



General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 1st, 2018
CDW Media Center

Present:

Diana Morrissey, Francesco Bruno, Esa Madoff, Janelle Bai, Alison Vogliano, Rebecca Cohen, Renee Choi

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

3. President's Report:

- We would like to welcome Mr. Ross Cooper, our new TBD principal!
- Drama Club "Annie"
 - Practices every Monday and Wednesday and performance dates are March 3rd at 11 AM and 3 PM at CDW.
 - Practices will move to CDW in mid-February.
 - 59 students registered and the expense has been covered.
 - Committee Chair, Geraldine Tama requested PTO to provide 2 show tickets to each participating family at the cost of \$12 per ticket. The Board will discuss on the request.
- Family Bingo Night is taking place on Friday February 9th and the event is sold out.
- International Dance
 - Representing countries of Korea, France, India, Ireland and America.
 - Practices begin the week of February 12th and the Festival on April 20th.
 - We have lower number of enrollment than expected and the sign-ups are still available.
 - There will be two weeks of conflict with the Winter Clubs but there will be flexibility around missing and make up sessions.
- We will be doing St. Patrick's Day bagels again this year at TBD and the forms will be sent out before the winter break.
- TBD will have an author visit on March 20th (Jarrett Krosoczak). This visit was arranged by Mrs. Straubinger. She will also be selling books and there will be more information to follow.
- Winter Clubs are in full swing at both TBD and CDW. In response to some concerns over not having enough K-1st grade club options, we sent an email to Kindergarten and 1st grade parents seeking volunteers for both organizing and seeking new ideas for the Spring session.
- Lifetime Photos will take our photos for 2018-2019 school year on October 16th, 2018. We are in midst of discussing possible new packages.
- The CDW Donor Wall is donation is open through February 28th and the project will come to full closure at that time. Email communication has been sent.

4. Committee Reports

- Talent Show (By Carolyn Sekas)
 - Auditions will be on February 6th at TBD from 3–4 PM and at CDW on February 15th from 3-4 PM.
 - The dates stay the same but some changes have been made.
 - We will be using the Media Center to record the performances during the rehearsals and will be played in the school hallway as well as making it available to parents through a link. (Will require a signed permission slip)
 - The performances will not be judged and there will be no placements to create a nurturing and supportive environment. However, medals will be given to all participants.
 - There will only be try outs and dress rehearsals without a show.
 - The Regional show will be on April 27th and the placement categories will be as follows:
 - K-4th grade : No placement (Not a final decision and may change).
 - 5-6th grade: 1st Place
 - 7-8th grade: 1st Place
 - 9-12th grade: 1st Place
 - The show is growing with additional towns participating so please encourage all children to participate.
- 4th Grade Crossing over
 - In need of videographer.
- 8th Grade Graduation Committee
 - We are waiting to collect dues from the students.

5. Financial Report & Budget Approval

- Quicken financial report has been posted on our website and can be accessed under the Documents tab for review.
- Detailed Budget report with actual year to date information has been provided. Budget Approval has been postponed to our next meeting after further review.

6. New Business

- Major Fundraiser – Casino Night
 - “Save the Date” will go out shortly.
 - We will hold a committee meeting for those interested in participating in fundraising.
 - This year, we will be fundraising for the new outdoor classroom at CDW. We are anticipating cost of \$25,000 for the project.
- We will be holding another Book Fair at TBD on May 10th to prepare for summer reading.
- New Spring Clubs session will be offered, tentatively scheduled for the week of March 29th.
- The Art Show and Invention Convention at TBD are upcoming.
- The Spring Festival will be held at CDW for both schools. Date is pending and in discussion.
- The International Food Festival at CDW will be held on June 6th.

Parent Feedback/Suggestions

- New Fundraiser Idea:
 - Cookbook: Collaborative by all families and their recipes, anticipating for the next school year.

- Boosterthon: Lasts about nine days and consists of four main parts: Pep Rally, Team Huddles, Fun Run and Collection through pledges. More information can be found on <https://boosterthon.com/>.
- Book Swap: Students bring 1-2 books to swap with one another. Suggestions was made to ask and include reading time by Mrs. Straubinger as well as pizza to the event.

Announcements

- Cherrydale Catalog Sales
 - Congratulations to Diane Alzapiedi who received \$250 Gift Certificate to the Cherrydale Farms website for being our top seller.
 - Mr. Cooper has pulled a name for the Cherrydale sale participants raffle. Congratulations to Sylvester, Christophe for winning \$100!
- Box Tops winner for January was Mrs. Wortmann's class. We received a Box Tops check for \$1160.00. Please keep cutting the Box Tops!
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7th to May 11th.
- Save the date, our Major Fundraiser, Casino Night will be on April 26th.
- Nominating Meeting will be held on Marth 8th. Applications need to be in before March 1st and the list of open board and committee positions will be posted shortly.

From the Board,

PTO is open and working to augment new offerings and activities for our schools. Please reach out to us as we welcome all ideas and feedback. Thank you for your participation and support. Our next meeting will be on March 8th in the CDW Media Center room at 7 pm.