

August 11, 2017  
CMS PTO Meeting Minutes

The Welcome Coffee at the Habitat was the site of our first informal PTO meeting for the 2017-2018 school year.

**In attendance:** Dan Morgan, Blaise DiGirolamo, Kristen Hunter, Stacy Meheen, Angie Sullivan, Cindy Schroeder, Kimberly Whitaker, Susan Babcock, Michelle Balaam, Megan Escher, Maria Abarca, Jen Camargo, Elizabeth Bone, Bill Graessley, Molly McRae, Kalyani Gilliam, Karen Deaton, Jim Hamilton, April Hess, Terri Posadas, Alicia Tao, Kris Gibbs

**Introductions:** Dan and Blaise welcomed everyone and introduced the PTO members. Dan reminded the parents the importance of continuing to support CMS, he said we see a drop off in middle school. Dan provided an update on the various activity items that the PTO purchased last year. The PTO sponsored the Fun Area which includes a refurbished wiffle ball field, 3 new outdoor ping pong tables, Cornhole stations and a new outdoor volleyball court with removable poles in the West quad. It will provide more spots for kids to have fun and interact.

**Financials:** Stacy and Kristen provided copies of the budget. They spoke about PTO and how the funding is quite extensive. We give teachers stipends, provide student activities, End of Year Parties, after school sports, dances, honors breakfasts and lunches, teacher appreciation day, the Nancy Fowler Scholarship in association with Music Boosters, Habitat maintenance and campus improvements.

**Serve-A-Thon:** Cindy Schroeder spoke about the only fundraiser that CMS sponsors for the year. Wednesday August 23rd is the kick-off. Your child will be given a packet of information that explains the fundraiser. The students are asked to collect sponsors for engaging in community service. On the day of the event, we shut down classes for 2 hours and everyone participates in some service oriented activity. Prizes are given for participation, which include Jamba Juice, Taco Truck lunch, Giants game tickets and gift cards. Last year students performed over 1200 hours of community service during this event and raised over \$80,000 for our school. We still need volunteers for the Serve-a-thon on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-3:00pm. At the gathering on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> Leadership presents the items made during the Serve-a-thon and gives checks to representatives from the benefiting organizations.

**Sign Up Genius:** Angie Sullivan is the volunteer coordinator and spoke about volunteering at CMS. Angie is in charge of sending out notifications to parents when help is needed for different events.

**Teacher Appreciation Lunch:** Tiffany is looking for someone to take over the Teacher Appreciation Lunch for next year.

**Next PTO meeting is Wednesday, September 6th at 7:45am**