

***Cedar Mill PTC Minutes***  
***October 3, 2017***

***Attendees:*** Steven Varblow, David Platt, Katie Payne, Kimberly Pearson, Amy Chamberlain, Lindsay Brown, Audelia DeCosta, Lee Carson, Peng Ge, Eva Novick, Hillary Peck, Kylan Pimley, Olga Senashova, Grainne Keating, Carol Moses, Karen Gotting, Lynn Whitehead, Paris Bone, Lori Hesson, Jessica Baker

Meeting called to order by David Platt at 6:45 pm in the library.

***I. Boy scouts troop 207 – Steve Varbalow***

- The troop wants to thank the PTC for chartering the organization.
- Offered support for PTC projects and activities
- Changes in the last few years include;
  - becoming a separate troop from Bonny Slope
  - adding a Lion's Den for kindergarteners
- Activities this year include Mr. Lizard, caroling, pine wood derby, STEM night, Rocket launch, service projects and camping. Would like to make some of the events open to all Cedar Mill Students and will work to the PTC on how that could work.
- 1<sup>st</sup> pack meeting is this Thursday night.

***II. Volunteer Opportunities/Updates – Kimberly Pearson***

- Up and running with volunteers
  - K/1<sup>st</sup> grade lunch
  - Lapping lumberjacks
  - Passport club
  - Library
  - OBOB
- Needs/In-process
  - Thursday work partly
  - Picture day
  - Art literacy

Upcoming Events:

- 10/11: Family Chess Night
- 10/12-13: Conferences
- 10/17: Picture Day
- 10/19: Hearing Screening
- 10/20: 1st Passport Club
- 10/27: Coffee with Principal
- 10/31: Classroom Fall Parties

**III. Fun Run – Kylan Pimley and Lee Hyatt**

- As of 10/3/17 runner pledges are at \$41,000.00 and corporate sponsorships are at \$11,500.
- This puts the total raised so far at \$52,500.00.
- Total raised to date does include matching gifts.
- The current deadline for outstanding pledge money is 10/12 however it may be extended depending on the amount not yet received.

**IV. Biz Town – Grainne Keating, Carol Moses, and Karen Gotting**

- The fifth grade classes need a more money to go to the BizTown fieldtrip.
- Worst case scenario is \$950.00 for a charter bus both ways.
- It will be cheaper \$180 if they use district buses however that would reduce the amount of time spent at Biztown.
- The BizTown fieldtrip is the culmination of a 4-week curriculum that allows students to put into practice lessons on economics, budgeting, leadership, and other life skills.

***Jessica Baker made a motion to fully-fund BizTown regardless of cost of charter buses or district buses. David Platt second the motion. All were in favor.***

**V. Kindergarten software tool – Lynn Whitehead, Paris Bone, Lori Hesson**

- The kindergarten teachers are asking to be reimbursed for a program called Letters Alive
- The teachers demonstrated the Letters Alive program for attendees.
- It teaches children phonics, compound words, sentence building and comprehension as well as interesting facts about animals etc.
- The cost per class is \$795.00
- David Platt suggested diverting \$1,200 of this years and next year's Kindergarten fieldtrip budget to cover the cost of the program for a total of \$2,400

***Hillary made a motion to approve the budget, Kimberly second the motion. All were in favor.***

**VI. Fence grant proposal – Katie Payne**

- Status- application for a \$10,000 grant was submitted to cover the cost for fencing, locks, and gates to secure the school grounds
- The district has not provided us with the final cost estimates for the project. Additional funds may be needed beyond the grant.
- Grants are awarded in November.

**VII. Budget – Hillary Peck**

- As of the meeting the PTC has \$128,000 in the bank. With the success of the fun run we may not need an auction to sustain the PTC programs and activities currently in the budget.

***VIII. Open Items –***

- Mr. Marino has been paying for sports equipment for the kids to use during recess. He wanted to know if there were any additional funds that could be used. It was suggested that we divert the current coffee fund for playground/recess activities. All were in favor. David Platt will communicate the change
- Directory is on track to be delivered next week.
- 2019 Auction meeting will likely be called next month.
- Office depot school matching- you have to tell them you want it to be matched and identify Cedar Mill as the school
- The board would like to know if the PTC should be providing additional support to new teachers.
- Need a volunteer to shadow the staff luncheon for a smooth transition in 2018-2019
- Bales recycling collection now set up. People can drop can's off in the identified bin.
- Newsletter items for October:
  - Fun run
  - Auction
  - Staff luncheons
  - Bales collection
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade needs 2 fish tanks. Approximate cost \$550.00 each. The board to better understand needs and cost. Will discuss at a PTC Budget Committee meeting.

***VI. Principal Update – Amy Chamberlain***

- Makers space has been a huge success
- Yellow jackets are an issue on the field. The school and district are working to resolve it.
- Conferences are next week.
- Newsletter submissions can be submitted by committee leads for inclusion in The Edge.

***Meeting Adjourned 8:09pm***