

CDS PTO Minutes September 3, 2015

In Attendance: Mitzi Smith, Emily Pezzola, Cindy Gordon, Melinda Greene, Ray Greene, Becky Klassen, Ellie Macy, Liz Ewing, Karen Laws, Mandi Bega, Kristina Scott, Michelle Risser, Christy Rome, Erica Whittet, Ashley Shepler, Janet Shepler, Daniella Bell, Abbi Crochet, Acacia Jameson, Amanda Treadwell, Laura Orpin, Beth Schafers, Stacy Schlyer, Melisa Nugent, Stephanie Daas, Christi Madden and Melissa Russell

A brief Room Parent presentation was given by Melinda Greene and Mandi Bega prior to the meeting being called to order. A brief description of duties were discussed as well as introductions of all parties in attendance. Also mentioned was the time change for the Fall Party. It will now be in the morning instead of the afternoon.

Call to order by Emily Pezzola at 6:43 P.M. She requested that all board members and anyone interested stay after the meeting for a few minutes to discuss a few additional things that those coming to pick up their room parent folders might not be as interested in.

Principal's Report given by Mitzi Smith:

- * She discussed her current desire to increase the use of social media. She emails often and CDS secretary Julie posts to the Facebook page and the CDS website often. Currently, there is a Facebook contest between all district schools to see which school's Facebook page gets the most likes and shares. The winning school's staff will win a free catered lunch.

Treasurer's Report given by Becky Klassen:

- *Becky read over financial statements for August and she passed out copies of these numbers to everyone in attendance. She discussed what the PTO spends their money on including but not limited to \$50 annually for each classroom teacher for supplies, reading shirts, AR parties, field trips, staff meals during conferences and teacher appreciation gifts.

Fundraising Report given by Cindy Gordon:

- *The fall fundraiser with River City has been scheduled for a September 16 kick off date. October 20 is the scheduled pick up date. Some items that will be available are entertainment books, coupon cards, tumblers, as well as the usual order books. As a reward for the kids, CDS will host the Big Bash later in the year where each classroom will be able to play on inflatables for a set amount of time throughout the day.

- *Many restaurant nights are scheduled for this school year and a flyer was handed out with all the dates. This gives families an opportunity to dine out while a portion of the proceeds is donated back to the CDS PTO.

- *Bingo night is scheduled for Friday, April 1st and we will talk about that much more in the months to come.

- * A possible All Star Sports fundraising night was discussed where a bracelet will be sold for \$15. This bracelet allows unlimited use of the go-carts, laser tag, mini golf and bumper boats. A portion of sales from each bracelet is donated back to the CDS PTO.

*A possible skating night as well as a bowling night was discussed with Kristina Scott volunteering to work the check in table for bowling night.

Ellie Macy, Karen Laws and Liz Ewing read some thank you notes from different teachers.

New Business:

* Principal Mitzi Smith discussed the budget cuts that the district is dealing with. She has requested that the money earned from Kroger and Target go directly to curriculum purchases and other teacher resources. The money would stay in the PTO account but she would not necessarily need approval for each purchase. Along with that discussion came the idea of an incentive for families to sign up with Kroger. A crazy hair day and a hat day were mentioned. *President Emily Pezzola thanked everyone for coming.

*Principal Mitzi Smith asked for volunteers for Site Council. The first meeting will be in October about school safety. It will be at CDS and there will be a PTLW presentation by Science teachers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

The next meeting will be Thursday October 8 at 6:30 in the CDS library.

After the meeting, board members discussed:

*Adding the Librarian, Kristina Scott, to the list of teachers that receive the annual \$50 for classroom purchases.

*President Emily Pezzola discussed the need to look into the amount of unused CD players at CDS. Some new teachers have expressed interest in borrowing one. If there are none available, PTO may be asked to purchase one to have on a check out basis, primarily for the use of substitute teachers since they do not have access to the classroom teacher's computer. *The idea of setting up computers during Parent/ Teacher Conferences to make it easier for families to log into their Kroger accounts and select CDS as their school of choice for future donations was discussed.

*Box Tops were discussed. The new Box Top Coordinator, Christy Rome, mentioned some ideas she had for the school year.

*Melinda Greene discussed the status of the sun shade purchase for the playground and the PTO decided it was not a purchase they were interested in making at this time.