

Cedar Island Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 22, 2016

6:30 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Brandy Gerth

Attendance: 15 parents, 2 staff (Barb L., Dan W.), teachers not here this week but will be present at all subsequent meetings. Thank you notes shared from the 3rd graders that got to go see Diary of a Wimpy Kid play last year.

Fundraising Activities and Volunteer Opps Presentation

All

- **PTO overview:** Who we are, how we support the school and fundraising. Yearly goal is to raise \$40,000
- **Fall fun run:** Kicked off 9/19. Run on 9/26. so far have gotten pledges for 30% of \$15,000 goal. Teachers happy that the fun run staff don't come into the classroom. Parents comments: They'd like the opportunity to pledge once and allow a portion to be applied to multiple children. One week is a very fast turn-around time. Can we get 2 weeks next yr. Inform parents when their children are going to run so they can make arrangements to get off work and cheer for the kids. Almost 20 volunteers have signed up to help out at the fun run. Sara Krueger chair.
- **Restaurant Nights:** Partner with local restaurants to earn a portion of sales for the PTO. Culver's and Solo's Pizza are a couple of restaurants that participate. Goal is to have a restaurant night every other month during the school year. Additional restaurants to pursue Chick-Fil-A and Café Zupas. Kari Jansen/Kim Landstad co-chairs.
- **Turkey Bingo:** Kim Landstad chair. Will be held 11/11 (Veterans Day). A fun night of BINGO in the CI cafeteria and gym. Prizes include turkeys, coupons for pies and more! A flyer will come home later asking for support.
- **Butter Braids:** Katie Heule chair. Starts 11/9. Order forms due 11/28. Delivery 12/20. Frozen pastry sale where PTO receives 40% of sales. Katie would like to pass this off to someone else and would like to partner with someone this year willing to chair this fundraiser next year. Many parents love this fundraiser and look forward to it.
- **Box Tops for Education:** Parents submit Box Tops coupons from participating products. PTO earn 10 cents for each coupon. 2 submission dates during the school year, 11/1/16 and 3/1/17. Parent comments: Send reminders shortly before the November and March submission dates to Katie Heule to post on Facebook and to Barb L for Wednesday envelope.
- **Conference Catering:** Chair: Katie Heule. Provide food for staff during conference days in the fall and spring. Fall conferences 11/15, 11/17 and 11/21. Parents sign up to bring in entrée, side dish, dessert or beverage. Katie also looking for help for this program.
- **Scholastic Book Fairs:** Chair Candee Ebeling. Opportunity for students and families to purchase books. Last school year we raised over \$5000. Run during conference week in fall and spring. Parents sign up to help at the book fair. Teachers make book requests so students can buy one to contribute to the classroom collection.
- **Bobcat Holiday Boutique:** Tianne Phelan, Aimee Fish, Lisa Skov, Dani Margineau co-chairs. Crafts/gifts made available for students to purchase at very low cost for family

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members during the holiday season. Crafts completed by volunteers. An anonymous sponsor donates money for kids who don't bring money in so all kids can participate. This is not a fundraiser. A lot of parent help is needed to help kids shop during the boutique, to stock the boutique and to wrap gifts. Week of December 5th.

- ***Bobcat Bash Carnival:*** Kari Jansen chair. School carnival with games, prizes and family-friendly activities as well as a silent auction. To be held 2/24/17. Many parent volunteers needed to help collect entries for the silent auction and to help with the games the night of the carnival. Teachers help serve food.
- ***Many more activities:*** Pastries for Parents 3/8/17, Ice cream social and BOGO book fair end of school year, School beautification (flowers in planters, courtyard, etc.), Staff appreciation, Classroom parties, School support/volunteer program, Substitute teachers during testing, Field trips and more.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Sara Hanzlik

Total 2015-2016 income was \$41,211.23 while expenses were \$36,789.70. Proposed budget for this year is \$39,295.00. A few expenses have already been logged. Some expenses rolled over from last year since last year's budget closed before they were logged (\$384.44), School magnets (\$354.00) and open house ice cream treats (\$377.46). MG Firefighters relief assn donated \$3,400.00. Some of this donation will be used for the holiday boutique expenses, and some used to help purchase headphones (K- grade 3) and planners (grades 3-5) for all students this year. We will be purchasing our own Bingo cards for Turkey Bingo; borrowed from Oak View last year.

Principal's Report

Dan Wald

Great start to the school year. Kids and staff energized and happy to be back to school. It's a fun first few weeks. Please send any feedback you might have to Dan so we can do things even better. School breakfast program has been getting 80 kids daily. This is the first year CI has this program. Last year saw a need that many children didn't get the opportunity to get breakfast before the school day started. 9/26 the school will host an iPad information session for 4th and 5th grade parents. The parents will learn about digital citizenship and insurance. Cindy Stoa teaches students how to use the iPads. School BBQ is 9/29.

Volunteer Update

Barb Lindsay

Be sure to turn in your volunteer application form so you can volunteer for the various activities during the school year. Remember to fill out the form if you want your contact info included in the school directory. Hope to get this out to families by Thanksgiving. There are always ongoing teacher projects available in the Volunteer room. Feel free to drop in anytime. Young children are welcome in the volunteer room with a parent who comes to volunteer. Art Adventure will happen in January. Parent volunteers are trained to present artwork to kids and learn art appreciation as well as do fun projects.

Teacher's Report – there wasn't a teacher's report at this mtg.

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Old Business

Open House Feedback / Ideas

Brandy Gerth

Parents liked not having to line up and purchase headphones and planners. Made the evening more enjoyable, one less thing for parents to worry about. Perhaps move the school magnets to the PTO information table so they're more visible.

New Business

Kindness in Chalk: An Anti-Bullying Movement

Kim Landstad

<http://www.minnemamaadventures.com/kindness-chalk/>

Local parent raises awareness for anti-bullying through her blog. Dan W. gave ok for CI to participate in one of their activities. A flyer will be going home to provide info. Students will be given chalk to write positive messages for all to see on the sidewalk in front of the school Sunday, 10/2. If you have sidewalk chalk to donate, please send it in to Barb. Question asked if students could have chalk available during recess on 10/3 as well. ESPs will need to bring chalk out for students during their recess.

Ending Items

Last minute additions, comments

Can we make PTO agendas available ahead of time and know which teachers will be coming to the meeting? Yes. It can be posted to the school Facebook page and a School Messenger email can be set up to go out to all parents. Make sure you join the facebook page. Today's presentation will be posted to the PTO webpage.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8pm

Next PTO Meeting: Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 pm

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

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