

Center Road School PTO Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2017

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

OFFICERS REPORT

Principal's Report – Mike Debellis VP

- In the past few weeks CRS has conducted the NWEA testing for math and reading. It was the first time taken for Kindergarteners. It was the second time taken for grades 1-5. We have seen growth in most students since taking their first test. The results will be sent home to parents/guardians.
- This week has been Kindness Week. Each day has been something different. This was put on by our social worker at CRS.
- We are continuing to find new ways to connect parents/families with CRS. Utilizing Facebook Live feature with monthly school meetings and the holiday concert. We will continue to use Facebook as a resource of information for parents/guardians.
- Parent Suggestion: Parent drop-off route. If there was a sign with an arrow at the end of the grass directing where you need to go to drop your child(ren) off.

President's Report – Angela Fredrickson

- Showcased the PTO's new banner that will be used at all future events. The banner will be stored in the PTO closet.
- 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.

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

- Mrs. Plevayak is in need of a new recess cart. The current recess cart is not low enough for the students in grades K-2. Seeing if a portion of the Carnival's proceeds go towards purchasing the cart.

Secretary's Report - Nichole Greco

- Per Laurie Bajorek (BOE) make a change in the January meeting notes to site the projects are to be considered for bond.
- A motion to approve the amended changes and approval of January PTO Meeting Minutes - approved.

Treasurer's Report - Melissa Saucier

- January Treasurer's report - approved.

Board of Education - Laurie Bajorek

- The BOE approved the Budget increase of 1.4% for 2017-18. The budget will now go to the Town Council for approval.
- 1:1 Chromebook Pilot 2017-18 (middle school 7th and 8th graders they do not go home with them)
- VCMS - foreign language will be added as an option for 6th graders in 2017-18 school year
- 2017-18 School Calendar was approved at last BOE meeting. VPS follows the CREC Regional calendar for when school starts and ends.

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- Parent Suggestion: Once the snow season ends have a communication from the BOE/School level go out informing parents/guardians when the “new” last day of school is due to snow days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Spring Book Fair - Lisa
 - Tentative book fair dates: April 24 - April 28th, it is the buy 1 get one book fair. The PTO will be coordinating a Pasta Dinner one night during the Book Fair from Olive Garden.
- School Carnival - Nichole Greco
 - The Center Road School Annual Carnival (Formerly School Fair) is two weeks away! On **Saturday, March 4, 2017** from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.
 - Classroom Basket Raffle - One of the most popular events at the school Carnival is the raffle for classroom gift baskets. The raffle is always an exciting way for the PTO to raise funds and we cannot do it without your help! Just a friendly reminder, all donations and items for the themed gift baskets need to be brought in by **Friday, February 24th**. The Raffle Basket Committee will be picking up the donations during the school day and putting the baskets together for the Carnival.
 - Cake Walk/Bake Sale Items Needed – We need your help to bake a cake/dessert for our cake walk/bake sale. Dessert items include: donuts, pastries, cake pops, cookies, bars, breads, or cake. We ask that you please label items that are made with NUTS or nut products. Flyers will be going home with students for bake sale/cake walk sign ups. Please contact Mary Pat Woodward, woodys54321@gmail.com if you have any questions.
 - Loop the Can Items Needed - We need your help! We rely on donations to make this game possible! There is a box labeled Loop the Can in the front hallway for donations. Loopable items include but are not limited to box juices, pudding, cans of cookies, soda, fruit roll up, Pringles, small packages of crackers etc. If a student would like to play the game but has a food allergy parents/guardians can donate something that the student can have and write their name on the item. When the student plays the game and and wins they will receive the item with their name on it.
 - Volunteers - The school Carnival takes many, many hours of volunteer time to be successful. So the more helpful hands the better. If you can help for an hour or two, or the whole day it will be appreciated. Thank you for volunteering! Attached is a Google Doc if you are interested in helping at the event.
 - If you have any questions, comments or ideas, feel free to contact Nichole Greco: 860-209-4532 or nichole.greco85@gmail.com.
- Color Run - Raychel Wishart
 - Tentative date: Sunday, June 11th

NEW IDEA/BUSINESS/VOTES REQUIRED

- Vote on purchasing a Tablet and Square as an option for using at events to take credit card purchases. - approved

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- In conjunction with the CRS Vendor Fair the PTO will be raffling off prizes for attending the PTO meeting:
 - Misi Mattos - winner of entry for the Strong Family Farm Chicken Run
 - Becky Nevelos - winner of Java Joe's ground coffee

Attendees:

Angela Fredrickson
Melissa Saucier
Becky Nevelos
Trudi Kozak
Onnica Ortiz
Loretta Munson
Tasha Fagan
Megan Ross
Julie Creamer
Raychel Wishart
Keri Hermanson
Megan Magoon
Misi Mattos
Souna Nouman
Nichole Greco
Jerry Matos
Geidimir Santiago
Bri Ciane
Alex Bolivar
Kathleen Marth
Laurie Bajorek
Peggy Wilde
Diane Sirois
Mike Debellis