

## Minutes from April 6th, 2016 Centennial PTO Meeting

**In attendance:** Nicole Benjamin, Robin Keys, Jessica Coulson, Sarah Schulte, Sherril Hanson, Gwen Burak, Elizabeth Koehler, Diane Harpold, Marina Diaz, Amy Chan, Amy Shoffner, Dana Ellis, MaryAnn Pyle

**Student Council Update:** Student Council discusses plans for last day of school celebration. There is talk about a cake walk. What about options for kids who are not outdoor kids? We've got yearbook signing and some cool things going on in the classrooms. For example, there might be some really cool science experiment happening in the science room. The celebration would probably only be in the afternoon because last year each class period was 20 minutes so the "school day" finished in the morning.

6th grade requests some board games (although teachers may have these), water, gatorade or lemonade. Sarah will follow up with Ms. Fig. We do need parent volunteers to work the outside games.

7th grade also requests water, gatorade or lemonade. They too will have rotations around classrooms as their indoor plan.

Jessica asks: Could 6th and 7th grade indoor option be together?

Dana says 6th and 7th graders are going to stay here at CMS so there is access to the bathrooms. We are not going to Foothills Park as had originally been proposed. 8th grade is going to the Elks but 6th and 7th will stay at CMS. We will have awards for each grade on that day. By staying here, we'll have more play time. Dana says we'd love parent volunteers. We are looking into getting some tents so there is shade outside.

Last day of school is Thursday, May 26th.

### **Treasurer's report: Diane**

We are in good shape on budget. We wrote checks this last period for dodgeballs and Impact on Education (we gave money to put together a basket for their fundraiser Razzle Dazzle). We started purchasing materials through Tundra for eco sensitive plates and other materials consistent with our Green Star school status. Bike racks have arrived and are about to be installed. We are close on getting the screen for the cafeteria. Even with these expenses we will finish this year with a reserve. The stand for the screen will be about \$400. TVs were about \$300-500. We are thinking of doing one right now but if it works well, we may add another one so we can have a downstairs/upstairs option. We are close to getting spirit wear up on Rev Trak. Stay tuned. Thanks to the office for helping facilitate. We have grocery cards if anyone is interested. Last two checks for the grocery program were for \$185. It is totally a possibility to add other stores as currently we only do Lucky's.

Amy S suggests that we have a table at locker day.

Amy Chan says we are having on May 24th at 4:00 an orientation day for incoming 6th grade families. Something will be in the library for parents. This would be a great opportunity for PTO to get new families interested and involved. It would be nice for existing parents to come and

talk to new parents. Amy is working with Kristen, a counselor, on what the parent piece should look like. We could sell spirit wear and grocery cards that day. We will send this info to Amy Carpenter to get out the word for volunteers.

Gwen asks if we can get a list of brand new families to the district. Dana says we can't as it is a violation of privacy but the school will be reaching out to them. Gwen would love to coordinate something to help those families. Counselors can get the info to those families. Amy Chan mentions that Crest View does a couple of morning coffees for new families. Gwen mentions that if there is a picnic they could have a new family table.

Sarah says we could use a chair for the back to school picnic. Feedback was that the picnic last year was a little too early in the year. Perhaps we should move it to the first full week of school. Gwen and Marina say they'll chair the event. Thanks Gwen and Marina!!

Dana says the staff has been working on a school wide calendar. How about Thursday August 25th for the back to school picnic? Amy Chan clears the date with Crest View and it does not conflict with their back to school picnic

We feel we'd like to offer free pizza and drinks at the picnic.

Sarah was talking about the shade issue for the picnic. Is there another location on school grounds that might be more shaded? Or can we get tents? Should we think of owning some tents as a school? Dana says construction project for track and field will start beginning of May and that area will all be fenced in during the construction. On the Google doc for volunteers around the picnic, let's ask for tents.

Sarah: Someone mentioned there is not enough bike capacity at the main bike racks. Sarah asks Dana if we could we get more racks through the bond. There are some more bike racks coming in the back along with the track redo. The bond spending for our school happens in a few years and yes, that is a possibility.

Sarah: Sarah has done a draft of bylaws for PTO. The Board will look at it next week. If the Board is comfortable with the bylaws we will bring them to the full PTO in the May meeting for approval. The bylaws cover officers, duties, meetings, Board meetings, budget, and operating rules. Other good news to report is that Erin Vito has volunteered to redo our website. If you have stuff on the website, or functionality needs, let her know. She will be doing this all through wordpress. There will be a special board meeting in about two weeks that we will email out information on. She will take us through her first shot at this. Wordpress is much more flexible tool.

Sarah says there is still no president and vice president for next year. Does anyone have any ideas? MayAnn suggests we advertise it as co-chairs or tri-chairs instead of president and vice president.

Let's have PTO "bring a friend" to the next meeting. Let's also reach out to 5th grade room parents at Crest View and figure out a way to contact the 5th grade parent population at Foothill. Amy Carpenter is drafting an email on this.

**St. Baldrick's update: Jessica:** St. Baldrick's fundraiser raised \$35,287.77! 6 young women donated their hair to girls with hair loss. The volunteer issue was challenging. Jessica took on too much herself. We had 42 shavees. Next year, one of Jessica's kids will be at Boulder High. Her daughter is a Tri Delt at CU and they work with St. Jude's. So, she will try and get some of the Tri Delt girls involved. They will use big speakers next year because hearing announcements was problematic. Amy Chan suggests having a "victory lap" for shavees so attendees can honor them.

**Principal's Update: Dana:** New registration process is almost ready. Parents will be pushed to go online. The online system will walk them through steps that they can go in and out of. Forms are right there. So, when families come to locker day, all will be done. PTO will have a step in the process. Laurie, in the front office, went to a meeting at the beginning of March and the District is working on putting their forms online too.

At our next PTO board meeting, we need to get all our PTO steps ironed out so registration is ready.

Dana says that we will know soon about late start for next year. Parent surveys came back saying they really wanted busses dropping at school start time. They wanted options for kids at school for things for them to do. Overall, there was huge support for it. Late start will be on Wednesdays.

Dana says that the school has had a lot of people opting out of PARCC testing at the last minute. More 8th graders have opted out than other grades. Please let Dana know sooner rather than later if your child is opting out.

**SAC Update: Robin:** SAC meeting was great because we could access Madeline Case, Director of Parent and Family Partnerships at the District. We established good momentum around integrating all families and our communication platform. We must focus on basic communication with people. Madeline will be coming to the next SAC meeting as well. Monday, the 11th at 3:30 is the next SAC meeting.

Next PTO Meeting will be Wednesday, May 4th.