

Cedar Grove PTA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 5, 2017

7:00 President Nicole Shulman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

President's Report- Nicole Shulman:

- Board of Education will be having dinner with the Clarksburg Cluster Principals and PTA Presidents on February 15th from 7-9pm at Hallie Wells.
- Huge Thank you to Jodi Wilbanks for chairing the Holiday Shop!

Vice President's Report- Annie Karp:

- There were a few errors with the PTA directory, and we apologize for that. If corrections need to be made, please email Annie with the correct information.
- PTA members have access to the AtoZ online app for the directory.
- PTA membership update: there are currently 33 staff members and 151 family members that have joined.
- For our Feed the Bears Campaign, we have \$5,500. That is very short of our goal, so we will be sending another reminder home in backpacks.
- We will extend the deadline and think about a spring fundraiser.

Vice President's Report- Lori Andrus:

- Mrs. Schankel's class won the Feed the Bears contest in October and they have chosen a popcorn party. Mrs. Cornell's class won for November and they have chosen a beta fish.

Treasurer's Report- Lori Marshall:

- The budget was shared- what money has been spent and the income we have received.
- Called PayPal and inquired about receiving funds through them. There will be a "Donate Now" button on the PTA homepage that you can donate directly to the PTA. It has a fee of 2.2% + .30 per transaction. This year we will use this for donations only, but next year will look into having it for other items such as Spirit Wear.

Secretary's Report- Michele Tregoning:

- There was no correspondence this month.

Committee Reports:

Volunteer Coordinator- Jen Coakley:

- I am still trying to find a chair for our Spring Dance. If we don't have a chair, we will not hold the dance.

- Katya helped out with make-up picture day, and pictures for the yearbook.
- Extra hands are still needed for the Holiday Shop this week.

Spirit Nights- Nicole Shulman (on behalf of Kelly Liu):

- We earned \$103 from the Agrodolce Spirit Night.
- There is a Spirit Night at Pot Belly's tomorrow (Dec 6) from 4 to 9PM. You will not need a flyer, just mention CGES.
- Thursday, January 25th there is a spirit night at Café Rio. You will need a flyer for this spirit night (electronic or paper copy).

FLEX- Nicole Shulman (on behalf of Mini Varughese):

- The FLEX winter session registration opens on December 6th at 9AM and closes on January 8th. The session will run from 1/16-3/15.

Holiday Shop- Jodi Wilbanks:

- The Holiday Shop is going great! Much of the merchandise has been sold, but there is still a lot left! Volunteers are still needed to be cashiers.

Principal's Report- Lee Derby

- Thank you giving the school money for the mobile Promethean Board. It is being used in the gym and by Mrs. Kim in the Art room.
- Mrs. Kim has returned from maternity leave and started her art classes.
- Third grade has a new teacher, Ms. Srour. She started the first day of the new marking period. She held an Open House for her parents last week.
- Conferences were held over the last few weeks- thank you for the conference treat bags.
- Our next SGA sponsored spirit day will be next Tuesday, December 12th. It will be pajama day.
- Our first Bear Way assembly was held the day before Thanksgiving. The winning class in each grade level will be getting a special treat (like getting to eat lunch on a tablecloth in the cafeteria, for example).
- The playground area is getting much needed work done, as there were some roots sticking up out of the ground, causing unsafe situations out there. MCPS brought in lots of dirt, packed it down, and planted grass. The area is temporarily roped off until the work is complete.
- We have a few events coming up in December- Winter Wonderland in PE classes will be the week of December 15th -21st.
- CHS choir is coming on December 19th.

- Next week is interim time. That will be available as a hard copy, but also will be available on My MCPS as well.

Staff Liaison Report- Karina Hirschhorn

- The raffle for the free new published book in a popular series ends on Friday. We will pull the raffle winners on December 15th.
- On the school's homepage, there is a section called, "What's Happening This Month or Next". Please check that out for updates, and send me any info to be added.
- There is a Kindness Challenge segment on the morning news. Kids are challenged to look for random acts of kindness to be spotlighted.
- There is a Book club for 5th graders starting in January. A google survey was sent to all 5th graders via their classroom, which parents should review with their child since some of the meeting time choices are either before or after school and will require transportation.

Old Business/New Business

- Nicole has been in touch with Karen Edwards regarding Spirit Wear. She will have samples of shirts and items we will be selling so you can see the items. There will be items available for purchase at the upcoming Science Expo/Curriculum Night, which is January 11th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.