

Cedar Island Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 8, 2018

6:30 PM - Media Center

Welcome & Introductions

Brandy Gerth

Reports

Principal's Report

Dan Wald

Thank you for conference catering and participation in the Scholastic Book Fair!

Maple Grove Parks and Rec is planning on building a new playground at Cedar Island. The playgrounds are on a 15 year rotation and Cedar Island is coming up this summer! The current playground will be removed and moved to a third-world country and be rebuilt! (Awesome) The pea-rock will be removed and replaced with engineered wood fiber (like mulch- yes!!! No more rocks in the house!!). There will be a big structure and a smaller structure for 2-5 year olds. The zip line will remain (no replacement, no removal) but may be altered to meet standards; the big rock will also remain. Will be built this summer! We do not have final say in the playground as Parks and Rec is paying for the new structure.

Important Dates (email will be sent to parents closer to dates):

March 15 8-9am: open meeting with designer from company to see proposed play structure. Able to provide feedback.

April 27 8-9 am: final result; minor tweaks if needed.

Teacher Reports

Specialists

All teachers thank the parents for the conference catering! Very delicious!

Kindergarten: Starting to plan for orientation (March 21).

First Grade: Having a wonderful time in science as watch butterflies fly, plants grow tall and beetles crawl. Students excited about Valentine's party and celebrating 100th day next week with special math and writing activities.

Second Grade: Thank you for funding germ unit and petri dishes for collecting samples. Also thank you to parents for making salt dough for landform projects (and extra dough for those who didn't have any). Thanks in advance for volunteers for Valentine's Day party. Learning subtraction with regrouping, learning about landforms and penguins, and doing animal research.

Third Grade: Celebrating Read Across America on March 2 by having kids bring in blanket, stuffed animal, and favorite books to read from 3-3:30 in the classrooms.

Fourth Grade: Looking forward to Valentine's day party next week. Appreciate parents planning and participating in party. Starting study of United States Regions and focusing on Midwest Region to begin. Getting ready for upcoming fractions unit by using an app on the iPad called Woot Math.

Fifth Grade: Went to Minneapolis Institute of Art on Tuesday. Thanks to PTO for organizing the trip and paying for the buses. Starting an Environments Science course where students are creating their own experiments.

Specialists: Music concert 4th grade March 15. Floor hockey is being played in Phy Ed in Grades 3-5. Grades 1-2 using pillow polo sticks. I love to read month having hot chocolate days and special guest readers in media. Looking forward to author coming in next month.

Volunteer Update

Barb Lindsay

Volunteer room has been busy with Valentine's Day party preparations. Things are going well! Already starting to get some teacher projects for next year. All good things.

Treasurer's Report

Kari Jansen / Lara Gilbert

Conference childcare – 74 kids took advantage of this and collected \$175. Lots of little items paid; book fair money still coming in. If things go to plan, will be ahead \$9000. Nice job!

Old Business

Art Adventures

Taryn Kuebelbeck

Art Adventure wrapped up in January. Please check the hallway for some of the artwork created! Always welcome more Picture People to lead the discussion and art. Fun time in your child's classroom and a short time frame (weekly for one month). Contact Taryn if interested in this activity next year.

Book Fair

Jen Brink

Total profit was \$1885. Jen ran it for the first time- thanks Jen! Well done! Raised 612 Scholastic Dollars this time that will go to the Media Center. Several comments:

- 1- Treasure Chest (used by teachers for incentives) needs to be restocked with books. Motion passed for \$200 to be spent at Scholastic Warehouse to replenish books.
- 2- Question if book fair should be open more hours for kids to shop during school hours. Dan will ask teachers what their thoughts are on this.
- 3- Profit during Pastries with Parents was \$296. Do we want to continue having the book fair open during this event? Yes, as long as food is kept out of the book fair.

Comments- have more books in the teacher baskets!

Conference Catering

Beth Burggraff

All went well!! Thanks to those who brought food!

Pastries with Parents

Kim Landstad

Pastries for parents- had too many donuts and volunteers! (both very good problems!) Very busy between 8:45-9:15. Several families came by before KidStop. Kim Landstad would like to do Pastries with Parents again if can have \$250 budget. Motion to keep \$250 budget; motion passed.

New Business / Upcoming Activities

Bobcat Bash Carnival - March 2

Kari Jansen

Sign ups went out this week!! Please sign up.

Schoolwide Service Project

Barb Lindsay

On Tuesday, March 20 all students will be paired together by grade to tie fleece blankets for Humane Society and Second Hand Hounds. Have enough fleece to make 100 blankets in small dog/cat size. Need to determine how many kids work on each blanket to know how many blankets are needed so every child can help. Maximum yards of fleece needed is 130 yd; Minimum of 10 yards. Suggest sending another notice to parents for donations but will still need additional funds. Motion passed to spend up to \$500 to purchase additional fleece and/or other supplies for this project.

Ending Items

Share Your Ideas and Feedback

Last minute additions, comments

Reminders: March 15 Portillo's Family Night; Author Night on March 6.

PTO Board: President and Vice President positions are open for next year. If interested, contact Barb.

Adjournment

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

Next PTO Meeting

March 1, 2018 @ 6:30pm

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