

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL
PTO Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2014

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

Welcome Back Parents & CRS Staff! Hope everyone is excited for a great school year!

Introductions

OFFICERS REPORTS

- BOE Report, Anne Fischer – applied for the 2nd year of a security grant: key control system, replacement drawers, concrete planters.
- Principal's Report – Jocelyn Poglitsch & Mike DeBellis – JP update to library, mural started in summer. New staff members: speech & language Nicole Latanzio, only CRS, pre-k new section added 2nd PM, 2 new teachers Satin & Zelesky?, 2nd grade Senna, 5th grade Sinacola, library manager Sharpe. Opening went well. Summer reading log: returns 87%, higher than last year. Assembly at end of September for summer reading. Resident Principal explanation by Melissa Ross.
- President's Report – Kelley Mathes/Kathleen Marth
 - Gift & Wrap begins 9/15, orders due by 10/10 & orders arrive by 11/12
 - Mixed Bag begins 10/20, ends 11/5 and orders will arrive before Dec holidays
 - WolfPack Family night – winter date TBD – 5th grader chorus may be singing National Anthem – Emily Westerberg – 2/28 is date.
 - Rock Cats Family night – date TBD but it will be in the spring
 - GL Scrip gift cards - orders due Tue, 9/16, with a delivery date of Tues, 9/23
 - RHS Marching Band - looking for a \$25 donation for the competition season – KMathes pending to look up what amount was given last year.
 - Ice Cream Social – Angela Frederickson – enough for 5:45 shift, need more for next hour. Enough for clean-up. Questions on scheduling. Schedules should go out by Monday or Tuesday next week.
 - Discuss PTO Email Upgrade – Dan Nevelos suggests a PTO based website that is more user friendly, research and revisit in a couple of months. School uses Aspen and Office 365. Laurie Bajorek, found one at PTO conference, search on-line.

- 2nd Vice President's Report – Danielle Levesque & Peg Wilde – PW Leslie Johnson – creative writing for 3rd grade “Audrey Alive” assembly, Chris Boyer – getting \$250 grant to help. PW - \$30 for teachers, hard time getting receipts, can we just get a check. LB – PTO is non-profit so can't write check but can purchase gift cards to give to teachers. Danielle Levesque & Sally Robinson - Some teachers are okay with receipts because they have to keep them for tax purposes anyway. Decided to give option to teachers to either do receipts or GL Script gift cards. CB – no shoe boxes needed right now, no room. DL – thank you for breakfast at beginning of year. 5th grade set up for Mr. Mezzanotte, pin-hole camera activity. Four day process. Boston trip booked, waiting on busses, Friday, 5/29. Busses – one extra would have to get bus just for parents, also too many for tea party museum. Can't take as many parents, can take 5 per class. Ratio will be 3-4 per one adult. Stella Jonas – what about a van for additional chaperones? DL – thought about but would have to pay for another tour, takes more time. 5th grade received Discovery Center last Thursday, team building activities. Coming 2 more times. Perhaps look to PTO to fund again. JP – not an assembly, Discovery Center approached CRS because anonymous donation to Discovery Center specifically for CRS. Can have up to five sessions, 2 included in donation, 1 funded by activity fund. KMathes, asked about Dojo app, behavior reward and goal setting system, not all teachers using, Mr. Willette use it.
- Secretary's Report – Cindy Kristoff - approve June PTO Meeting Minutes – n/a not printed in time.
- Treasurer's Report – Mary Stone – approval of June Treasurer's Report/July & August Actuals/Year End Report/New Budget for 2014-2015 school year. Motion to approve end of last year's budget, approved. Motion to approve 2014-2015 proposed budget approved. Motion to approve budget through 9/11/14 approved.
- Sally Robinson – 100% of Square One Art used. Purchased TV to show art pics, rolls of art paper for bulletin boards, poster board for storage closet. Tremendous benefit to art program.
- Speedy costume – discussion on who houses costume, when he's at events, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Assembly Committee – Christine Boyer – thank you for whoever assigned more money this year. Keeping same programs, average 15 assemblies per year. Nancy K_____ to school. Share with Skinner Road, \$1200 per school, not sure if whole school or if that's too much. Need members for the committees, down to 1.5 people. Need help to paint shoeboxes on Monday 9/15, 5:30 PM. DL – email for volunteers for in-class volunteers for 10/28, 10/30, 10/31 Mezzanotte. SR – use RHS students to help with school volunteer help. Kimberly Marinin at RHS (?) is contact for volunteers, give contact email, specific dates.
- Yearbook Committee – Kristin Molin is looking for Grade K-1 parents to take pictures and create yearbook pages. Please contact Kristin at kmolin@msn.com or 860-680-7608.
- Book Fair – Cindy Kristoff – is it ok to spend Scholastic \$ for summer reading books - yes. Check with Scholastic to extend and buy at December fair to avoid shipping costs.

NEW IDEAS/BUSINESS/VOTES REQUIRED

- MaryJo Myslinski (MJM) Committee – Laurie Bajorek – summer BOE hired painter, library done. Furniture to be replaced. Grand Opening at beginning of November, weekend event. Can anyone 9/16 at 9:00 AM, help pulling out old books for Vernon Elementary, new books coming in.

Ken Gordon

- School Governance Council needs a parent volunteer for open spot. Nominations are open. Ballot will go out for vote. Meet before PTO meetings, 5:00 PM.
- Safe Routes to School Committee, 10/8 is walk/bike to school day. Two year committee, engineering site assessment. Survey went home this week, contact info on the survey.

Scarecrow Contest at Strong Farm – Sally Robinson – doesn't dovetail with curriculum, hard to choose students, weather related materials. Excluding more kids than including.

SR – recruiting suggestion – have right before or after meet & greet.

LB to JP – Mrs Phillamore literacy night grades K-2. Fit something from PTO. Date TBD in November.

JP – her son's school had month by month needs and sign-ups.

Next meeting 10/9

Square 1 – Diane Behrmann – in time for Christmas. Samples passed around. Ship by 10/22, will arrive in time for holidays. Make a pick up night. Combo Mixed Bag & Square 1 pick up night.

SR – suggest quality water bottle w/ CRS mascot to promote eco-friendly habits.

Attendees:

Angela Fredrickson

Kathleen Marth

Megan Ross

Diane Behrmann

Michelle Reguin

Kristen Molin

Keri Hermanson

Anne Fische

Jillain Goad

Laurie Bajorek

Christine Boyer

Danielle Levesque

Sally Robinson

Lea Castle

Jodi Champ

Stella Jonas

Dan Nevelos

Ken Gordon

Cindy Kristoff

Bridget Sutherland

Jocelyn Poglitsch

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Peggy Wilde
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