

## **CES PTO General Meeting Minutes February 7, 2017**

**Attendance:** Susan Berlew, Lori Davidson, Sarah Gauch, Stephen Webb, Mandy Glaves, Shelley Story, April Desabuais, Jenny McClean, Jen Green, Alyssa Martin, Grace Fong, Cecelia Cerdiveira, Kathryn Brensinger, Ashley Nadeau, Lavanya Lakshman, Flavia Araujo, Cheri Johnson, Kim Richardson, Angela Stratton, Alicia Kennedy, Vandana Mishna, Michelle Copeland, Angie Hodges, Daphnie Pilgrim, Marie Lotrean, Sarah Higgiston, Steph Richardson, Karin Scruggs, Ginger Forst, HaeJung Marr, Nancy Hollis, Karen Bowman, Sheila Crafton, Maria Oberoi, Swathi Kankanala, Stephanie Vierus

### **Meeting Called to Order at 9:15am**

1. **Welcome:** Susan welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked the CES staff for hosting breakfast.
2. **President's Report**
  - a. Thank you's:
    - i. The murals on the back wall are complete and there has been great feedback. Ms. Wagnon added that it was a great experience for the kids to watch her paint. She would like to do a world mural in the center back wall moving forward.
    - ii. Susan has been thanked by Ms. Sheffield (K teacher) for the Reading A-Z materials and by Mrs. Darrough for the new art tables. The new water stations have been delivered and are currently being installed. The teachers are very grateful for the difference the PTO is making.
    - iii. Susan thanked Maura Kuhn for coordinating the Chick Fil A community night – it raised almost \$300 for the PTO
  - b. Nominating Committee: it is time for the nominating process for next year. There are a lot of board positions open and the nominating committee will be meeting over the next month and reaching out to PTO members.
3. **Ms. Wagnon's Report**
  - a. Ms. Wagnon thanked the PTO and volunteers for coming this morning, and breakfast is a token of their appreciation.
  - b. The school board called the bond last night. There are a lot of proposed updates/changes for CES, so Ms. Wagnon urges everyone to pay attention to the details so you know what you're voting for. Information is on the web site, [www.carrollbudget.com](http://www.carrollbudget.com).
  - c. Valentine's Parties are next week
  - d. Testing season is coming up
4. **Executive Reports**
  - a. VP Report:
    - i. Lori reported that Mandi Glaves was Volunteer of the Term. She thanked her for all of her hard work on Dragon Games.
    - ii. Fall Disbursements: everything has been purchased and utilized by the school; water stations, wobble seats, the mural, etc. A .25 mile concrete track with exercise stations is currently getting approved by the district.
    - iii. Spring disbursements will come after the Spring Fundraiser and will be mostly curricular items.

- b. Secretary Report: Karen Bowman moved to approve the November meeting minutes. Steph Richardson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

## **5. Committee Reports**

- a. Outreach:
  - i. Stephanie Vierus reported that the most recent after school Outreach activity benefited Meals on Wheels. The next after school activity will benefit Project Night Night. Students will fill bags with books, blankets and stuffed animals for children in homeless shelters. Families can adopt a bag and fully fill it, or bring an item for the bag.
  - ii. They are currently collecting for the Humane Society (animal shelter in Keller). The shelter is in need of bowls, food and toys. Donation bins are out front. If you can contribute food, meat must be the number one ingredient.
  - iii. Susan thanked the committee for Christmas is for Children
- b. Spring Fundraiser: Disco night is coming up!
  - i. Great band, Le Freak, will be playing 70s music. Discounted hotel rooms (Hilton DFW Lakes) are available. Tickets are on sale, and there will be an open bar.
  - ii. There will be live and silent auctions, and an online auction will start next Wednesday (Feb 15-22)
- c. Teacher Appreciation Week: Coming up week of 4/17
  - i. Steph Richardson reported that the theme is "You Mean the World to Us"
  - ii. Classroom doors need to be decorated – Steph Richardson has the sign up. Decorating will be on April 13 or 14 (depending on whether or not school is in session on 4/14). Any help is appreciated. Volunteers can take the roll paper home and decorate at home and bring it to school to simply tape up. Party moms or volunteer coordinator for each class will help coordinate door decoration.
  - iii. They are looking for people to donate vases, if anyone has extra vases at their house.
  - iv. Lunch will be provided everyday – there are many great local sponsors who have contributed.
- d. Publicity: Angie Hodges requested that if anyone has pictures from Christmas parties, Ellis Island or any other events around the school, the publicity committee would like to use them to decorate the bulletin board.
- e. Beautification: Karen Bowman reported that the committee is working with Above & Beyond Landscaping to help with updating landscaping in front of the school.

## **6. Announcements:**

- a. Valentines Parties 2/14
- b. Lily Rain Fundraiser 2/16, 4-8pm
- c. Spring Fundraiser Online Auction 2/15-2/22
- d. All Pro Dads Breakfast 2/17, 7am (former Dallas Cowboys player Cory Procter is speaking)
- e. Spirit Shop open 2/17, 10am-1pm
- f. School Closed 2/20
- g. Outreach Event: February-March (Humane Society)
- h. Next PTO Meeting 4/4, 9:15am

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:45am**