

Cedar Island Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2017

6:30-7:00PM

New Cedar Island Families Info Session
Brandy Gerth

Dan Wald, Barb Lindsay,

"Welcome to Cedar Island!"

Volunteering at CI...Why?

- Community – people being involved...get out what you put into it
- Understand what's going on at school
- Model the importance of school to your child
- Provide a caring presence for all children

Types of Volunteer Opportunities

- Daytime – in the classroom or in the volunteer work room
- At home – portable projects
- PTO events and projects – in the evenings

How to Volunteer

- 2 page yellow application – return to Barb
- Sign in at the computer in the front office – wear name tag

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

- Consists of all parents, guardians, teachers and staff – a community
- Monthly meetings – 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30pm
- Fundraise annually to support a variety of programs/activities
 - Staff appreciation week
 - Classroom parties
 - Volunteer program/classroom paraprofessionals
 - Subs for teachers during testing
 - Playground equipment
 - Art Adventure
 - Field trips
 - Childcare during conferences
 - and MORE!!!

Fundraisers/Events

- Fun Run
- Butter Braid
- Box tops
- Turkey Bingo
- Bobcat Bash
- Restaurant Nights
- Scholastic Book Fairs
- Pastries with Parents

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7:00-8:00PM Cedar Island PTO Monthly Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

Attendance: 34 parents, 5 staff

Principal's Report, Dan Wald

It's been a calm start to the school year. The first day of school reception for new parents had an attendance of 60 parents. For workshop week, the theme was Cedar Island, the island of joy. Staff want the school to be a welcoming environment. Total enrollment is 446 students. K – 69, 1st – 67, 2nd – 78, 3rd – 74, 4th – 74, 5th – 84, 3 sections of all grades except for 2nd. Decent class sizes compared to past years. Parent meeting for 4th/5th grade parents to receive an iPad on Wed, 9/20 for parents from 6-7pm. 4th grade leaves iPad at school. 5th grade can bring the iPad home starting in Nov/Dec. More of a focus on student service this year led through Bobcat Council – 5th grade students. Looking at having some school-wide service. Email about theater "Alice in Wonderland" at Oakview. Children need to be registered by Monday, 9/18. Children will be walked over to Oakview for practice. Conferences are coming up quickly. A link will be sent on Wed, 9/20 and first come/first serve for time.

Teacher's Report, 2nd grade teachers

iPad roll out is 9/29 for students. Thank you for the photo stations. Reading/math curriculum in 3rd grade, getting into the routine. Looking forward to receiving Chrome books. K-2: getting back to school, lots of rules and expectations, community building. 6 ipads in 2nd grade used a lot for reading in the classroom. Really normal to not share what the day was like for the primary students. During conferences – won't be too much data and it will be a relationship building event. Have a broader lunch menu this year so please review main lunch, alternate and salad bar with your child.

Volunteer Update, Barb Lindsay

Trying hard to get in applications into database. Labeled about 200 headphones as PTO has purchased for the students. Get your volunteer application please to get you on the right lists to be eligible for field trips, etc. The Wed envelope had school BBQ info...parents come in, pay for lunch, meet with your child, bring a blanket/towel to sit on and eat lunch with your child. Send BBQ flyer back to get an accurate head count for food. Typically serve about 900 people. Barb has a direct line if you have questions.

Treasurer's Report, Barb Lindsay

See income/expenses for more information. Fall fundraiser is the biggest fundraiser. The carnival does make money but it's more of a fun family event. Treasurer's report will be updated for the next meeting. Moving to a new system for treasurer's report.

Upcoming Events

Boosterthon Fun Run - 9/28, Sara Krueger

Kick off is on Monday, 9/18. Try to raise \$20,000. Only charge up to 35 laps. We don't bring up in the classroom besides a 5 minute presentation. Rely on parents to promote. This year if we meet the goal, all school inflatable on Halloween. Sara is looking for a shadow for next year to take over.

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Communication:

Email - cedarislandpto@gmail.com

Facebook - fb.com/CedarIslandPTO – there's nothing private on there. Try to promote what Cedar Island PTO does.

Website - <https://schools.district279.org/ci/parents/parent-teacher-organization>

Minutes will be posted here.

School Messenger

System used to send school emails.

At a PTO meeting in the spring, discussed a mentorship process to shadow the current chair before taking over the following year.

Art adventure – in January, a volunteer will bring in a picture from MIA to review and complete a project. Training sessions are in September, October, or November. Contact Taryn if interested.

Twins game – looking for help organize the tickets.

Grant writing – do you know anyone that could help with this? We don't currently have expertise in this area.

Corporate giving programs – United Way donations, can write in Cedar Island PTO. Amazon Smile – for each purchase, money is donated. Looking for someone to help brainstorm.

PTO Involvement Opportunity Examples

Fall fundraiser / Fun Run

Twins Game

Book Fair

Grant Writing

Restaurant Night

Corporate Giving Programs

Turkey Bingo

Art Adventure

Bobcat Bash

To do: Create Google calendar for PTO events at Cedar Island.

Open House Thanks!

Magnets: Dawn Lanie, **Selfie Stations** – Beth Burggraff, **Flowers** – Dani Margeneau, **Food Truck Organization** – Candee Ebeling, **Signs & Ice Cream Organization** – Kim Landstad, **PTO Table** – Jill Miller, Sara Krueger, Kari Janse, Lara Gilbert, Sara Hanzlik, Taryn Kuebelbeck, Brandy Gerth

Next PTO Meeting: Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 pm

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

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