

PTA Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2022

Attendance:

- Executive Committee - all Board present. See attached attendance sign-in sheet.

6:03 PM - Meeting Called to Order

Prior Meeting Minutes

Available up on the website – (approved by Exec Committee)

President Welcome – Shannon and Megan

- Thank you - off to running start. Events so far great support from parents and community; learning what new normal will look like
- Reported on invite for Presidents to go to meeting with district on how to reconnect parents to school and getting reconnected. District is trying to address and correct, more surveys coming – please give feedback so we can make changes and hear voices

Treasurer's Report

- **Fun Run** – huge success – almost \$14K raised (huge given we just had fun run in spring).
- No other major financial activity – hospitality got teachers desserts and drinks for conferences, some things for upcoming winter break. Processing teacher supply / reimbursements and sent out link for expense reimbursement.
- Needed Vote: Tara Perkins, Librarian reached out about support for ORCA (next iteration of battle of the books) – OR youth for 4th thru 12th grade, get books and get to meet to discuss. They just had meeting to gauge interest. 40 interested students but only 8 copies of each book. She wants \$371 for more books (not final number because that is not all the books). She's already spent her budget on the 8 copies.
 - MOTION MADE to approve \$371 / seconded
 - Motion vote: APPROVED (unanimous vote by all members present).
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Principal's Report

- **Handout:** Quick glance at the workplan for CPPS – now staff overall share the same goals, helps align educational aims and goals. Helps align school leadership / teachers / student goals. Handout was a snapshot for CPPS goals.
 - **Sense of belonging**
 - **Student Growth** – focused on reading. CPPS has a new reading assessment program, always sets at 100% (support goal #1, focus on all – this is district)
 - **Professional Impact Team** – lifting teaching voices is a key component based on them knowing the students and what they need.

Meg: want to help address some of the questions that are coming into the PTA

- **Field Trips** – they are a go for this year. Staff is in early stages of planning for these. She will share the planning tool they are using to ensure inclusivity.
 - **Discussion:** norm was 2 field trips per class per year. Meg not sure if everyone is there yet – need to take into account different ages, needs. 3rd grade has plan to go to Newmark Theatre. What is going to include everyone is a question that is front of mind.
- **Room Parent** – Meg reported that this model is changing, moving to give more teacher agency in their classrooms and broaden opportunities to more than 1 or 2 parents. Similar trend towards moving toward classroom celebrations – go thru teachers and the idea is to connect to classroom community.
- **Talent Show** – slated for spring. Virtual was much easier; in person takes weeks and weeks of effort. Staff has a group working on planning potential event– it may be combo (recordings and then viewing for all / viewing at home).
- **Assemblies** – Meg reported the school/teachers are easing way into that. Morning meeting – still assessing options – what is missing is parents not coming in. Maybe when colder bringing coffee inside – but focus has been on keeping students focused and ready to start school day.
- **Fifth Grade Celebration** – Jessica Whitney and Evette Crowley
 - PTA will provide funds for celebration (books) to support school celebration. Understood it won't be history of boat rides given that was not something accessible to all, but seemed to be lack of information about options, who is planning what.
 - *Note:* please add 5th Grade to Committee Report Outs for PTA meetings

Discussion:

- Suggestion: Apple farm visit – tie to learning
- What are some barriers to consider in planning to make sure we're inclusive
 - Meg – could be physical, cultural, financial, sensory / sensitivity issues and have to mind student confidentiality in addressing. Will think about what sort of guidelines/guidance could be given.

SPECIAL GUEST: Girls on the Run

Jessica Zodrow – Dir of Programs for GOTR for Greater OR

- Coming out of pandemic, transitioning back. Looking to partner with schools and community centers.
- Program description: 10 week program, GOTR for 3rd thru 5th grade, girl includes NB and anyone identifying as a girl. Non profit. All coaches are volunteers, trained and given curriculum. Its not just running – participants work on a project. 2X a week, 1.5 hour. They are looking for space for indoor and outdoor combination. If someone is interested in starting a team at CPPS, apply and check in with principal to see about availability of spaces. There is no cost to school – all facility usage fees paid by GOTR (funded by participants) – sliding scale - \$203 down to \$20. At the end of 10 weeks, there is a 5K. 2023 will be at Blue Lake Park. Program is non-competitive – it is not a timed event.
- There were 2 teams at CPPS last year.
- Upcoming turkey trot (end of fall season) is at PIR (with holiday lights).

COMMITTEE

Fun Run

Ms. Meurisse and Ms. Kirkland's classes won. VERY successful again. Prior PTA meeting report out.

Costume Swap -Tasha Phillips

Collected about 75 costumes, 15 to 20 kids came; left overs went to another school / kids in need; Annie was a great help with event.

Parent Suggestion – have it a little bit later given some folks work til 5 PM, also discussed possibly being online (preview of what's available)

Monster Mash – Erin Maher

- Need volunteers to sign up (sign up genius); must be registered volunteer to run a station.
- Handed out QR code and distributed thru WLHS National Honor Society for volunteers, too (Meg approved)
- Raffle: tickets for entry into raffle for drawing for some vintage spirit wear. Eric shared that it is all kids sizes, and left overs were given to school for students in need. Decided to forgo this raffle. Going to be other items beside spirit wear for raffle after discussion.
- Events: Costume congo line; Chipper is confirmed; Police officers will be there. NO cash, cards only. Food will have options (GF, healthy and not)
- Eric raised a question about whether there is a need to be a registered volunteer to help because its not a school event, it's a PTA event. Meg will confirm but indicated yes given kids, on school grounds, etc. Committee has a plan if there are not enough volunteers. (Liz is sending out link this week, flyers with QR code went into teachers' inboxes today plus push on facebook. May have older kids help with adult present.)
- Michelle and Shannon to meet tomorrow – will address buying insurance for event.

Sustainability – Emily Silverstein

- Trek bins for plastic film are out front (if we get enough collected, they will make a bench for us). Trick or Trash bin for Monster Mash acquired.
- Looking to reinstate cafeteria recycling station (pre covid was there, exploring ways to bring back)
- Mulching parties scheduled
- Looking for volunteers for pick up of trek bins (every Friday, pickup and weigh and drop off in safeway). Need Jan thru June coverage – will send out info in newsletter.

Garden

- *Report sent in by Megan Big John:*
 - o First tasting is coming soon! Aiming for Oct 31st. Most volunteers have a Food Handlers License already. Crest will be providing Kiwi Berries for tastings. Very exciting!
 - o Received direction from CREST and School on plans for the year. Keeping things simple as we transition! We now have our garden to do's and will be setting up some work parties this fall to prep for Spring.
 - o Will be coordinating some learning kits for the teacher to use in the garden or in class to continue environmental education at their convenience.

- Soil was added to one Kindi garden bed and strawberries were planted by the students. Thank you Emily Silverstein for the plant donation!!

Art Literacy - Kat Rosenbaum

- Will look different than before. Previously was started to make up for gap / loss of art teacher for school. Now many teachers have incorporated art into classroom lessons, so need has changed. Meg is working on survey for teachers to see how/where parent participation/PTA support may look or help and key is teacher agency over their classrooms (in line with changes to prior "Room Parent" model).
- Encourage parents to reach out directly to their children's teachers for options/support. There are some supplies and could be item to bring for PTA support, in particular for auction projects and/or events like Earth Day.

Hospitality – Michelle Prentice & Kat Rosenbaum

parent coffees, student conferences, winter break coming up

Directory information – Michelle is confirming information and availability and will report back

Parent coffees: with weather change, looking to possibly move inside. Noted that advance scheduling/regular cadence may help. Meg is looking at 750 to 830 and options for coming inside with space

Yearbook – Carolyn Glynn

Parents and others can upload pictures- link to share (same as link sent out previously via newsletters).

If you want a hardcover yearbook – that's an option – link to be sent out on how to order by Megan.

Deadline for photos in spring – might be able to extend.

Auction – UPDATED DATE 4/21 at Oregon Golf Club

Matt DeWolf Auction Chair – couldn't make tonight's meeting, but planning on next one for update on prep

Library Giving Tree –

Last year did around the holidays (Dec). Tara Perkins suggested moving it to avoid financial burden on families around holiday. Suggested in February ("show love for your library") – nothing direct conflicting so committee going to connect to Tara and decide. See prior discussion re ORCA program support by PTA above.

Spirit Wear - Eric Nepom

- Last Q (thru Sept 2022) Made about \$115 so far. Discount code – our rep is onboard, cant do one now – November is coming up on sale. There might be some other options – one time code, gift card for Spirit Wear.

- Discussion over options to have on site to buy, onsite to sample/size. Concern about getting stuck with storage of items, not having right sizes. Idea to have sample seemed most supported but no clear vote so Eric to follow up/take discussion of line.

NEW BUSINESS

- PTA survey to teachers coming
- Back to School / School Supplies coordination (option to buy package) – had support so something to be explored.
 - o There is an option to buy at one place for pooled supplies
 - o General consensus is that there IS interest in this option, so to be investigated further.

Next meeting – Wed 11/9 at CPPS

Upcoming Events:

Early release – 10/26

Monster Mash on 10/28

ADJOURN at 7:35 PM