

# Minutes of the Cottonwood PTO Meeting

## October 2, 2018

1. Welcome & Introductions
  - a. Rachael Neibling, Mike Scolari, Katy Miller, Katie Nguyen, Carrie Lindeman, Megan Kice, Thad Middleton, Robin Sagamang, Sarah Osburn, Sheri Plank, Shari Rooks, Mandy Keil
2. Officer & Committee Reports
  - a. Principal's Report
    - i. Enrollment numbers are the same: 455
    - ii. P/T Conferences on 10/18
    - iii. Career on Wheels on 10/3
    - iv. Redesign - A state initiative to look at the way we are educating students.
      1. Mrs. Rooks want kids who can communicate, persevere and be responsible
      2. Talked about why: want better for the kids, help kids be ready for the next step, be comfortable with who they are. " At Cottonwood, we believe in doing what's best for all kids by building relationships and providing opportunities for exploration that promote lifelong learning."
      3. Students and Parents were surveyed. 57 responses were submitted from parents. Survey responses were shared. From responses, do we need to change our why? Members are asked to look through the responses and look for trends and a-has.
      4. Site Council will meet with Mr. White and Mr. Rombeck at the next meeting to give input on District Mission Statement.
    - v. YMCA will offer swim lessons to 2nd graders at Cottonwood and Prairie Creek. Students will get basic swim lessons for 6 weeks. Proceeds from AHS/ACHS game will go to the Splash Program. Shane will be coming to talk at the next meeting.
  - b. Treasurer's Report
    - i. The budget was shared.
      1. Sonic Night was not as busy as normal. Sonic wanted Wednesday night, we did not.
      2. All Star Sports was canceled due to weather. Will be moved into the spring.
      3. Taxes were filed and the Annual Report was sent.
  - c. GAD Parade Update
    - i. Received First Place Overall
    - ii. 25 or 30 kids walked in the parade

- iii. Candy was available all the way to the end of the route
    - d. Spirit Wear Update
      - i. Shirts came in last week
      - ii. Another Sale will happen before Thanksgiving
      - iii. Old Cottonwood shirts can be given to Mrs. Hodge for kids who need shirts.
  - 3. Unfinished Business
    - a. Teacher grant request update (voting next month)
  - 4. New Business
    - a. Upcoming Events
      - i. Parent/Teacher Conf.
        - 1. Breakfast: Rusted Rooster and coffee
        - 2. Lunch: Looking at extra long subs, for grab and go, with chips, fruit, drinks
        - 3. Cost: About \$2.50
        - 4. Will check about donations for meals
      - ii. Non-A-Thon
        - 1. Starts Oct. 12th, ends Oct. 26th
        - 2. Only major fundraiser for the year.
        - 3. Students will be given a collection envelope and the Go Fund Me page.
        - 4. Prizes: Last year-Goal met = Sno Cone Truck & half day of play
          - a. Top 15 raisers = Limo and lunch
          - b. Top 2 from each class = Lunch with teacher and ice cream treat
          - c. Raise a min. or \$10 = Raffle for principal for a day
          - d. Raise \$50 = Socks
          - e. Raise \$75 = Dart Warz
        - 5. Prizes this year - Goal met = Sno Cone Truck & half day of play
          - a. Top 15 raisers = Limo and lunch
          - b. Top 2 from each class = Lunch with teacher and ice cream treat
          - c. Raise a min. or \$10 = Raffle for principal for a day
          - d. Raise \$75 = Donuts with Mr. Smith
        - 6. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter AR Parties
          - a. Treats at recess and games
        - 7. Book Fair
          - a. Set up on Oct. 10th and open 12th - 19th
        - 8. Foundation for Andover Schools
          - a. Tailgate on Oct. 12th for AHS/ACHS from 5 - 6:30
5. Adjournment