

CMS PTO Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2015

Board Members in Attendance:

Lisa Morgan – Co-President
Murial Lin – Co-President
Kath Uyeda – Website
Michelle Lauren – Volunteers
Kristen Hunter – Co-Treasurer
Heidi Short – Secretary
Ken Griest - Principal

Board Members Absent:

Stacy Meheen, Co-Treasurer

General Members: Rosaleen Ryan Trambley, Cindy Schroeder, Brenda Bell, Lisa Bonfante Merrie Potter, Madigan Ahn, Anne Hitchcock, Andy Sudol

1) **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 1:35 pm

2) **Approval of Minutes for February—All Approved**

Treasurer's Report:

Money from Sports Boosters is still in the ASB account; Track has its own monies; We should get rid of the Sports Booster's monies ASAP

Student Planners—

Next year we will have Netbooks/Chromebooks for all kids. Ken has been working w/ Colin Mathison (CMS tech-guy) about how to have all of our technology communicate w/ Google Calendar and be available to all of the kids online. This is something we need to start thinking about; are we going to order a paper calendar? Or just go to the Internet and keep it all online? We need to think about how to transition our students to an online calendar vs. a paper calendar, so it all syncs together. Currently, Aeries/netbooks can all communicate. As long as it's consistent, and the teachers are getting it in the system on time so it can flow to the student's calendars, we should be okay. CHS will not be using paper calendars in 2015-16 so it's probably a good thing for us to transition now for all grades so they are in sync w/ what is going on in the District

This will result in a savings of almost \$4300 which is what we spend annually on the Cougar Calendars. The PTO purchases the CC's for all students so we can put that money to other uses. ☺

Serve-a-Thon : Murial Lin

Cindy Schroeder and Murial Lin came up with a great group of parents who are willing to take on various tasks for our big fundraiser. Now we seem to have at least six people who are willing to step up and continue the good work that has been going on. We welcome others volunteers

Chili Feed, May 7 – Ken Griest

We have four people who are available to help out for this event; no one wants to take the Lead, but with enough helping hands, we will get it done.

Lisa and Murial received an email from a parent whose child did not get a gift card for Honors. We will take care of that situation.

Water Bottles

Michelle Lauren Kahn was in Eco-Carmel; she is advocating buying lunch-kits and water bottles. We are trying to push zero-non-reusable plastic at the school; compost everything, We have already purchased an anerobic digestible composting system ~ It's one trash can and is picked up 1x/week

Today, they are installing the new outdoor, filterable water filling station at CMS. Can we provide the kids w/ water bottles w/ our Logo? Working w/ Andy Bryant at Fashion Streaks. The price will be approximately \$3. MLK will try to get a cost and bring in some samples. We can look at plastic and stainless bottles to give to the kids; PTO can use the monies left over from the Cougar Calendar to pay for this so it's free for the kids.

Compostable cups; In the past we have purchased compostable so should we continue on this practice? In the past, some have gone to the garbage as we don't have enough room for the compostable stuff.

Principal's Report

Green Ribbon Award: CMS just received this, and was one of 3 that was chosen from the State of CA. There are three parts to this award:

- **Maintenance** – HVAC and chemicals used at school. We have some ways to go, but we did pretty well
- **Health**—Student and Staff. Emotional, Social and Mental Health. Our programming content was exceptionally strong

Ken and others attended the awards presentation in So Cal; Ken realized how much more we have going on here at CMS for our students than most schools; next step is to forward to the Feds to see if we qualify for a national award.

MBOE –Monterey Bay Outdoor Education

This is a 3-days long local field trip for our 7th graders

Point Lobos

Waste Water Treatment plant

Odello Fields restoration and Garland Park water quality

Elkhorn Slough restoration—weeding of invasive species

Need additional parent chaperones if anyone is interested

Smarter Balance Assessment—Ask your kids about it

Ways and Means –none today

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 - next meeting is April 8, 2015 in the Habitat Classroom