

Cedar Island Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 2, 2017

6:30-8:00PM

Attendance: 18 parents, 3 staff

Principal's Report, Dan Wald

In November of every year, a school improvement plan is developed after studying test scores and is coordinated with the school district plan. In 2nd-5th grade MAP test – check student growth from year to year. MN Comprehensive Assessment – what the state uses to determine if the school is doing its job. MCA testing results (grades 3-5) CI, the school district is similar to the state. CI performs pretty consistently above state and district averages. On the school improvement plan, in reading proficiency grade 4 met the state goal. Math results – almost every subgroup met the transformational goal from the state!

Reading goals:

1. Implement additional NUA strategies (using staff meetings to learn new methods and then implement).
2. Provide better training of the CLEAR model for teachers and then implement it, schoolwide as a tool.
3. Use new PLT data form

Math goals:

1. Implement additional NUA strategies (using staff meetings to learn new methods and then implement).
2. Provide better training of the CLEAR model for teachers and then implement it, schoolwide as a tool.
3. Implement math talks school wide
4. Investigating Bridges as a new curriculum

Student Behaviors

1. Implement Restorative Circles weekly in 4th/5th grade (e.g., what qualities are important to you as a friend)
2. Utilize restorative justice conversations to resolve conflicts between students
3. Implement CI/CO (check in/check out)
4. Implement a school-wide service program for students

Will have a parent survey this year. A certain number of parents are selected (2 years ago – 33 parents). 50% of that group found a weakness was in communication from teachers in the classroom. CI is working on consistent communication plan. Contact Mr. Wald with ideas.

Teacher's Report

1st grade –thank you to the PTO for assistance with DRA day, thank you for the inflatable party

2nd grade – learning about plants and animals, field trip to Mill City Museum, great response for teacher chaperones

3rd grade – having a chance to use iPads and Chromebooks

4th grade – starting to use more apps on the ipads, beginning study of maps, just finished a quadrilateral art project

Skills rooms – completed an apple unit, Pete the Cat and his white shoes, big thank you for the inflatable party

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Volunteer Update, Barb Lindsay

Extra hands needed for a kindergarten project! A committee has been developed to determine how a service project could be implemented at each grade level. A decision has not been made on what the project will be. The Bobcat Council is made up of 5th graders and their service projects have been pennies for patients and a food drive in the spring. They also choose spirit days.

Treasurer's Report, Barb Lindsay

Parents bought 125 books for the teachers' classrooms. An idea was brought up to have a list of grade level books. The fall fundraiser brought in \$21,573.34, \$2000 deposit was already made to Boosterthon, they will give free t-shirts for next year. Determine if the inflatable party can be put in the budget for next year.

Old Business

Conference catering – Beth Burggraff

Thank you to all of the volunteers! Contact Beth with any suggestions for themes or food to have at conference catering for conference in Jan/Feb.

Inflatable party – thank you to Amanda Plath for helping all day with the party.

4 inflatables were set up in the gym – the kids had a lot of fun! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped!

New Business

Restaurant Night – Scott Veith

Scott Veith has taken over as the chair for restaurant night. Made \$425 from Culver's night. Scott is setting up nights for each month. Contact him with any suggestions.

Panera – November 9th

Red's Savoy Pizza – December 14th

Portillo's – March 15th

Turkey Bingo – Kim Landstad

November 17th at 5:30pm

A signup genius was sent in the Wednesday email. Shifts are only 45 minutes! Many volunteers are needed!

Butter Braids – Dawn Lanie, Amber Burke

Look for info in next Wednesday's envelope/email! There will be two items offered for sale: Butter Braids and Cookie Dough. The orders will be due the Monday after Thanksgiving. There will be one day for pickup before winter break.

Twins Game – Kim Landstad

Put 5/22 on your calendar!

Lynette will help organize the seating chart.

A new item was discussed: a theater option as an after-school program. Will continue to explore.

Next PTO Meeting: Thursday, December 7th

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