

Cedar Island Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 6, 2017

6:30 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Brandy Gerth

Attendance: Parents - 6; Staff - 3

Old Business

Last Call for Twins Game – Tuesday, May 30th

Kim Landstad

\$7 per tix, 45 left to be sold

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Sara Hanzlik / Kari Jansen

Bobcat bash final, almost made what was budgeted \$7,971.45. Spring bookfair final, a little below what was budgeted \$1,877.98. Restaurant fundraiser at Zupas made about \$200. Author visit payment coming out of Special Projects Fund \$1,200.

Principal's Report

Dan Wald

Dan shared how much has been used from the Grade Level Opportunities Fund at each grade level. Used for Art Adventure and field trips, classroom celebrations, educational puppet shows, sponsoring other classroom activities. He mentioned that an anonymous donor provided funds for PTO activities as well. Next week is the kick-off for the vocabulary parade. Dan questioning if this is still meaningful for students/parents. 2 potential families came to visit the school and mentioned that their neighbor says the vocabulary parade is the highlight of the school year. Pam Bishop & Nancy Knutson are retiring this year. Dan is interviewing candidates next week. Lots of veteran teachers want to come to Cedar Island, good choices.

Volunteer Update

Barb Lindsay

Barb serves as an advisor for the Bobcat Council. Starting with the 2nd group. Figuring out spirit days – 80's day and hat day have been chosen. Barb is helping them figure out what 80s look is. They'll also be deciding on a service project, a collection type project. Conference dates for next year have been set which allows the PTO to start scheduling activities. Exact dates not shared tonight, but Barb will share the dates at the next PTO meeting. Barb would like input for the date of the first PTO meeting. This year's was a little later than past years. Lots of teacher projects for next year are coming in. Barb will be looking for volunteers to help with these. Need to discuss BOGO book fair and ice cream social sooner rather than later. Usually held during the first week in June. Looking at June 5th or 6th. Last day of school is June 8th.

Teacher's Report

3rd Grade Teachers

K: Begin wood and paper unit in science. MN Center for Book Arts field trip in May.

1st: Animal Humane Society visiting in April. Speakers will teach about pet care. Critters will be shared.

2nd: Music program is May 4th. Studying weather in science and finishing up DARE program.

Preparing for first MAP tests

3rd: Field trip to Science Museum June 6th. Asking PTO to provide funds for this because an outside grant was denied. Movie at the OmniTheater goes along with Sun, Moon & Stars science unit.

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4th: Learning about USA states and capitals. Students will soon start researching for their state projects. Recently went to History museum and state capitol.

5th: Working in historical fiction writing. Wrapped up MCA reading and science tests. Starting science unit on variables soon.

New Business

DARE T-Shirts

Barb Lindsay

Program needs funding for student/teacher t-shirts, ~\$525. Taryn motioned to approve funding. Lara seconded. PTO voted approval for funding.

Kindergarten Parent Info Session in Fall

Barb Lindsay / Dan Wald

Following discussion to get K parents more involved in PTO, Dan had idea to allow PTO to host parent welcome reception in the media center the first day of school. Barb would talk about volunteerism, and a PTO parent is welcome to speak about PTO activities. Folder would be given to each family with this information to refer to later as well. PTO asked to fund coffee and a small breakfast treat. Put a flyer in K rooms during the Open House for advertising. What about families that are new and not in K? Dan would like to invite them too. Do a direct mailing to them and ask for an RSVP. This would not be a required function.

Culver's Night – 4/17 @ 5-9pm

Kim Landstad

Flyer will go out next week. A School Messenger message will also go out beforehand.

2017-2018 Open PTO Board Positions

Barb Lindsay

Nominees: Lara Gilbert for asst treasurer. Beth Burggraff for secretary. Kari Janssen will become treasurer (currently asst treasurer).

Collaborating with other local PTO/PTAs – 4/18 @ 6pm

Brandy Gerth

Brandy and Taryn planning on going to level set about number and types of activities, strategies for getting volunteers.

PTO Activities & Volunteer Leadership discussion continued...

Taryn Kuebelbeck

Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30pm.

Ending Items

Last minute additions, comments

None

Adjournment: 7:25pm

Final 2016-2017 PTO Meeting: Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 pm

Thank you for being a part of Cedar Island's PTO!

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2016-2017 PTO Officers
Brandy Gerth, President
Taryn Kuebelbeck, Vice President

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