

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

***Thursday, May 11, 2017***

***6:30 pm***

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## **Welcome & Introductions**

Brandy Gerth

Attendance: 6 parents, 6 staff

## **Old Business - None**

## **Reports**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Sara Hanzlik / Kari Jansen

Income this month from Culvers fundraiser (\$300), Box Tops (\$946 for the year) and Twins Game tix (\$600). Expenses final. Recently purchased games for indoor recess. Still some things coming in for grade level opps. Outstanding: super kids day, staff appreciation (\$300). Total income \$41895, Total expenses \$40146.

### **Principal's Report**

Dan Wald

It's all about the vocabulary parade right now. Watching the weather forecast, hoping for a nice day to parade outside. Parents need to turn in form tomorrow if they want to pick up their kids directly after the parade. Two new teachers in Kindergarten, Marcy Ronnie, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Karen Blix. Following up on ending the Bobcat Boutique...interest from the staff to do more service at the school, make it a part of the culture. Ad hoc committee investigating providing more service opps for the student. Might PTO consider partnering with the students on something. Dan doesn't know what the looks like right now. He has lots of ideas but needs to narrow the list down to the practical. Busy at the end of the year. DARE graduation coming up the Friday before Memorial Day for 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

### **Volunteer Update**

Barb Lindsay

Volunteer appreciation today was a great turn-out, 25 in attendance. Vocabulary parade next Friday will have a little bit of volunteer support. Field trips, 2 still before the end of the year. Fifth grade reception on the last day. Barb shared information about dates next year, PTO events. This would be a good doc to put in folders for incoming Kindergarten parents. A few dates won't be set until after winter break. Can we provide this at Open House next year as well? Barb thinks it's a good idea to send this home with magnets in Wed envelopes. Looking at next year, prepping for K parents...Planning on having a parent meeting that first day of school, reception in the media center ending no later than 10:30am. Asking PTO to provide some refreshments. Session could be repeated at the beginning of the first PTO meeting for those parents who weren't able to stay the first day of school, and for other parents who are interested in knowing more...Cedar Island 101. PTO is funding magnets again. Last year's design is no longer available. Barb asking for a volunteer to create a new design based on what's available. Dawn L. volunteered to do this.

### **Teacher's Report**

1st Grade Teachers

- Kindergarten: Field trip to the Center for Book Arts.

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- 1<sup>st</sup> gr: Classes went to see Frog & Toad at the Childrens Theater; Flashlight finale reading celebration tomorrow.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> gr: MAP testing, 1<sup>st</sup> time for testing this year. Excited for completing their music program. Starting multiplication and fractions in math.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> gr: Field trip to science museum on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Teachers had fun reading all the appreciation messages on sidewalk on Monday, and the bathroom treats very much appreciated.
- 4<sup>th</sup> gr: Hard at work researching state for their State Float and travel brochure to share on 5/25. MCA and MAP testing.
- 5<sup>th</sup> gr: Bowling party to celebrate the end of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. DARE graduation coming. Leave iPads at school on 5/26 along with charger. They'll be returned back to them next year.

## **New Business**

### **2017-2018 Proposed Budget**

Sara Hanzlik / Kari Jansen

Proposed income is \$43000. Proposed expenses match income. Increased fall fundraiser, butter braids, Turkey bingo, restaurant fundraisers, expected income. Direct donations also expected to increase; incl. monies from United Way, corporation charitable giving campaigns, Amazon Smile. Removed Holiday Boutique and Food Perspectives lines from income. Bank account interest was decreased. For expenses the grade level opportunities fund increased to \$5500 to pay for late buses. Increased expenses for subs for teachers during testing, Open House ice cream treats. Scholarship fund, conference childcare and school beautification hasn't been utilized as much this year so was decreased. New line items for student headphones, DARE t-shirts and 5<sup>th</sup> grade end-of-year party. Discussed PTO providing funds for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade planners. PTO is willing, but teachers don't think it's a good use of expenses because the students' use of the planners is inconsistent. One change needed; update the number for 103% at bottom of the spreadsheet. Additional expenses may be required to cater in conference catering if parents don't step up to help next year. Taryn motioned to approve the budget with the discussed changes. Brandy seconded.

### **2017-2018 PTO Officer Positions**

Lara Gilbert

Voted in Lara Gilbert for asst treasurer and Beth Burgraff for secretary starting next school year. Slate of officers approved.

### **Solo's Night – 5/15 @ 4-9pm**

Kim Landstad

Families need to bring the flyer to get credit for Cedar Island.

### **PTO Activities & Volunteer Leadership discussion recap**

Taryn Kuebelbeck

Ten parents got together a couple weeks ago to discuss how to get more volunteers. Recruit more during Kindergarten parent orientation. Changes may be made to the volunteer form to make it easier. Katie will send out a survey to all parents to understand barriers to volunteering and what activities are valued. Ideas to post more to the PTO website on the district page to

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better communicate volunteer opps to parents. PTO mtg minutes have been valuable to promote volunteerism for new parents.

## **Summer Meeting?**

Brandy Gerth

Brandy thinking about mailing invitation to parents of entering Kindergartners. Invitation to all other families and staff will be available on the Facebook page. Goal of the meeting is a casual gathering to get to know other parents. If anyone wants to help, get in touch with Brandy. Location TBD.

## **Ending Items**

Last minute additions, comments - none

Adjournment 7:50pm

## **See You at Open House!**

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

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