

CMS PTO Pre-Meeting

November 6, 2019

In Attendance:

Dan Morgan

Jennifer Kasper

Eva Gudbergsdottir

Lovina Worick

Review of any funding requests - Chinese New Year Budget

Serve-a-thon 500.00 level winners party moved to November or December

Cross Country placement ribbons said "Track and Field" (Jennifer Kasper will look into this)

Meeting Concluded: 8:30am

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Paul Behan

Cerry Rasmussen

Alicia Tao

Sara Hinds

Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes from October Meeting
- 2) Paul Behan
- 3) Financial Report
- 4) Parents Events
- 5) Board Changes
- 6) Principals Report
- 7) Other Business

October meeting minutes – Approved**Paul Behan**

Exploring new software (currently using GoGuardian) – we currently use it to flag for explicit sites or to block specific sites as well as to monitor what kids are doing, what sites they're using and what searches are happening. The new feature will flag for any child expressing suicidal thoughts.

Worked last year on proposal for this but one of the issues with the implementation is where are the lines of school/parent responsibility. Ex: what happens if alerts are coming out on a Saturday night or on a Wednesday afternoon during October break?

There's a feature that can send alerts to parents if there is any concern that someone is thinking about suicide. But, a "limitation" of the product is that the parent would receive a different alert than the administrator. In other words, it will indicate a potential issue, but it may not give enough detailed information to let the parent know, in detail, what caused the alert to be sent.

Question raised by Sara Hinds: what is the notification structure? If a parent is notified, will they know if someone else (like Jennifer Kasper) got the alert and that it was handled or is in the process of being handled?

Dan responded with that if they receive an alert and handle it, the parent would be notified.

Paul said that there's nothing that requires CMS staff to be watching notifications 24/7. After school hours. On the staff side, we're still working on protocols. Currently it is set that Principal/VP are receiving the notifications.

Paul is asking: Right now do we turn on the feature to allow notifications to the parent given the information the parent would receive would be limited?

Alicia asks: can parents opt in?

The feedback the board and members gave to Paul is that it's better to send alerts to parents despite there being less information than what the administrators receive (which is how the product is designed, this is not controllable on Paul's side)

Dan gave an example of last year in which Blaise D. was out of town and Dan was out of phone range when an alert came into them during a break. So having the parent receive notifications would have been helpful.

Alicia suggested it would be helpful to talk to 18-21 year-olds as a focus group to inform the school of how teenagers are thinking. What would have been helpful to the student...what flags could have helped. Paul said they have done some focus groups. They spoke to High School students who said Middle School years were the worst in terms of bullying. This focus-group feedback provides helpful information to know what to focus on for Middle Schoolers (for example).

Treasurer's Report

Lovina let Dan know that Angie had reported that some teachers thought they weren't getting stipends this year.

Cerry brought up the CMS tradition of rewarding students with 50.00 if they receive A's for every report card their whole 3 years. She didn't think this was a good practice. The board is considering removing it for the following year's budget. (added to running notes for Board topics to cover this year)

Jennifer Kasper offered that we have kids be able to allocate a donation of 50.00 to a cause that they feel strongly about.

Parent Events

Eva suggested increasing the Parents Night out to 600 from 400 as 400 isn't enough to be able to do the event the winter Cerry is planning. The board agreed to do the increase. Paul Behan said he'd be willing to play the music that evening.

Board Changes

Alicia Tao is resigning her position as VP of the board. She will continue to oversee the Staff Appreciation luncheons.

Principal's Report

Whirlwind of beginning of year is over and now focus on daily school.

Sara asked the question – has there been any thought for in the future – to send out an FAQ to the parents about the Drug Testing meeting to help parents to navigate the conversation about it...including the school's policy about it. Dan said it's a district program. He agreed that there was some confusion amongst the kids as he was asked by a handful of the kids on the way into the presentation if they were being drug-tested right now. Sara suggested improvement in communicating to the parents about the program.

Other Business

Cerry: Student Directory is now ready.

PTO Bylaws:

Cerry is suggesting that we could expand the roles we have on the board. Board let Cerry know we had a meeting to review the bylaws and have already made changes. We can discuss more changes to be made at a future meeting.

Dan: Leadership is now handling all dances.

Meeting concluded: 9:52am

Next Meeting: December 4, 2019