

CMS PTO Meeting

December 5, 2018

In Attendance: Dan Morgan, Blaise DiGirolamo, Alicia Tao, Holly Temple, Lovina Worick, Eva Gusdergsdottir, April Hess, Cindy Schroeder

Meeting adjourned 7:53am

Agenda:

1. Approval of 11.7.18 Meeting Notes
2. New Parent/Old Parent Event 12.10.18
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Update on large project spending
5. Funding Requests
6. Principal's Report

Approval of 11.7.18 Meeting Notes

Meeting notes approved

New Parent/Old Parent Event 12.10.18

There are over 60 people attending...this looks good and we're hoping for a good turn out.

Treasurer's Report

The board reviewed the budget with no questions/issues.

Update on large project spending

The climbing wall has been approved for consideration but Dan is still looking for pricing as well as safety checks (ie: can our current wall support it?)

Dan said that last year we were given pricing on concrete but need to get this re-quoted

Alicia knows the owner of Sanctuary Gym and will inquire about getting a 2nd opinion

This project is on track.

Amphitheater - Not on track as it's being pushed to the Facilities Master Plan - too expensive and should be considered by the master plan (which includes the involvement of DSA Compliancy/Standards)

Extension of Sports Court: Basketball Hoops - has been approved but again, needs to make sure we are compliant for safety standards. – Overall - On Track

Other updates on PTO Spending:

Blaise updated that display cases are up.

Green screen has been purchased

Robotic kits have been ordered

Drills are in and in use

Two Side Topics brought up:

Exposure for kids for certain electives.

The issue had been previously brought up that there are some electives that kids may never choose as they might sound intimidating or there might not be any clue re: what the class is about such as Industrial Arts. There's something in the works for Pre-registration next year (Feb time frame). Likely an informal open-house for those elective classes.

US Open:

Dan opened the topic of the US Open - Barb sent an email out. Parent-driven US Open will pay the school for parents to volunteer at the US Open.

Eva clarified that there was a minimum number of volunteers that should volunteer in order to be able to earn a block of money that would go to the school. And that it was cumbersome to gather all the required volunteers/required total hours.

Blaise is asking can we pull it off but we don't have the data to be able to answer that.

Dan will ask Barb what's involved so the PTO can determine if this is feasible (including how much money there is to be made)

Eva will contact Kristen as she's been involved before.

New Funding Requests:

No new requests!

Principal's Report

Mega Party: Went well. Was well-received by the kids. We had \$12,000 budgeted for prizes and spent approx. \$10,000

Most popular: cash in balloons (the kids had a great time with this)

If it happened again next year, would need more volunteers. This year, there were 10 people for approximately 60+ kids.

Thoughts for next year, was the mega-party a motivating event...? If not, do we expand the bowling event since the kids really enjoy that?

Blaise added that it was nice to see kids hang out together that weren't typical friends.

Thought it would be worth surveying parents to see if the Mega Party was a motivating factor.

✓**Action Item:** Dan will survey students to see if a Mega Party would be a motivating factor for next year

The New Safety plan (will be discussed at the next PTO Meeting)

We have a new CMS PTO Facebook page. Holly put high restrictions on this page to ensure appropriate useage.

What happened to our Staff Appreciation lunches? Last several years, there was an appreciation lunch once a trimester.

But the volunteer overseeing this isn't doing this anymore. How can we coordinate this going forward to keep this tradition going? These have traditionally been very appreciated by the teachers. Looking to do this once a trimester. We will look for someone to head this up. Reach out to a few people.

✓**Action Item:** Alicia will reach out to Tiffany (who has spear-headed this in the past).

Goal is to have a Staff Appreciation luncheon for 2nd Trimester.

Discipline:

There were a higher number of disciplinary actions needed 1st Trimester. But things are calming down. There's been a lot of teasing...social issues that Dan/Blaise have been dealing with it. Social media seems to be an issue...Blaise has talked to the district about blocking Instagram for CMS. But it's not been decided. Youtube is a highly-used site and there seems to be a lot of inappropriate content that's being watched on Youtube. The issue is that there's only so much control the school has over inappropriate use of technology as, for example, there's no control over what the kids can do/access on their phones.

PTO can share information about technology-use...but need to clarify that the PTO's opinions aren't representing the opinions of the school.

No action items. Just an update about an ongoing issue.

Meeting closed at 9:04am

Next meeting is January 9th, 2019.