

Carmel Middle School
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2020

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

Principal's Report

- Thank-You's received:
 - Deanna thanked the PTO for the boss day gifts
 - Thank You Thursday snack cart
 - Breakfast for staff meeting
 - Teachers & staff appreciate the little things
- Second semester form to change learning option is due October 23
- Canvas - working on ways to make sure students know what assignments to turn in and using the calendar function
- COVID - no teachers positive but do have some issues with teachers in quarantine if they were in contact with someone who tested positive or waiting on results for a family member
- Still trying to get music students outside, utilize gyms for social distancing
- Will be getting a new parking lot next summer and potential covered space by tennis courts
- Had a teacher scavenger hunt on late start Wednesday with prizes
- 2 grant requests:
 - Megan Osborn - \$219.84 for 4 wireless headsets
 - Ann Beyer - \$150 for rolling white board
 - Jason moved to approve, Claude seconded - VOTE APPROVED.
- Virtual announcements come out every 2 weeks

President's Report

- Keep thinking about ways that the PTO can support students and staff
- Would like to create some excitement for the kids - possibly masks with CaMS logo, stickers for water bottles
- Redistricting transitions - will be coming up but at this point still TBD
- Need to get Dine Out Nights scheduled for January through end of year
- Next meeting on Nov 10

Vice President's Report

- Thankful Thursday snack cart was well received
- This month will do popcorn bags with message "Just poppin' in to say thank you"
- Late Nov/early Dec staff meeting - will provide food
- Oct 19th bus driver appreciation - there are 40 drivers who will receive a \$5 gift card

- Bookstore volunteers - Deanna will check on status
- December holiday treat for staff has been a coffee bar. Look into doing a coffee truck since volunteers can't be used inside the building.
- Reminder of budget for appreciation - \$500 staff appreciation weeks and \$4500 for teacher lunch and appreciation

Treasurer's Report

- We are holding on with not a lot of expenses
- Fundraiser brought in \$15,600
- Club funds not being spent because clubs are not offered right now due to having no late bus
- Dine Out Nights:
 - Panda Express \$160
 - Noodles & Co \$180
- Received a \$2500 grant from CEF which will be used for bias/culture training

Pantry Packs Report

- A \$15 gift card and extra food will be going home this week
- Packing for 15 kids now, 1 is gluten free
- Pack every Thursday and pick up is on Thursday & Friday
- 3 fruits included each week
- Some food items have been hard to find

Communications Report

- Dine Out Night on 10/15 at Noble Roman's
- 17% increase in post reach last month
- 32% increase in Facebook likes last month
- Will do a Thankful November post to highlight PTO activities, Kroger, Amazon, possibly get more donations

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Galante