

Center Road School PTO Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER – please see attendees at the end of the minutes

OFFICERS REPORT

Principal's Report – Jocelyn Poglitsch

- On behalf of CRS staff we'd like to Thank our CRS parents for the delicious food for our Teacher Appreciation Potluck.
- November 17th - CRS hosted our 1st school governance council meeting. Parent engagement goes beyond parent participation. Connecting what we are doing in school with parents and learning.
- Vernon Public Schools received funding from the Hartford Foundation of Public Giving. Parent engagement in communities. CRS will be holding two additional parent engagement meetings.
- Mrs. Brown is going to be a Math Interventionist at Lake Street School contingent on CRS hiring a replacement teacher.
- Parent Conference notes are due.
- CRS has funding to cover transportation cost for 1 field trip per grade from their building budget. As a full disclosure the PTO is aware of the funds.

President's Report – Angela Fredrickson

- Yankee candle just wrapped up. They will be available for pickup in your child's classrooms for conferences. Brought in \$4,025 totals..Down \$886 down from last year.
- We are down in our fundraiser revenue compared to last year. We should make what we planned for this year.
- Gift and Wrap - They are shipping directly to the students homes by Thanksgiving
- Red Robin - restaurant fundraiser on December 6th. They will offer raffles and other goodies.

2ND Vice President's Report - Peggy Wilde - Diane Sirois appointed to serve as the 2nd Vice President alongside Peggy Wilde.

Secretary's Report - Nichole Greco - approval of November PTO Meeting Minutes - approved.

Treasurer's Report - Melissa Saucier - November Treasurer's report - approved. We made \$150 on gift card sales. Gift and Wrap has been received and paid (made less than anticipated).

Board of Education - Laurie Bajorek

- Awarded the Hartford Foundation of Public Giving in the amount of \$377K for the first year. This is a 5-year grant.
- Looking at opening an office of family and engagement and activities being planned. Family Engagement Groups (FRC) in the schools
- Evaluating school use - student population.
- 50 students coming into CRS starting 2017. The line on route 30 will be moved and including some of the new apartments (grand lofts, benjis, vernon pizza)
- Busing contract is coming up. The BOE is looking at the walking distancing and making them shorter.

CRS PTO is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Monetary donations are tax deductible.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Carnival**
 - **Saturday, March 4th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**
 - Awaiting approval from Jocelyn to communicate to staff the classroom raffle baskets
 - Looking for volunteers to chair the Classroom Raffle Baskets and to shadow the local donation raffles
- **Snowman-o-grams - Kathleen Marth**
 - Will be selling for a \$1.00
- **Family Events - Cindy Kristoff/Kathleen Marth**
 - Jumpin Jonnies
 - Brought in \$226.25 total (\$187.75 ticket sales and \$38.50 Raffle/Bake Sale)
 - Spare Time
 - January 15th from 1-3pm. 6 bowlers per lane
 - Pre-sale tickets
- **Square 1 - Lisa Traska**
 - Square 1 - sent out Wednesday night. Due back 12/9 and setting up during Holiday Vendor Craft Fair night. Brought in \$6,900 total sales.
- **Book Fair – Lisa Traska**
 - Book Fair December 5-9. Asking for volunteers.
 - Scholastic dollars that will be expiring soon.
 - Moving the Spring Book fair - April 24 - April 28
 - Possibly moving the book fair next year with having the book fair in september to align with conferences.
- **Spirit Wear/Holiday Vendor Fair - Megan Ross**
 - Holiday Vendor Craft Fair - currently have 12 vendors registered.
 - Spirit Wear - pj shorts, long pants and sweatshirts. Working on sizes/colors

NEW IDEA/BUSINESS/VOTES REQUIRED

- Nancy Woodward from Girls on the Run presented
 - Looking for a location east of the river.
 - Adding 10-12 schools in the spring
 - 185K serves girls across the country
 - Min. 8 girls no more than 15 girls
 - It's a lottery process. Open feb. 1st. Close on feb 7
 - Site applications close december 16th
 - Girls on the Run will assess the families in need of financial assistance
 - No cost to the school. Will need an outdoor space as well as an indoor space for 2x week
 - 90 minutes. Min. of 3 coaches max. 4
- REK: Front Door Locked?
 - After school ends the school becomes a public building for anyone to enter.
 - Any concerns or questions regarding the REK after school program needs to be addressed directly with Parks and Rec.
 - Ice Cream in Cafeteria?

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- The Cafeteria provides healthy options in addition to cookies and chips as a way to teach students to make healthy choices on their own.

Attendees:

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Megan Ross
Laurie Bajorek
Cindy Kristoff
Kathleen Marth
Peggy Wilde
Nancy Woodward
Caroline Hazel
Giuletta O'Coin
Brett Gotler
Raychel Wishart
Keri Hermanson
Trudi Kozak
Jocelyn Poglitsch
Becky Nevelos
Angela Fredrickson
Melissa Saucier
Nichole Greco
Joseph Greco