

# **Cedar Island Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, December 7, 2017

6:30 PM - Media Center

## **Welcome & Introductions**

Brandy Gerth

Attendance: 5 Staff; 16 Parents

## **Reports**

### Principal's Report

Dan Wald

- Yesterday Channel 12 was at Cedar Island to do a spotlight on the school (doing one for all schools in area). The theme was a "community school". Fifth grade was videotaped; Barb Lindsay and Beth Burggraff were interviewed as well as several classrooms were observed. This will be aired before the holidays.
- There is a new resource manager- Ashley Biorn.
- Staff tradition at Cedar Island is a holiday breakfast- donation for meal, raffle for white elephant gifts. Money raised goes to troubled families.
- Holiday break starts on Friday, December 22. School starts back on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.
- Request: PTO has sponsored local author visits in the past. Request is for \$800 for the day (kids) and \$200 for an evening visit (families). The author is Laura Salas. Motion to fund \$1000 for the author visit – Motion passed. Note to consider adding the local author visit to budget for 2018-2019. Smiling is my favorite.

### Teacher Reports

4th Grade Teachers

- Kindergarten: Building gingerbread houses and decorating with parent supplies. Have tasted them and done several activities around gingerbread houses. Also learning about holidays around world.
- First grade: Learning about character traits- external and internal. In math, working on missing add-ons and subtraction equations.
- Second grade: Story elements in fairy tales. Place value and adding 2 digit numbers. Also learning about family and family traditions.
- 3: Structures of life science unit after break with live animals. Going to Norhrup auditorium on Jan 12 field trip.
- 4: Using iPads more frequently. Starting vocabulary thru flocabulary app. Had a lot of fun with inflatables party- thank you PTO! Starting multi-digit multiplication
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Drafting stages of memoirs. Students appear to be enjoying bridges math curriculum (pilot program).
- 

### Volunteer Update

Barb Lindsay

- Volunteer room is quiet but will gear up after New Year with Art Adventure and Carnival.

- Bobcat council- 5<sup>th</sup> graders apply to be part of this council. They sponsor spirit days and student projects (i.e. pennies for patients). Mr. Wald and Mr. Deuel also are advisors.

#### Treasurer's Report

Lara Gilbert

- Fall fundraiser YTD amount is the final amount; \$2000 less than what was reported previously as includes deposit for next year's fun run.
- Turkey Bingo: YTD amount is final expense except for paying out custodial fees.

### Old Business

#### Turkey Bingo Update + Committee needs

Kim Landstad

- See attached sheet for information.
- Kim has led Turkey Bingo for past 3 years and would like to put a committee together for future years to help out. Clayton Passehl volunteered for the committee to help with turkeys. (thank you!)
- Contact Kim if interested.
- Would like to add food drive to event.
- Need more seats for next year as it was PACKED!
- Ice cream and pizza were big hits. Pizza size was inconsistent was only complaint.

#### Butter Braid Update

Dawn Lanie, Amber Burke

- Continues to exceed expectations- exceeded goal by \$800 and made \$1000 more than last year!
- 440 students; 76 orders- one big seller in first grade! ☺
- First year adding cookie dough in addition to Butter Braids. The cookies were a test program; sales were 80% Butter Braids and 20% cookie dough. Better cookie dough descriptions may have helped sales (descriptions and pictures). Caramel roll description was incorrect as well. Will try to have better descriptions next year.
- Expanded delivery time this year. In past was 4-6pm; this year will be 3:30-7pm. Everything must be picked up on December 19. Will be at front of school.
- Some flavors missing this year to make room for cookie dough; would like to add back other flavors. However, need to keep all on one form.
- Does syrup have sugar?

### New Business

#### Spirit Wear

Barb Lindsay, Brandy Gerth

- In past have had sale of clothes that have "Cedar Island" in Fall. Missed fall sale as need someone to set up sale.
- Previous person will help new person to set the sale- working with 'Sota Shop in Osseo.
- Barb will send out need for person to volunteer list.

#### Cedar Island Day of Service

Dan Wald, Barb Lindsay

- Formed committee last spring to look into Day of Service and received input from staff and students focus group on what would be good projects.

- All kids wanted to do service project and common thread from student focus groups was "Yes, I want to help animals!"
- Project will be fleece tie blankets for an animal shelter. Two students will work on a blanket (one younger and one younger). Wednesday envelope asked for fleece donations (need 250 yards) buy in 1 yard increments. Need by end of January.
- Will need parent volunteers to pre-cut blankets for kids (late January/early February).
- Blankets will be made on one day before (tentative March 20) spring break and will need parent volunteers to oversee activity.
- First grade has humane society visit and will donate half at that time; rest of donation will be made to Secondhand hounds.
- Idea to have service night with families- possible different rooms doing different projects for various charities. Dinner could be included. Angie Passehl has more information on how to handle this.

### **Upcoming Activities**

Restaurant Nights: Red's Savoy Pizza - 12/14  
Butter Braid Delivery - Tuesday, 12/19

### **Ending Items**

Share Your Ideas and Feedback  
Last minute additions, comments  
Adjournment

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

### **Next PTO Meeting**

January 4, 2018 @ 6:30pm

**Email:** [cedarilandpto@gmail.com](mailto:cedarilandpto@gmail.com)

**Facebook Page:** [fb.com/CedarIslandPTO](https://www.facebook.com/CedarIslandPTO)

**Don't forget to choose Cedar Island School PTO when you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)!**

### **2017-2018 PTO Board**

President - Brandy Gerth  
Vice President - Taryn Kuebelbeck  
Treasurer - Kari Jansen  
Assistant Treasurer - Lara Gilbert  
Secretary - Beth Burggraff

# ATTACHMENT

## Turkey Bingo Committee

Thank you to everyone who supported Turkey Bingo this year – attending, volunteering and donating! We had another successful event!

I am looking to form a committee of 5-6 people to help out with bingo next year – I truly enjoy chairing this event and want to continue but am asking for committee members to join me in the planning for 2018.

Following are areas with which I need the most help:

- **Volunteer organizer** – create and manage Sign Up Genius
- **Communication** – create flyers and organize with Barb on timing of save the date flyers and pre-paid forms to go home in the Wednesday envelopes. Create social media information and pass along to the correct person to have it updated (save the date, volunteer link, sponsors)
- **Turkeys** – we need 40 turkeys – find the best price and organize when these will be picked up (typically one to two days prior to event). In the past we have used Target, HyVee, Cub – pricing has been between \$.79 to \$.99/lb. Budget between \$350-\$375.
- **Concessions for event** - Sam's Club is best. Purchase candy, chips, soda, water, juice boxes and deliver to Barb's room no more than ONE week prior to event. Budget around \$650.
- **Donations** – we could do this different ways depending how many people are willing to help– if there are multiple people willing to help we can split up between restaurants, stores (Target, Walmart, Trader Joes etc), misc (such as Paradise Car Wash, MN Twins). Some of these are easy as taking our Turkey Bingo donation in and filling out a form. We can brainstorm on new ideas for prizes.
- **Prizes** – 3 -4 people to come in to Barb's office and organize prizes by ½ hour ONE week prior to event
- **Food Drive** – we have not done this in the past – if someone is interested in heading this up I think it would be wonderful!

If you are interested in any of the above positions please contact Kim Landstad at [klandstad@yahoo.com](mailto:klandstad@yahoo.com) or call/text at 612/382-3950.