



**Carder PTA
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2011**

Topic	Discussion
Welcome and Introductions: Candice Hill	The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM with 12 members in attendance.
Minutes: Kim Newton	The minutes from the February 2011 meeting were reviewed and submitted.
Reports	
Treasurer's Report: Marybeth Greene	A copy of the report has been submitted for audit. Account Balances as of 2/08/11 follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Savings: \$16,802.05• Checking: \$0.00
Principal's Report: Dan Davis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed with faculty the emergency response teams plans for dealing with a number of different scenarios. The school emergency response team has been renamed to SEMT, in order to comply with the National Guidelines. The SEMT will now use the same language as all Emergency Responders.• NY State ELA testing of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will be expanded in depth and will take place during May 3rd - 6th. Each grades' tests will take place over a 3 day period, (3rd and 4th grade test May 3-5, and 5th grade May 4th -6th).• NY State Math testing of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will take place during May 11th - 13th. Each grades' tests will take place over a 2 day period.• Parent Conferences begin March 10th. Parents are encouraged to take this opportunity to discuss their child's academic growth, not their potential placement for the next academic year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget process is underway, with no news at this point.
<p>PTA Council: Candice Hill for Kim Cates and Bonnie Mason</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Ginalski was not available. • Council reps were asked to bring to next meeting what their school is doing to address bullying. Note: Carder's Character Education Program addresses this issue. • Corning Teachers' Association is looking for a parent volunteer to sit on the District Leadership Team. If interested please contact Candice or one of our reps. • Cafeteria monitors topic of discussion at council. Feedback at Carder from parents and staff has been positive, are seeing progress and generally happy with how things are going. Only area of difficulty (in large part due to logistics) is communication between lunch and recess monitors and classroom teachers. • Council compiling a list of local businesses that participate in fundraising events. Please send Kim Cates (kcates@stny.rr.com) any information on fundraising opportunities in our area. Council is considering a fundraising fair, or at least a list of resources available to local PTAs. • CMOG Art Show is May 6-11. The district reflections chair, Cathy Clark, is asking if anyone is available to help set up. Please contact Kim, or Candice. Note: Denise Robinson graciously offered to assist Cathy. • Stephanie Manning gave council an overview of the "TIES" (Together Including Every Student) program. This is a peer mentoring program. It promotes the participation of children/ young adults ages 8-21, with developmental disabilities in extra curricular and community activities. Volunteers, students in 8th - 12th grades are trained to provide peer support to the

	<p>participants. Please contact Stephanie at smanning@cppmail.com for further information.</p>
<p>Committee Review/Reports</p>	
<p>Teacher Rep. Ellen O'Hare</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to; April Christman, 3rd grade teacher, Lori Friend, Phys. Ed., and Amanda Breck, Instrumental Music teacher. We appreciate your time and input.
<p>Teacher Lunch: Candice Hill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A staff lunch buffet will be provided courtesy of the PTA, on March 10, in the staff room. We encourage all staff; teachers, support staff, building and administrative staff to enjoy the meal. • Thank you to Candice Hill, Marybeth Greene, Janet Cleary, Kim Cates and Kim Newton for organizing, set up and clean up.
<p>Basket Raffle: Marybeth Greene</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraiser for PTA. • Tickets will be sold and distributed at all PTA events between now and April. Individuals that attend PTA meetings will receive a free ticket. • Tickets can be purchased for \$1 each, 6 for \$ 5, and 12 for \$10. Winners will be drawn at the Spring Fling event. • To date \$103 in ticket sales (from Bingo night)
<p>Food Drive: Candice for Janet Cleary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be held March 7 - 11, 2011. • Daily Announcements will include a reminder to students. • Flyers have been sent home. • The food bank will receive and additional \$1 / donated item.
<p>Yearbook: Mary Ann Tozer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 429 books ordered to date, of which 59 have been donated. Thank you to everyone for their generosity. The goal is to have every 5th grade student have a year book. • Are contracted for 455 books, and will go ahead and place order to that number. Any extra will be sold, through the office, once they arrive. • Final layout is almost complete.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Ann would be willing to co-chair the yearbook next year, if someone is willing to take on the business side of the project. One person being responsible for both the compilation of the book and the accounting is too much. 	
<p>Box Tops for Education: Jane Trice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final collection for the year has been completed. We surpassed the goal of \$1,750.00! Carder collected \$1,780.30 in box tops! From Box Tops on line bonus earnings, an additional \$27 was realized. The profit after shipping fees and classroom prizes is estimated to be \$1,639.08. Thank you Jane Trice for having clipped and sorted over 17, 803 box top coupons! 	
<p>Kindergarten Orientation: Kim Newton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten registration is March 15 -17, 2011. A request for volunteers to man the welcome / registration table was circulated. Note that Wednesday March 16 is a half day. Parent meeting is April 26, 2011. Will need 3 or 4 volunteers to give a tour to parents. Four week program will be offered on Tuesdays during the month of May (May 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st). There will be a morning and afternoon session. 	<p>Motion: To increase the Kindergarten Orientation budget line by \$100, in order to include the purchase of snacks, postage, and materials for the program.</p> <p>Moved: Kim Newton</p> <p>Second: Ellen O'Hare</p> <p>Passed: Unanimous</p>
<p>Spring Fling: Therese Arliguie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 15, 2011 Planning on looking at and assessing what games there are upstairs. Need to have someone to take charge of the concession items in the cafeteria. Planning on 	

	<p>having pizza, cotton candy (hire the machine and someone to make it), water and lemonade (in big coolers)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flyers will be distributed soon, asking for volunteers and confirming anyone who previously said they would help. • Volunteers needed! • Meeting with both Candice Hill and Ann Campbell regarding what is needed for April 16th. Report back at April meeting.
New Business	
None brought forward.	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm. Following the meeting, Ms. Friend provided an overview of the new P.E. for Life Program.</p>

Dates to Remember

Spring Recess	April 1 - 10, 2011
PTA meeting	April 12, 2011
Spring Fling	April 15, 2011
Report cards issued	April 21, 2010
Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)	April 22, 2011
Kindergarten Orientation Parents' meeting	April 26, 2011 6:30pm
District art show CMOG	May 6-11, 2011
Kindergarten Orientation	May 10, 17, 24, 31
NYS ELA testing	May 3-6, 2011
NYS Math testing	May 11-13, 2011
PTA meeting	May 10, 2011
Staff Conference Days (NO SCHOOL)	May 16 and 23, 2011
Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)	May 30, 2011
Carder concert	June 7, 2011
PTA meeting	June 14, 2011

