

CMS PTO

November 7, 2023

In Attendance: Jen Barnes, Sun Shine Hohman, Laura Warren, Adrienne Mitchell, Valerie Ghio, Bahar Iranmanesh, Suzie Bajari, Devon Crews, Cynthia Haas, Kerith Harrison, Ann Day, Kati Enea, Roeya Banuazizi.

- I. Call to Order and Approval of October 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- II. Wellness Department Guest Speaker
- III. Treasurer's Report
- III. Cash for Cougar's Fundraiser
- IV. Staff Appreciation/School Events
- V. Parent Connections Committee
- VI. 8th Grade year-end activities
- VII. Annual Emergency Preparedness Plan
- VI. Principal's Report

Meeting called to order at 8:02 am

- I. Call to Order - Sun Shine Hohman
 - a. Approval of October 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes - Laura Warren moved to approve the minutes.
 - b. Welcome and review activities and events that the PTO supports: DJ for October Dance, French class supplies, Wellness Center snacks.
 - c. Reminder to submit yearbook pictures.
 - d. CJSF open to 7th and 8th Grade students
 - e. District wide collaboration of the elementary, middle school, and high school PTO Presidents.
- II. Wellness Department Guest Speaker - Suzie Bahari, licensed Mental Health Clinician
 - a. Wellness Center is a safe space for students to connect and support each other.
 - b. School has seen the levels of discipline decrease since the Wellness Center was on campus.
 - c. Claudia attended yoga training for educators. She utilizes this in Thrive classes and sessions in the living room. She is working on expanding this to the rest of campus.

- III. Treasurer's Report - Adrienne Mitchell
 - a. Checking Account Balance: \$48,396
 - b. In October payments issues for the DJ and teacher stipends.
 - c. Because the PTO didn't achieve its fundraising goal, the Board voted to remove the 8th grade gift during an Executive meeting.

- IV. Cash for Cougars Fundraiser – Valerie Ghio
 - a. To date, \$47,299 has been raised. Our goal is \$60,000.
 - b. Will continue to accept donations and will fundraise throughout the year to try to achieve the goal.
 - c. Chipotle Del Monte Fundraiser was held on Wednesday, October 4th. PTO raised \$718 from this event.
 - d. Next fundraiser will be held on November 15th at CPK. This will be an all day event. Details will be sent soon.

- V. Staff Appreciation/School Events - Valerie Ghio
 - a. December 15: Holiday Cookie Bar for CMS staff. A Sign-Up Genius will be sent on November 30th, after Thanksgiving break.

- VI. Parent Connections Committee - Laura Warren
 - a. Next mixer will be held on January 23rd (5-7pm) at Carmel Belle.

- VII. 8th Grade year-end activities - Kati Enea
 - a. Dance Theme - Luau
 - b. Brunch Theme - may piggyback on dance theme
 - c. First planning meeting will be held in February

- VIII. Annual Emergency Preparedness Plan - Jen Barnes
 - a. Annual presentation to provide an overview of the safety plan, emergency support teams, definitions of different drill types, and review of ALICE.
 - b. This plan is updated annually to reflect staff changes, changes to campus physically, and to account special plans for specific student needs.
 - c. Monthly drill held at school
 - d. Three types of drills: Lockdown, Shelter-in-Place, ALICE

- IX. Principal's Report - Jen Barnes
 - a. Cougar Fundraiser Celebration
 - b. Halloween Dance
 - c. Geo Bee is currently being held in the library.
 - d. New library website: added features and updated regularly.

- e. Chess Championship held by the Games Club
 - f. National Days: Do Something Nice for Others (October), Candy Corn Day (October), Kindness (November 13th), Pajama Day (November 14th)
 - g. Ofrenda display to celebrate Dia de los Muertos in the school library (can be viewed on the library website)
 - h. Staff vs Students Volleyball game will be held on November 17th
- X. Conclusion - Sun Shine Hohman
- a. The CMS PTO Board will have three open positions for the 2024/2025 school year. If interested, please contact the current Board Members.
 - b. PE clothes can be purchased in the office
 - c. Sports- CHS sports teams have made the playoffs; take your students to watch if they are interested in the Fall Sports program.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:39am