CENTER ROAD SCHOOL
PTO Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2014

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CALL TO ORDER – see attendance list at the end of these minutes.

OFFICERS REPORTS

- Board of Education – Anne Fischer – only 3200 students in school system due to demographics. Discussion on this at BOE meeting 10/17 7:00 PM.
    - Mary Stone – when is next year's calendar out? AF – January/February.
    - Talk of regionalized school calendars perhaps next year starting after Labor Day. AF – will be set by CREC.
- Principal's Report – Jocelyn Poglitsch & Mike DeBellis
    - MD – T.Y. for attendance to ice cream social, great success.
    - School Governance Council meeting – finalized new parent student compact(?) going home to all families next month. Guidelines for all. Standalone doc in addition to handbook. Aligned w/ CRS core values RRR.
    - Building leadership team working on school improvement plan. District comes out with improvement plan, 3 goals. Each school takes goals and makes own. Focus at CRS objective #1 collaboration/community: provide more resources & opportunities for parents to use at home to reinforce school at home. Ex: end of unit 'celebration', invite parents to that. At PTO meetings have presentations by teachers.
    - Note next week from Mr. Burt (Assistant Superintendent) – new screening test for math & reading. Computer based test designed to change questions based on responses given. Should give more detailed report to teachers. Only 2x this year, years forward will be 3x. Six hour training on election day PD. Unclear if it's replacing existing testing.
    - Dan Nevelos – question on # of kids in 3rd grade. MD – it's on the borderline on size. Adding additional help, intervention time blocks.
- President's Report – Kelley Mathes/Kathleen Marth
    - Gift &Wrap end 10/10
    - Mixed Bag begins 10/20, ends 11/5 and orders will arrive before December holidays

- RHS Marching Band - looking for a $25 donation for the competition season – MS we donated 2 years ago, $40. Motion by Kelley Mathes to approve $50, motion passed.

- PTO President meeting –
  - KMathes – some other VPS schools are getting away from traditional fundraisers in lieu of local restaurants. Chipotle does 50% profit. Bolles Motors does flyer fundraiser. Mary Stone will call both. We could hold bake sales at events such as Winter Concert.
  - HVCC David Engleson, have grade levels give specific items for Thanksgiving. Peggy Wilde will bring up at staff meeting.
  - Fundraider idea: Parent happy hour – PTO pays for appetizers at a local restaurant.
- 2nd Vice President's Report – Danielle Levesque & Peg Wilde
  - PW – contacted Jo Coke (?) works at CREC, has a lot of free things for teachers to come in.
  - Fundraiser envelope for energy saving bulbs for Earth Day. Laurie Bajorek – home audit energy audit. Next Step Living will do presentation to tie in.
  - Teacher request for PTO to donate fine point dry erase markers for math. AF – it's in the budget. MD – going through them quickly due to new math program. It's a fine line asking PTO to supply school supplies.
  - DL – bike & walk to school day today, successful. T.Y. for summer reading help.
- Secretary's Report – Cindy Kristoff - approve June & September PTO Meeting Minutes – motion to approve minutes passes.
- Treasurer's Report – Mary Stone – approval of September Treasurer's Report. Ken Gordon – question on Invention Convention deposit. DL – registration w/ state. Motion to approve budget passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All committees welcome new members at any time and no contribution is too small!

No Committee Reports this month

NEW IDEAS/BUSINESS/VOTES REQUIRED

- Assembly Committee – Christine Boyer - motion being made for Leslie Johnson Assembly – CB 3rd grade trying to bring Nancy Johnson for creative writing assembly for 4 days. Need $650 into Assembly Budget to cover 4 days. KMathes – felt wrong to have parents pay for assembly. PW – win-win for every student that goes through, 3rd grade teachers see big improvement in writing results. LB – question on where money will move from in budget. MS will look into by-laws. KMathes – motion to approve moving $650 from Appreciation to Assemblies. KG – should have a spot on the budget that shows surplus more clearly.
- Introduction of new CRS Governance Council candidates (Ken Gordon & candidates) KG – nominations sent home for empty parent spot. Four people, dropped down to two. Changed by-laws to have both on Council. Carol Schuteran & Tony Vitiello. Motion to accept them to SGC
- Book Fair (Cindy Kristoff) – committee meeting potentially 10/23. Need to spend Scholastic $ by 10/29.
- Walk & Bike to School Day Event – new sign (Cindy Kristoff/Nancy Krupienski) – get more info on price
- Dan Nevelos – Yearbook committee is selecting cover today. Can assign % of Amazon purchases through Amazon Smiles.
- Ken Gordon – 300 surveys returned for SRTS committee. Meeting will be scheduled.

- Laurie Bajorek – met with committee about technology for library. Talked about Smartboard, computer, and document camera. Suggestion to use a T.V. vs. screen. Asked us to come to PTO to ask for funding. Will get more info and come back next meeting.
- KMarth – completed getting PTO on United Way list. DN will put on site.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- Park & Rec. Dept Cross Country Challenge-10/27-RHS Track Grades K & 1 meet at 5:30 PMand run one lap around the track. Grades 2 & 3 meet at 6:00 PM and run two laps around the track. Grades 4 & 5 meet at 6:30 PM and run three laps around the track. Any questions please contact Karen Plevyak at Karen.Plevyak@vernonct.org.

Attendees:
Angela Frederickson
Akshat Gupta
Michelle Reguin
Danielle Levesque
Kelly Browne
Peg Wilde
Anne Fischer
Karen Aafedt
Trudi Kozak
Dan Nevelos
Ken Gordon
Carol Ann Shuteran
Tony Vitiello
Laurie Bajorek
Christine Boyer
Sally Robinson
Melissa Saucier
Mary Stone
Kelley Mathes
Kathleen Marth
Cindy Kristoff