

PTC meeting 9/11/18

Attendees: Jessica Baker, Amy Higgs, Kanae Wakata, Janell Hosch, Kylan Pimley, Lee Carson, Jin Hashimoto, Jelena Susil, Jung pyo Hong, Kristina Garcia Siegel, Amy Chamberlain, Peng Ge, Carol Moses, David Platt, Hillary Peck, Natasha Seifert, Aleida Adams, Dorothy Houw Ferguim, Christi Gonshorowski, Tammy Yashar, Selina Rincon, Jami Costello, Nicole Matson, Carrie Reeber, Jess Lin, Luana Smith, Robin Gao, Olga Senashova, Lindsay Tosky, Jenny Vail, Eva Novick

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:47pm.

Welcome/Intros – Every parent is a member of the PTC and every member can vote at meetings. Circulated a thank you card to the PTC from Cedar Mill Elementary staff.

Eco-Schools Network (Amy Higgs) – Presented about the Eco-Schools Network. It is a community of parents and teachers working to make schools greener and healthier. Eco-Schools Network provides tools to implement projects in schools, including an online community. It does not provide funding but can help find funding.

Volunteer Updates – Reminder to get background checked in order to be able to volunteer and receive emails about volunteer needs. Provided summary of volunteer opportunities. Volunteers should record hours in Better Impact because the recorded hours are used for grant writing.

Fun Run – This is the PTC's largest fundraiser. This year's goal is \$50,000, which is an average of \$100 per student. We would like to get 100% participation to show support for the staff. Corporate sponsorship donated \$12,000 to support the InnovatED carts. Some companies will match donations. Need to make sure that donations go to Cedar Mill Elementary PTC and not Cedar Mill Elementary. October 3 is the final date to turn in checks. There is a credit card fee that is taken out of donations for online donations, but, we encourage online donations over checks. Contact is funrun@cedarmillptc.org.

InnovatED Cart Demo – Overview of the technology and staff discussions about how to use the technology. Each classroom has a cart, but teachers can do as much or as little as they feel comfortable doing. The carts provide more flexibility in the learning space, are not as hot as projectors and teachers can teach with the lights on.

Enrichment Classes – Summary of afterschool enrichment classes that are available in the fall. Afterschool enrichment is not allowed by the District on Wednesdays. Final approved fliers will be provided soon; the information is currently posted on the PTC website. Some of the afterschool enrichment providers will set up tables at Friday's BBQ.

Event Roundtable:

Running Club – Meets fall and spring on Tuesdays and Thursdays before school. At certain milestones, kids get tokens, prizes and recognition. Fun run laps count towards running club laps. Guests, including younger siblings, are welcome. Need volunteers.

Gotcha Store – Kids receive coupons as rewards for good behavior. On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, kids can exchange the gotcha coupons for prizes. Lumberjack Leaders help at the gotcha store. There will be a new committee chair for the gotcha store.

Directory – The PTC creates a printed directory to facilitate contacting other parents. Looking for a new committee chair for next year. The PTC obtains contact information from the online registration system.

Motion to exclude physical address from the printed directory. Motion was seconded.

Discussion about motion.

Vote: Motion approved.

Passport Club – This is for 3rd to 5th graders. It is a way to learn geography. A flier was sent home with kids. Once a month, participating kids get quizzed and then get stamps in a passport. www.passportclubonline.com.

Clothes Closet – This is for the entire Beaverton School District. Each school staffs the Clothes Closet one time per year. Cedar Mill Elementary School's date to staff the Clothes Closet is October 10. Kids cannot come with volunteers for confidentiality reasons, but, older kids can help in the back room. The Clothes Closet is for K-12. Need volunteers.

Reminder to put names on kids' clothes and check the lost and found. Clothes that are not marked with names and are left in the lost and found are periodically donated to the Clothes Closet. There is also a donation bin, which will be in the foyer of the school. High need items for donations are shoes, new socks and new underwear. The PTC makes a yearly \$500 donation to the Clothes Closet.

Website – The website is under construction. Under District policy, parents need to give consent for the use of photos. School policy is to avoid using imagery that can identify kids. If you have pictures of your kids at school that you give permission to post on the website, send to webmaster@cedarmillptc.org. There are volunteer opportunities. Upcoming events are on a calendar on the PTC website; you can subscribe to the calendar and it will auto update.

Budget Updates – A summary of the current budget is on the PTC website. The PTC wants to communicate what we are spending money on. Will update two teacher names on the budget. At October PTC meeting, will discuss adding two new part time staff members to the budget. Setting up a document to post on the staff page so that staff can see how much they have left

in their budget. Increased each teacher's budget from \$300 to \$400 for this year. Nothing has been decided yet for the 4th grade Oregon Trail field trip. The PTC is operating at a \$20,000 deficit, but is using auction reserves from 2015 auction. The school supply list was small this year due to generous donations and fundraising. Last year's designated project was the Makerspace; we are sustaining it in this year's budget.

Open Items – this is an opportunity to bring up questions or concerns and discuss new ideas.

International/ESL Parent Group – We have a diverse community. Looking at whether there's interest in starting a group to help support families who have recently moved here. Discussion about concept. Suggestion made to send a survey to families.

Card Fundraiser – Option for kids to create drawings that are made into greeting cards. Not all grades do this fundraiser. Teachers discuss as a team whether to do this fundraiser; funds need to go to a certain designated purpose.

Lead Positions Still Open – Need committee chair for 5th grade sendoff. Committee chair for school beautification project (one day event) would like a partner with an interest in gardening. Need treasurer for next year.

There are volunteer roles that are small and big. The PTC is grateful for any volunteer time that parents can give.

Introductions of some committee chairs:

Science Fair – there is a large volunteer need. We will not be getting the Future Bus this year. Looking for other options.

Thursday Work Party

Dine Out Update – Dine out nights are another way to passively fundraise. The restaurant donates a percentage of profits made during the dine out back to the school. There may be a September dine out. There is a dine out at Laughing Planet on October 23.

Box Tops – Can send in box tops at any time. There is an upcoming box top competition. The class that brings in the most box tops will get a popcorn party.

Discussed the feasibility of an outdoor classroom.

Principal Update – This was the first week that the library and makerspace were open during lunch recess. Teachers will be able to check out makerspace components for their classrooms. Update on arrival and dismissal adjustments for student safety. Speaking with the project manager for the side gate that was paid for by a PTC grant. Looking at having a "keeper" installed so that the gate can be opened after school hours. Update on security upgrades. The

District wants standard operating hours for school offices. Starting October 8, the office will be open 8:00am-4:30pm. Summary of discussions with staff about gotchas and changes that will be made to recognize kids who win the gotcha drawing. Students will still be able to buy prizes from the gotcha store.

The PTC BBQ was rescheduled to Friday. The PTC will be providing free hotdog meals.

Adjourn at 8:17pm.