

# ***Cedar Island Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda***

***Thursday, October 6, 2016***

***6:30 pm***

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## **Welcome & Introductions**

Brandy Gerth

Attendance: 9 parents, 5 staff including Principal Wald, Barb Lindsay & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Knutson & Mrs. Stavrum.

## **Reports**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Sara Hanzlik / Kari Jansen

Not a lot to report from last meeting. So far pledges collected for fun run are \$114,50, but expect more to come in. Boards for Turkey Bingo purchased.

### **Principal's Report**

Dan Wald

October is a quiet month since we don't have conferences in Oct. The soccer field is almost back to normal after the fun run. The city wasn't happy that they were trampled, but the grass is growing back. Beautiful weather for the school BBQ. Thank you all for the chalk drawings for Kindness in Chalk. Great to walk into school with the character building messages. Monday, Oct 11 is a staff workshop day. Teachers signed up for various topics to enhance their learning in the morning. The afternoon will be spent on staff development and the school improvement plan.

### **Volunteer Update**

Barb Lindsay

Barb updated the nametags for this year's volunteers, those who've turned in applications this year. 2 emails went out today to request parent volunteers to help with picture day, Tues/Wed Oct 11/12 and for vision/hearing screening, Thurs. Oct 27, for 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Please help, any amount of time is of benefit. We'll be looking for help for Turkey Bingo in

### **Teacher's Report**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teachers

K= Johnny Appleseed day a ton of fun, lots of parent helpers. Jansen family donated the apples for each kindergartner. Sloppy fun time at the fun run. Getting positive feedback from parents & staff from every grade level.

1<sup>st</sup>= PACER puppet program about kids with disabilities a big hit. Thank you to PTO.

2 = gearing up for trip to Mill City Museum, Nov 3

3 = not a lot of new things, life as usual

4/5 = iPad deployment. Kids very enthusiastic about them. Practicing/demonstrating responsibility and learning with the iPad. 5<sup>th</sup> grade musical on 11/1.

Kidstop = Oct 17 is National Lights On celebration.

Each grade level administering the ERA reading assessment.

## **Old Business**

### **Boosterthon Fun Run**

Barb Lindsay

Thought we'd take a hit on it going into it because marketing wasn't as over the top as last year (based on feedback from parents last year), and there was less time to get pledges. This year we were able to customize the program. \$2000 signing fee is taken up front so we end up netting \$17000 (this is not a final number). Last year we made \$21000. Each class/grade level would get an update everyday on pledges earned. Class saw a short character building video each day. Unfortunately, the star video feature wasn't working this year so we get a credit next

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year. Parent feedback – kids less enthusiastic about it this year because there were less prizes. Some kids didn't enjoy the running, though it was cold and windy. Team names were fun!

## **Kindness in Chalk**

Brandy Gerth / Kim Landstad

MN mom blogger started this program. Kim and Lisa headed the effort. Several families came on Sunday night, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, to write encouraging messages and pictures in chalk. WCCO brought cameras to highlight the event, and Brandy Gerth was interviewed. Successful event! PTO webpage has photo and video footage of the event. One parent brought a drone to take video footage of additional messages and pictures kids drew at school on Monday. This will be posted as well. Lots of chalk left over; some came from the mom blogger. Will save for next year and for teacher appreciation messages.

## **New Business**

### **Culver's Night: Wednesday 10/12, 5-9PM**

Kim Landstad

Kids can come serve customers as long as they have parental supervision. Cedar Island makes 10% of all sales. May do this again in the spring. Usually make \$500-\$600. Other restaurant nights information will be forthcoming. Goal is to have one once/mo. Barb will set up a voice msg to parents next week as a reminder.

### **Spiritwear**

Brandy Gerth for Dani Margenau

Clothing items with Cedar Island school name and mascot. The order form will go out next Wednesday, and purchases will be available before winter break. They come to school and get sent home with students.

### **Turkey B-I-N-G-O**

Kim Landstad

Friday, Nov 11. Purchased 600 boards. Barb recommends purchasing 200 more. These are flimsy compared to what we had last year. Barb will ask OakView what company they order bingo cards from. Doors will open at 5:30. Bingo starts at 5:45 and lasts until 8:30. Concessions will be provided on-site from the Look Out. Pizza last year, but want something different. There will also be candy, ice cream and popcorn. This will be the same night as OakView Turkey Bingo. Need to find some more tables. Do we want to buy 4 more? That's all the storage room available. Would be about \$25 each. Motioned to buy by Taryn K, seconded by Sara H, and passed.

### **Courtyard Doors**

Barb Lindsay / Brandy Gerth

The courtyard isn't accessible because the doors don't function right. They need to be completely replaced and some electrical work done. Discussed misgivings about doors not being allowed to lock at any time. The estimate is \$15000-\$20000. Years ago Lowe's offered grant money to schools with 501c3 status, which Cedar Island has. Found out they don't do this anymore. One idea is to ask school parent volunteer to serve concessions at a Twins game to fund this. When the doors are fixed, teachers will have the freedom to bring classes outside. However, teachers with classroom windows on the courtyard side have mixed feelings about having students in the courtyard. It may be a distraction to class. In the past it's been used for 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, reading time for the students, and a few other activities. Some teachers have been sprucing up the space.

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**Book Fair (11/15, 11/17, 11/21) + Scholastic Dollars**

Candee Ebeling

Held during parent/teacher conferences. Some scholastic dollars being given away during Turkey Bingo, some given to teachers during the book fair, and the rest goes to Cindy Stoa to buy books for the media center.

**Butter Braids / Conference Catering Updates**

Katie Heule

Amber B and Dawn L volunteered to head up Butter Braids and Beth B heading up conference catering. Thank you!!

**ISD 279 School Board Elections on November 8th**

Brandy Gerth

<https://www.district279.org/school-board-elections>

Encourage parents to take a look at this link if you're interested and want to prepare to vote. Each candidate is elected to position for 4yr. There is an open forum for candidates on Monday, 10/24 at Maple Grove Middle School from 7-8:30pm.

## **Ending Items**

**Last minute additions, comments**

No additions.

**Adjournment:** Mtg adjourned at 7:37pm

**Next PTO Meeting: Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30 pm**

***Thank you for being a part of Cedar Island's PTO!***

<b>2016-2017 PTO Officers</b>
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Lara Gilbert, Secretary
Sara Hanzlik, Treasurer
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