

Cedar Island Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 5th, 2018

6:30-8:00PM

Attendance: 12 parents, 3 staff

Guest Speaker, Rhonda Roe

- Beyond the Backyard – an afterschool theater program by Bunce Backyard Productions, Inc
- Organization started in 2007 by a family in Maple Grove
- Summer camp (Aladdin, Aristocats), ages 3rd grade-15 yrs old
- Theater opportunities after school for 9 days – cost of the contract would be \$3150
 - No minimum number but likely 50 kids would be the cap
 - 2 directors are available, would also need 3-4 parent volunteers
- 2018-2019 school year, ready to go in the fall.
- Would start right after school, coordinate a snack during transition time
- \$500 deposit by the end of the school year

Principal's Report, Dan Wald

- District is in the middle of hiring a new superintendent. On April 10th, final interviews will be conducted in the afternoon with public presentations in the evening, 7-9:15pm at the ESC. Profiles are online.
- Lisa Hill (K), Kris Johnson (3rd grade) retirements, Katie Wall resigned, special education position open as well.
- Voluntary transfer process will begin next week.
- Vocabulary parade on June 1st starting around 2:30pm
- 1st grade music program on Tuesday, April 10th.
- How are we keeping our kids safe?
 - Run/Hide/Fight approach will be the active threat response district-wide once staff training is received. Then there will be training for students.
 - A committee is working on how to keep kids safe in our district.
- New math program will be adopted district wide.
 - Bridges and Everyday Math are the two programs. The new program will be chosen next week.

Teacher's Report

- K – working on a paper unit. Upcoming field trip to center for book arts to make their own paper.
- 1st grade – animal humane society visiting in April, will be learning about pet care, be presenting the blankets from the school wide community project,
- 2nd grade – reading/writing poetry, subtraction/addition, oceans/continents, will be taking MAP test week of April 23rd
- 3rd grade – first MCA reading test this week, start MCA math test mid-April, MAP testing at the end of April/beginning of May
- 4th grade – thank you for 4th grade field trip, MN history museum, then to the state capitol, currently learning about decimals, self-portraits, state research project at the end of the month
- 5th grade – piloting Bridges math program

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Volunteer Update, Barb Lindsay

- Parents - Thanks for donating all the fleece needed for this project.
 - Lots of positives came out of the service activity.
 - The service committee will meet again before the end of the year to discuss upcoming projects.
 - Do we want to solicit fleece again and new sharp scissors?
 - Thanks Barb for leading!
- Working with the Bobcat Council of 26 students
 - Remake behavior expectation videos that are shown every fall
 - Food drive again at the end of the school year
- Save date May 10th 2:30-3:30pm Volunteer Appreciation
- May 21st Super Kids Day (rain date May 23rd).

Treasurer's Report, Kari Jansen

- Income
 - Spring Book Fair – about \$100 under budget
 - Bobcat Bash – budget of \$8000, brought in around \$9000.
 - Restaurant Nights – will organize another Culver's night
- Expenses
 - Valentine's Day party
 - Paid insurance
 - Classroom supplies fund will be combined with teacher reimbursement
 - Upcoming field trips – grade level opportunities fund

Old Business

Bobcat Bash Carnival – Kari Jansen

- Can always use more help, will be looking for someone to start assisting with the silent auction
- Discussed if a price increase is needed
- The Osseo football team sent 15 volunteers – thank you!

New Business

- MN Twins Game – 5/22
- 2018 Turkey Bingo Date – November 9th
- Teacher Appreciation week in May – Katie Heule will lead, week of May 7th-11th
- The new playground is being designed for this summer.
- Vocabulary Parade – June 1st

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

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