

Cherry Tree PTO

General Membership Meeting

DATE: Sepmber 16, 2019, 10:30am to 11:30am

LOCATION: CTE LGI

CALLED TO ORDER: 10:34am



Attendees: Chris Atkinson, Teresa Hurm, Julie Hollingsworth, Leah Eckstein, Lindsay Blythe, Ashely Millis, Nicole Spear, Jill Eilmes, Michaela Kennison, Megan Shortz

Shannon Cox, Nicole Kelker, Stephanie Burns, Jessica Chang, Angie Marx, Melissa Putts, Danielle Lehman, Sarah Glenn, Lindsay Atkinson

Welcome/Introductions

Presidents Report

- Thank you to all who contributed to PFF!! Thanks to Sara El Itriby for her hard work in exceeding the fundraising goal.
 - Actual numbers are still being tallied, but goal was exceeded and school reward of a teacher relay is in the works.
- Coat Drive 9/30 to 10/9 - Hamilton County Coats for Kids
- Ghost and Goblin Run - 10/26
 - Currently registering participants. Benefits Carmel Education Foundation which provides grants to teachers.

Treasurer's Report

- 2019 - 2020 Budget Presentation
 - Budget is always available on the CTE PTO website for full transparency
- Approval of 2019-2020 Budget Vote required
 - **Motion to approve the budget by Nicole Kelker. Seconded by Shannon Cox. None opposed. Budget approved.**

Co-Vice President's Report

- Room parent update
 - Birthday box craft/service project for upcoming fall party
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation

- Committee is now split into 2 separate committees now. 1 for teacher appreciation and 1 for staff.
 - Addition of a random acts of kindness committee which will provide low cost, small “events” throughout the year (examples: teacher recess relief, a coffee cart, etc...) Additional information will be forthcoming.
 - Staff favorites link is now live on the PTO website
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VP Ways & Means’ Report

- Patriots Fall Fundraiser - exceeded the goal of \$13,000.
 - Restaurant Nights: check online calendar, Chatter and social media for dates.
 - Chipotle 9/17 on 146th street from 4pm to 8pm
 - Cherry Blossom Festival 11/9 from 11am to 2pm
 - Spring parents night Thursday, March 12th at Ruths Chris Ironworks location. More information will be forthcoming.
 - Other ways to help CTE PTO: Link Kroger card and Link Amazon Smile. Also encourage family members to do the same!
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Committee Reports

- Committee reports from attendees?
 - Fall Family Fun Night: Currently on track. Donations secured from Kroger. Event will feature: raffle, face painting, food, an inflatable obstacle course (adults run) and a borrowed gaga ball pit (adult run). Even will be in cafeteria if during inclement weather.
 - Popsicle Play Date: Second year this even was held. Event was a success.
 - Buddy Program - has been adjusted to a more informal “meet-up” style. Small group of new parents met at Carey Grove Park. Discussion of another informal event in January
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Principal’s Report

- Theme for the year is “gearing up for greatness” which works hand-in-hand with the CCS theme of being “the best at getting better.”
- Continuum of initiatives this year, including: Responsive instruction, reading workshop, strategy groups, tech integration, MTSS, writing workshop, formative assessment, differentiation, math workshop, trauma sensitive best practices, stem, and conscious discipline.

- Tech integration - 1 to 1 ratio on chrome books in grades 2 to 5. Emphasis on technology only being used when amplifying learning, not to replace teaching.
- Conscious Discipline - Staff if on year 2 of a 3 year program of study on the book “Conscious Discipline” by Becky Bailey. Teachers attended summer training. Program focus on student safety, connection and problem solving.
 - Specials start times have been pushed back to allow for “connection time” between teachers/students first thing in the morning.
 - Monthly school wide “family meetings” have begun to increase sense of connection.
 - Focus for students on: an activity to unite, an activity to disengage stress, an activity to connect, and activity to commit oneself to positive thinking.
 - Additionally a quarterly goal will be presented. This quarter, the goal is to greet friends and adults with eye contact and a friendly hello or greeting.
 - School is currently working on a parent/family training night on the topic for cohesive school/home approach.
- Stem - New specials class, replacing computer lab. Mr. A pitched this to the district. Cherry Tree is piloting this for the district. Mr. Hegnauer moved from teaching 4th grade. He has a Masters Degree in scientific inquiry. Extremely positive feedback on this class so far. Additional stem integration through Mrs. Lima/media center.
 - No issues noted regarding lack of keyboarding class for kids as they performed NWEA testing.
- Reading Workshop - reading continues to be a priority. Classroom libraries are larger than ever. Reading time has been increased in classroom instruction.

New Business/Wrap-Up/Adjournment

- PTO committee contact list provided to attendees
- Next Executive Board Meeting: Monday January 27th, 2020

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:13am

