

Center Road School PTO Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2017

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

OFFICERS REPORT

Principal's Report – Jocelyn Poglitsch

- Please help the CRS community welcome two new staff members: Cayla Dixon and Carolyn Burke.
 - Ms. Dixon is our new first grade teacher. She is taking over for Mrs. Browne who is now a math interventionist at Lake Street School. Cayla received her degree from Eastern CT State University in Early Childhood and Psychology. She has previously taught in an early childhood setting and recently as a long term sub in a second grade classroom.
 - Ms. Burke comes to CRS with 37 years of experience in the field of special education. She will work with students in Grades 2-4 here at CRS. She has worked in a variety of settings with many different age groups as well as exceptionalities. We are so excited to have them as a part of our staff!
- Continuing to find creative ways using social media.
 - CRS debuted the Facebook live feature during the Holiday Chorus Concert. Facebook live stats: 20 likes and 4-500 views.
 - The monthly meeting will be on Facebook live for parents to watch on 1/20/17.
 - Photo/video consent: Mike DeBellis has called to verify for the students in questioning to have their photo/video released.
- Push for Family engagement to get parents involved in the school. How else can we can parents here?
- On 2/16/17 CRS will be hosting a Provider Fair event for families. You are invited to checkout some of the resources/vendors that are available in Vernon to families. CHR, Cornerstone, YSB, Tutor Doctor, PTO, School Governance Council will be in attendance. Free dinner from Moe's will be provided as well as a Magic Show.
- PTO will have a table to provide information and how parents can get involved. In addition, advertise for additional babysitters that evening.
- School Climate Specialist being added to all elementary schools for the 2017-18 school year. They fall under family and community engagement. People with military law enforcement background.
- 50 Northeast students will be coming to CRS next year. 4-5 students added to each classroom. Adding these students and families will aid in the over population at Northeast.

President's Report – Angela Fredrickson

- PTO put together holiday cookies for the teachers/staff at CRS that they will receive December 14th.
- Angela
- Munson and Java Joe's Fundraiser - Begins 2/15 and orders due back 3/3 Items will be delivered in time for Easter but to ensure this ALL orders MUST be back by Friday, March 3rd.
- Jump Rope for Heart. PTO to provide oranges and gram crackers. there will be 3 shifts to assist in handing out snacks to students.

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2ND Vice President's Report - Peggy Wilde and Diane Sirois

- A big thank you for the holiday cookies and for the lunch bags that were provided to all teachers.
- Sue Rubinstein is still needs a piano player. If you know anyone that is good with a piano 2 after school rehearsals for the May concert. She's going to be looking at Rockville High if there are any students that would be interested in helping out.
- Suggestion from Laurie Bajorek: Have Sue Rubinstein reach out to Dr. Yachanin (Director of Music at Rockville High School).

Secretary's Report - Nichole Greco

- Approval of December PTO Meeting Minutes - approved.

Treasurer's Report - Melissa Saucier

- December Treasurer's report - approved.
- Break down of profit numbers from our recent fundraisers/events:
 - Spare Time - \$497
- Strong Family Farm - Annual Chicken Fund (\$125) race date 4/9/17. CRS PTO community sponsor - approved.

Board of Education - Laurie Bajorek

- Mrs. Plevayak will be retiring at the end of the school year
- Budget proposal increase of 1.6% for 2017-18
- BOE will be held their first budget workshop for capital improvements
 - Roofing projects (consideration for bond)
 - Sewer projects coming up (consideration for bond)
 - CRS capital improvement in the 5-6 year plan on fixing the parking lot. The parking lot issue is currently at a town level that the police department and art community center are all in need of additional parking spots.
 - Boiler is being replaced at CRS.
 - Study of HVAC system at rockville high
 - Gym floor renovations and new bleachers at vcms
 - Talks about redoing the football field to astroturf and tennis courts resurfaced
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- Facilities Committee is holding their next meeting at CRS.
- Budget Meeting (public community forum) at 6:00 pm on 1/25, 1/30, 2/1 (should we need them all)
- Final approval of the 2017-18 budget is on 2/6.
- Vernon Public Schools district website will be getting a facelift (website platform Finalsite)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Valentines Messages - Kathleen Marth
 - purchased hearts for the Valentines messages. Will be sending Jocelyn the flyer for approval

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- Family Dance - February 10th
 - No Mascot
- Family Events - Cindy Kristoff/Kathleen Marth
 - Ron a Roll - March timeframe

NEW IDEA/BUSINESS/VOTES REQUIRED

- Jump Rope for Heart: Thursday, February 2nd. PTO is “sponsoring” by providing oranges and graham crackers again this year. We will be making a sign up for help distributing snacks which will be going out on Monday, January 23rd.
- Lea Castle - Pratt and Whitney (Green Power Grant Program) up to \$5K
 - Build a sustainable green community. A beautification for CRS (a green space on campus)
 - Bird houses, bat houses, recognition, plants, assign each component by grade level.
 - Vernon BOE does not allow advertising on school property for recognition from any organization. Pratt and Whitney can be acknowledged in the media
- Look into Jeff's Kettle Corn for next year as a possible fundraiser
- Labels for Campbell Soup - that they no longer do. Trudi ordered 2 six packs of balls for gym and ordered \$375 in visa gift cards
- Box Tops - the checks come in as CRS PTO and need to be deposited and Melissa writes a check to CRS.
- Parent suggestion:
 - District/School level improve communication to parents when there are teacher changes.
 - For the PTO and CRS staff have the signature in the email expanded to include website and social media information

Attendees:

Angela Fredrickson
Melissa Saucier
Cindy Kristoff
Diane Sirois
Peggy Wilde
Jocelyn Poglitsch
Laurie Bajorek
Nichole Greco
Lea Castle
Mario Bochiechio
Trudi Kozak
Becky Nevelos
Megan Ross