# Cherry Tree PTO | General Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 13, 2021, 10:45 -11:45 am LOCATION: Virtual, Zoom Conference Call

Called to Order: Sara Glenn called the meeting to order at 11:02am.



#### Attendees:

BethAnn Kelley, Melissa Kennedy, Angie Marx, Leah Eckstein, Teresa Hurm, Melissa Barkley, Eleanor Walters, Hima Chennamaruja, Stephanie Abisi, Abbe Obszanski, Amy Johnston, Cheryl Nolan, Laura Cooper, Alicia Noneman, Haley Filbert, Julie Hollingsworth, Lindsay Blythe, Brittany Campbell, Sara Glenn, Jessica Craig, Peter English, Kelly Jorro, Rachel Bancroft, Stephanie Flittner, David Glenn

#### Call to Order/Welcome/Voting/Approvals

- Attendees asked to Include in Zoom chat: name, CTE student name
- Approval of 2021-2022 Budget <u>Vote required</u> Rachel Bancroft moved to approve budget, Sara Glenn seconded the motion. Budget was approved as read.

## A Message from the Principal

- Mr. English is honored to return to Cherry Tree as principal this year!
  - o Background on career
    - This is his 21st year in education.
    - Was at CTE from 2009-2013 as assistant principal
    - Served as principal at Hamilton Southeastern's Sand Creek Elementary from 2013-2021.
  - Family
    - His youngest is here as a 4th grade student at CTE!
    - He also has a Freshman and Junior at Carmel High School.
    - His wife works at Clay Center Elementary.
  - Message to families
    - He loves to chat with families, spend time with students, and be in the classroom. His job is to be a liaison and a help to the parents.
    - For any big picture concerns, please reach out via e-mail or phone, but e-mail is the best way to get ahold of him penglish@ccs.k12.in.us
    - For general concerns about your student, Mr. English encouraged parents to start with the student's teacher, and certainly reach out to him if additional support is needed.
    - We have had a great start to the year, and continue to monitor numbers, health of students.
  - Updates
    - Working on annual school improvement plan
      - will be available on the website late September/ 1st week of October.
      - We have a committee of teachers and support staff that come together, look at data on how students are doing academically, and make a plan to address items.
      - We will have 2-3 full days of work of preparing with committee, then it will be posted.
      - This will drive instruction, professional development of teachers and staff, and will give a snapshot of what we are working on.

- Excited to work with PTO to kick off Boosterthon, which is our fall fundraiser. Thank you for your support!
  - All money comes back to school to benefit staff and children in a variety of ways.
- Theme this year The Power of Together
- Upcoming Events & Activities -
  - Parents are encouraged to check emails, read Cherry Tree Chatter, follow social media!
  - Fun Run coming up September 24
  - Family fun night October 7 stay tuned!
  - Hope these events bring us together and make for a great year!

### Treasurer's Report

- 2021-2022 Budget Presentation
  - Budget has been on PTO website for review go to quick links, expense form, will take you to treasurer page where proposed budget is
  - Rachel read line by line asked for questions:
  - Question: Boosterthon is this the only fundraiser right now? Answer: As of now we
    don't have anything scheduled as of yet. Technically yes, this is the major
    fundraiser. Dine to donate falls under community support, not necessarily
    fundraisers, along with Amazon, Kroger, Shutterfly
  - Came to budget based upon last year's budget and numbers
  - Approval of 2021-2022 Budget <u>Vote required</u> Rachel Bancroft moved to approve budget, Sara Glenn seconded the motion. Budget was approved as read.

#### Fall Fundraiser

- Boosterthon FUN RUN Brittany Campbell gave presentation
  - o Kicks off on Sept. 15
  - o Fun Run at CTE on Sept. 24
  - New fundraiser for us this year.
  - This is in place of our check writing campaign.
  - o Officially kicks off on Wednesday, September 15.
  - Ties into character building kids will watch videos in the classroom, then next friday the 24th, all the kids, regardless of if they've donated, will do a run. The max amount of running kids will do is 35 laps.
  - o Register your students and share with friends and family members.
  - This is opportunity to expand pool of people that will donate to CTE.
  - o Students will receive prizes based upon money raised.
  - Question: Are parents able to attend? Parents are not able to come and be spectators, but are able to volunteer at the event.

#### Committee Updates

- Updates from attending committee chairs
- Spirit Wear Pick Up
  - Stephanie Abisi gave report
    - Drive up pick up at school September 23rd from 5:30-7 and Saturday September 25th from 9-10:30am.
    - Watch your e-mail if you've ordered spirit wear for finalized times. You won't have to get out of your car.
- Artist in Residence program
  - Julie Hollingsworth gave report
    - Julie Kunkle has worked very hard.

- Brings in people from local community, work with specials teachers each year to bring some sort of art/technology into building to engage with students.
- This year Mrs. Ristow is working with Gizelle, artist in Indy area.
- Start Sept 27th; it will be shared what our students are engaging in. Using materials we would be throwing away, but are re-purposing and creating art. Each age range will have certain project they will work on. Keep an eye out that week to see the work that is happening.
- Fall Family Fun night
  - Thursday Oct 7th, on the north side of the school family festival tailgate, grilling out, dinner, prize drawing
  - Park on south side of school
  - o Free for all families.
- Reminder for families to connect their accounts to community support -
  - Amazon account
  - Kroger Plus card connect community rewards
  - New school picture company has a relationship with Shutterfly, but shopping through shutterfly through certain link allows CTE to receive portion of money. Customers are still able to still use coupon codes/discounts as normal. Keep that in the forefront of mind! Family members, grandparents can use these too. More communication on this to come!
- First Wellness Wednesday this Wednesday your kids will be trying cotton candy grapes!

## Wrap-Up/Adjournment

- Next General Membership Meeting:
  - o Monday, January 24, 10:45am-11:45am, Zoom
  - Re-sending volunteer google form with upcoming events, including fall fest, book fair, etc. OR send an email if you want to volunteer
  - Question: will visitors be allowed for Grandparents Breakfast, Parents and Pastries?
     We do not know yet. We are trying to determine a due date to make a determination for this year. More to come on that.
  - Room parent and parent volunteers deadline to complete form is Wednsday
     9/15; Thursday 9/16 determinations will be made. First parties 10/29.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Sara Glenn adjourned the meeting at 11:35am.

