

Center Road School PTO Meeting Minutes May 17th, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm

Attendance -- See list of attendees at the end of minutes

Officer Reports

Principal's Report -- Holly Wrenn, Interim Principal through end of year

- Enjoys being here, wonderful staff/kids
- Speaking for Mr. DeBellis: Popsicles/ice water for Field Day? Yes
 - 30 Volunteers parent volunteers needed for field days, 15 each day...only has 10 Total
- Please complete Family Survey...only 172 returned so far...deadline Friday, May 18
- School Governance looking for ideas on how to promote PTO @ school events
 - Teachers can help promote PTO through emails
- Parent doesn't like too much paper coming home
 - Use ONE color paper for EVERY PTO correspondence going home to better help parents identify PTO stuff
 - When posting online/emails say "Look for the (blank) color paper!!
 - Purchase our own BRIGHT colored paper...different from pastels used at school
- PTO App? PTO Emails get buried between school emails, VPS emails, etc.
- Mrs. Miller has been reading to/meeting the classes...she'll be ready to take off come start of new school year
- Can they add color run competition to morning announcements?
 - DS says maybe 5th graders could make announcement at end of day
- Color Run secret person is Mr. DeBellis...getting silly stringed
 - HW says she needs to remind him to wear mask/glasses
- Thank you for luncheon/mailbox gifts for teacher appreciation
- Problems with CRS emails? None known

2nd VP Report -- Diane Sirois

- Thank you for luncheon
- Complete Surveys

Secretary's report -- Cindy Kristoff absent, read by AF

- Motion to approve April 2018 minutes carries
- Add Caroline Cooke to April minutes as attendee

Treasurer's report -- Keri Hermanson

- Motion to approve April 2018 treasurer's report carries
- Amazon Smiles -- doesn't work in app mode
- School Fair -- profit \$1001.04 doesn't include custodian bill yet -- down about \$4000 from last year
- Discussion about why less income -- many more expenses this year

- Items purchased this year vs previous years:
 - Prizes
 - Kitchen items: plates, napkins, etc.
 - Bounce House
 - Face Painter/Balloon Person
 - Too expensive...art student from RHS next year?
 - Mother's day Plant items
 - Cake Walk cakes/bake sale items
 - New Games
- More advertising next year? Especially if it's Rain or Shine...maybe some people thought fair was completely cancelled b/c of rain?
- Was time of year a factor?
- Survey Monkey families about school fair? Better time of year?
- Letterhead for next year
- Advertise for businesses w/ backdrop
- Social Media -- sign asking to post/share/ tag #CRSPTO

Send out Calendar at beginning of year for full year of major events so people can plan accordingly? I.e. school fair, school dance, etc.

Board of Education report -- Kevin Brown (absent), read by AF

- AF read KB's email: There's not much to report from BOE that directly relates to CRS.
One point to note: Desi Nesmith, Chief Turnaround Officer for the State Dept. of Ed, presented to us regarding our Alliance School status. We have made great strides and our plan for the upcoming year has been approved. This is a testament to VPS's commitment to improving student outcomes using the Alliance system. However, due to when the evaluations are done by the state, we will still be part of Alliance until 2021.

Committee Updates

- AF -- 5th Grade Recognition on June 20th at 1 pm -- will need 2-3 volunteers to help hand out fruit/cake/water. An email will be going out to 4th Grade parents first for volunteers. KH already volunteered to help!
- AF -- Restaurant Fundraisers
 - The 99 on Tuesday, May 22nd...flyers came home today
 - Rita's will be on June 20th...more info/flyer to follow. Will be doing discount cards again...they are cash only when purchasing

New Business/Votes Needed

- Preschool Inclusions/Exclusions -- RW-- Really wants PreK included in summer reading books, art show, etc.
 - Even if not all PreK students are going to continue on in CRS...they ARE students now and should be a part of everything.
 - Parent's/kid's first exposure to public school...want it to be a great one!
 - PreK isn't even mentioned in monthly CRS newsletter
- School Fair Purchase from PTO -- DS -- Ball Storage w/ no lid ~\$70 and Die Cut Machine to replace parts? Entire set ~\$2000, smaller sets ~\$200

- Motion made to purchase a new ball cart carries. No opposed
- Folding Advertising Sign
 - Approved by HW to put out down at road/entrance into school
 - Motion made to purchase sign with alphabet sliding letters, \$119 plus \$18.50 shipping carries. No opposed
- Board Nominations -- conducted by Angela Fredrickson
 - Secretary: Cindy Kristoff
 - Treasurer: Keri Hermanson
 - Vice President: Kriste Stevensen
 - President: Raychel Wishart
 - 2nd VPs: Diane Sirois/Anne Timbrell

June 7th next Meeting

- Scholarship presentation will take place @ 6:00 pm
- Board Elections will take place

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Meeting Attendees:

Angela Fredrickson
 Raychel Wishart
 Caroline Cooke
 Shaneika Burchell-Kerr
 Holly Wrenn
 Christina Brown
 Kriste Stevensen
 Andrea Boria
 Brett Gotler
 Ali Buonome
 Anne Timbrell
 Diane Sirois
 Giulietta O'Coin
 Megan Ross