

February 3, 2016
CMS PTO Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 1:36PM

In attendance: Murial Lin, Ken Griest, Kris Gibbs, Kristin Hunter, Stacey Meheen, Angie Sullivan, Heidi Short, Nancy Chira-Garcia, Robin Rauh, Mike Heffner, Kath Uyeda, Karen Hendricks, Nakelle Fitzpatrick

Approval of January Meeting Minutes: **ALL APPROVED**

Treasurers Report: Kristin Hunter: Moved \$25K in to a CD. Still have a healthy balance in our accounts.

Guest Report: Mike Heffner ~ CUSD Chief Academic Officer

LCAP: Local Control Accountability Program: Trying to re-launch the way the District engages community stakeholders in the overall future of the District and how it works in the broader concept of the Carmel Community. There is a venue for written feedback. Going through the next phase. LCAP is re-visited every year and re-written every three years. State, county and school districts are all working on this at the same time. Want to galvanize the community going forward. For this process to be a vehicle for clearly established goals.

**Please see attached report

Some Highlights: We are working on challenging our kids to be beyond ready for each next level. They are already getting college credit by 11th grade because we are preparing them so well and they do so well on the tests.

CHKS: California Healthy Kids Survey 2014-15: We give this every other year to the students for them to self-report on our district.

We are 95% certain when our parent forums will be:

Captain Cooper (BS): Feb 25

Carmel: March 10 @ River School

CV: March 24 @ Tular

Marketing material out next week: 1.5 hours/ our priorities/ lend your parent voice

Doing a parent survey this year: Directly aligned with the Healthy Kids Survey. Parents, kids and teachers to do this survey so we can get a full circle of how we are viewed as a district from different perspectives. There will be one final meeting in May where they tell us how it all turned out.

Principal's Message: Cougar Calendar: WE did a few hardcopies this year. The electronic calendars worked for most (2/3 kids) and others (~ 200) wanted a hard copy. Even though teachers are trying to use the electronic calendars, there are a number of kids who prefer that physical calendar.

Girls Project: Met with Stacy and her uncle: doesn't seem like it would be that difficult, but it's considered a 'state ' project. Trying to get an engineer out to say "Yes, it can be done" before we pay for anything.

Gym Floor: Now washing the gym floor every day before play, but needs resurfacing

Nancy Fowler Scholarship: Need to get the application created for a student to apply for it;
Music Dept. doesn't want to limit it to 7th graders only. Hope by the end of Feb will get it out.

Meeting adjourned: 2:43

Winter Dance – Friday, January 28. There are 6th Grade parents who are willing to help with this. Angie has sent out a Sign Up Genius for this and we have a DJ. There are two more dances – the March Dance and the 8th Grade dance.

Nancy Fowler Scholarship: We think we have reserved \$2000 / annually. The choice of this camp is Cazadero Music Camp. But the Challenge is to administer the Scholarship, via CMS. Ken is willing to do this on the front end, but doesn't want to administer it every year. Need to recruit someone who is able/willing to administer this every year. CMS will always award the scholarship between the Summer of a scholar's 7th and 8th year, so no scholar can receive it twice. And we have to determine whether it's achievement based, or "need" based. PTO should have a person based on the selection committee.

Ken Griest: The Girls Project ~ Ken has been wanting to create the equivalent of the Wiffle Ball Court, (which is mainly used by the boys), for girls. He is proposing an amphitheater, similar to the one at CHS. He met with Dan Paul ~ any project over \$10K has to go out to bid. The project he has in mind will need an Engineering Report, and all kinds of review. \$10-12K to just get it going. Project is projected to be \$60K+ "or so"

Thoughts on the project:

Q: What if we do it piecemeal every year?

Q: Does there also needs to be school board approval?

Q: Can we also ask the school board to approve something and pay them back?

Site being looked at, is near the Sports Court at CMS. It will be a great place for everyone to hang out! Lisa motioned to approve \$20K seed monies to approve the project. Kristen is seconding it - NO one Opposed!

Gym Floors: Nothing going on... yet! They re-finished/recovered it ... there have been some problems.

Ways and Means:

All Line Items:

Stadille: - Musical ~ \$1000 ~ All Approved

Citizen Science Projects – Kestral Boxes. All Approved

\$275 for Science Geology unit where they polish rocks

\$235 for bug suckers -

\$550 for Chinese NewYears

Chupka ~ \$194 for Fondue Pots for cooking class in the Habitat

Ishler ~ \$1877.00 Launching a metal arts project in the industrial arts*

(*PTO is fronting the monies so that he can order the materials. Ken G. will take care of if from his budget, if it is found that the PTO cannot pitch in for any of these costs.)

PTO CD – Should we close our current \$25k CD and transfer the monies to a new 3-year CD?

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Meeting adjourned