

Carmel Middle School
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2020

Attendance: Deanna Pitman, Jason Rose, Claude Warren, Ann Bernard, Sarah Galante, Jessica Barrett, Vesper Miller, Laura Roth

Principal's Report

- Starting to settle into the school year and working out some kinks with Canvas to improve consistency for students & parents
- Have had some issues with Edmentum for virtual students, i.e. word limits, marking answers wrong if not capitalized... have worked these out
- Labor Day break was good for teachers who have been working so hard
- Teachers only see hybrid students once every four days
- Core+ looks different
- Learning about what is important and what's not and staying open minded about how a classroom should look like
- COVID guidelines are changing...as of now, no positive cases at CaMS
- One way for PTO to help support teachers and staff would be a snack cart. Deanna has a list of teacher favorites. PTO will create a sign up genius for volunteers to donate items. Plan for first snack cart to be on Sept 24th "Thankful Thursday".
- Not doing fall NWEA testing, will consider for winter
- Choir is practicing on stage and spread out
- Band and orchestra considering outdoor concerts
- Athletics are underway.... A reminder to kids and parents to wear masks and socially distance. We need to follow CDC guidelines to ensure that we can continue to enjoy athletic events.
- Newsletter goes out 5x per year. The next parent email will be next Monday and then every 2 weeks.

President's Report

- The PTO is here to support the principal, teachers, school and students.
- Annie Scott left as VP.... Looking for someone to step into the role for this year.
- Let Jason know if he can help create synergy and more participation for dine out nights. One idea might be to have a team contest and the team with the most participation receives a pizza party.
- Deanna will talk with team leaders about ideas and ask them to post flyers on Canvas where students and parents can see them.
- Upcoming dine out nights: Panda Express 9/24, Noodles & Co. 10/5, Noble Romans 10/15 and Noble Romans 12/17.
- Next Executive Board zoom meeting is 10/13.

Treasurer's Report

- No requests for funds at this time
- We have raised \$14,227 in fundraising donations. Last year at this point we had made \$23,140. We are behind from last year but not spending a lot of money.
- Pantry Packs has received \$3,380 in donations, bringing their total to almost \$6k to spend on food supplies.
- We have received \$500 from Kroger.
- First Noble Romans dine out night brought in \$70, which is good.

Pantry Packs Report

- Vesper and Rochelle will be packing every Thursday from 9-10am. They are unable to use volunteers at this point.
- Last week was the first week of packing and there were 20 kids (5 virtual). In addition to food, masks and deodorant were packed. This week a toothbrush and toothpaste will be included.
- This year packing will be neutral, i.e. no boy/girl specific items.
- Plan to purchase food weekly to limit supply sitting in the pantry in the event that school is closed.
- An email went out from Connie to contact the school if help is needed.
- Tom James clothing company donated bags to use this year. Will send them a thank you note.

Communications Report

- Continue to share/like/comment on FB posts
- Engagement is up 200% and reach is up 194%
- We have 494 FB followers
- Will continue to post positive social media messages
- Dine Out nights will be posted
- Will post about Pantry Packs and include photos of the food and pantry space
- Need extra pictures to update FB page, including virtual kids. One idea is to use zoom meeting grids for virtual students.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Galante