibson– Co-Presidents

- *Welcome Crystal Kaplan New Board Member – She accepted the position and is now working with Amy in Fundraising and Sponsorship.
- *Spring Gala – Save the date, Wednesday, April 18th
- *Wizards – Save the date, March 15th. We are looking for sponsorships and volunteers. Please contact Patricia if you are interested in volunteering. Also, we are coming up with a contest to choose the name for our team. Tickets will be on sale soon.

b) Courtney McCormick - Vice President

Minigrant for Approval - Kim Norman Author Visit (\$1500) at the Primary School. All of the primary school will be included in this visit, and possibly 3rd graders as well.

c) Amy Dimes/Crystal Kaplan - Fundraising / Sponsorship

d) Stephanie Collura- Communications Director

e) Student Activities Director –

*Frosty's Recap - It was December 2. Thank you to Steve Gimbelman and Stephanie Lukowitz for chairing this event. This was one of the most attended years. We had 28 craft vendors and 45 kid craft vendors.

*8th Grade Breakfast Recap – It was December 22 – Thank you to Ellen Schauer and Lisa Geissler for chairing the breakfast. The children enjoyed bagels, muffins, and hot chocolate.

f) Kristie Tierney – Assistant Treasurer

Box Tops - February 21 is the second box tops submission. Each box top is worth 10 cents. One class in each school will win an end of the year ice cream party.

g) Nancy Morin – Treasurer

School Store – February 7-8. Thank you Steve for chairing the event and thank you to all our volunteers – Jen Albano, Nicole Alfano, Jenny Barreiro, Kristin Bartolomeo, Tara Brown, Audra Carletta, Heather Esposito, Debra Fortunato, Jessica Horowitz, Susan Maugeri, Sunny Rudko, Jen Sciacca, Sharon Tappen, and Angela Thompson. It was so great that this year you put the same price items on the same table. It made it much easier for the kids to know the prices of the items. Steve asked about using some items left over from Cedar School Store at the next Elementary School Store. Yes, as long as they are age-appropriate.

h) Marci Klein – Secretary

*Book Swap - Book donations are being accepted February 1-16 in the main lobby of CRPS and the main office of CRES. The Book Swap will take place February 20-23 at the elementary school and on February 23 at the primary school. There is no charge for the books that the children receive during the swap. Every student and teacher will be able to select books to bring home. The number of books that each person will be able to select will depend on the number of books donated. **The more we get, the more we can give out.** Any leftover books will be donated to the Bridge of Books Foundation.

*Approve November Meeting Minutes (will carry over to the next meeting due to lack of attendance)

*Approve Kim Norman Author Visit Mini-grant in the amount of \$1,500 (will send out an email for approval)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20.