

## PTC meeting 1/14/20

**Attendees:** Jessica Baker, Dorothy Houw Furquim, Robin Gao, Luana Smith, Kristi Nelson, Sejica Kim, Tammy Yashar, Matt Gonshorowski, Kinjal Patni, Jennifer Alger, Lee Carson, Lindsay Tosky, Amy Chamberlain, Nicole Matson, Catherine Vaugh, Selina Rincon, Aleida Adams, Megan Lightbody, Kylan Pimley, Eva Novick

### **Meeting Minutes:**

**Meeting called to order** at 6:46pm.

### **Board Updates:**

Budget – In three accounts, have a total of \$168,000. Have received more corporate matching for the Fun Run.

Book Drive – Hundreds of books were donated. Staff were grateful to be able to choose books for their classes. Donated over 600 books to Cedar Mill Community Library.

Enrichment – Afterschool programs will be running from 3-4pm. No one signed up for yoga. Other programs are: Mad Science, Play Fit Fun, tennis, theatre and Kids Love Clay.

Open Positions – The terms for president, vice president and secretary are up at the end of this school year. Elections are held in May. Will be doing promotions letting people know. If anyone is interested, email Jessica at [president@cedarmillptc.org](mailto:president@cedarmillptc.org). There are also opportunities to train with current chairs for leadership roles for the Fun Run and School Supplies.

**Volunteer Updates:** This year, per BSD, we need to use the volunteer system for all science fair volunteers. Anyone under 18 years old does not need to go through the background check but needs to be cleared through Mrs. Chamberlain. Everyone else needs to go through the background check.

### **Event Updates:**

Pancake Breakfast – This is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student run event. Date changed to May 9 so that co-chairs can attend the event. The first meeting is Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7:30pm at Market of Choice. Looking for subcommittee chairs.

Art Night – Art Night is when Art Literacy shows off the projects students are doing. There are also hands on projects. It will be Friday, Jan. 24.

School Directory – This is a booklet with information about students at the school who choose to have their information listed. This has been a printed directory for years. There have been some changes to the process each year. Discussion about whether this is a valuable resource and whether it should continue in paper format. Cedar Mill Elementary has no control over whether online enrollment process includes an opt-in or opt-out for directory information. Can include information in the welcome package for families. Will research electronic options.

Chess Night – It is an opportunity to play chess with your child. Have a space at Leedy Grange for the rest of this year. Chess Night has chess boards. Will be once a month, generally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30pm.

Science Fair – Open for K-5 to participate. Students put together an experiment or engineering project at home and summarize the results on a poster board. Forms will be going out for students to fill out and return to their teacher as to what project is about. Science fair is Thursday, March 12 from 6-7:30pm. Students get to talk about their project to 1-2 reviewer(s). Mad Science will be in the cafeteria. Makerspace will be open. Will have a scavenger hunt to find answers from projects and receive a prize. Participants get a T-shirt, certificate and ribbon. Over half of the school (250 kids) participated last year. Science fair is encouraged for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and required for 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

Middle School Boundary Adjustment – BSD is re-drawing lines for middle schools because a new middle school will be opening. At last week's meeting, there was a different version of possible maps than seen before; all other versions of the possible maps show Cedar Mill Elementary feeding to the new middle school. The next meeting is on Thursday. There is an online form to submit comments. Comments are posted online. Committee members receive and review comments weekly. The committee also keeps track of how many people submit comments to speak at the meetings. One person from each school is selected to speak at each meeting. Meetings are recorded and live streamed. The committee makes a recommendation to the Superintendent. The School Board makes the final decision. The committee's last meeting date is March 12.

Wishing Tree – Opportunities for parents to buy items for classrooms. Teachers are putting together wish lists for this year.

School Garden – Teachers selected Option 4. It has benches in the middle with a tool shed at the bottom. Added a shelter. Selecting materials and getting ready for bids. Hope to have a dollar figure in February and start constructing by the end of the year. Will be under \$50,000 due to logistics requirements. This is the first fully ADA-compliant outdoor classroom in BSD. BSD wants us to match the newer black 6 foot high fencing. Will not be able to do edibles or vines. Can do art projects on the fence.

Dine-outs – Christine Flores is now coordinating dine-outs. They are scheduled for the rest of the year.

#### **Open Items:**

OBOB will be discussed at the February PTC meeting. Jessica can post messages on the PTC Facebook page. Can discuss other needs.

Passed around thank you note from Mrs. Frainey for funding 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trips. Passed around Big Dreams, Daily Joys book.

**Principal Update** – (1) Families did not host 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Japan this fall. Was contacted by coordinator to see if there's interest. Due to liability and district guidelines, it is becoming more difficult. (2) All of the drives (food drive, book drive, Ace of Hearts, book fair) were successful. Food Drive collected over 1,000 pounds of food, which will provide 933 meals. Put certificate from Food Bank in the cafeteria so kids can see it. Around 1,100-1,200 hours were turned in for Read for Bees. The book fair benefits the school library. From the fall book fair, the library received \$800 from Scholastic and \$2,500 from a different vendor. (3) Jim Hogan, a storyteller, is scheduled to come for an Art of Storytelling assembly on January 28. Hoping that the PTC will pay \$400 for the assembly. (4) Doing a

Gotcha refresh that will launch on January 24. Did student survey. Will shift from Gotcha store to order form. Gotchas will be on tie-dye paper and will expire at the end of each year. Want to build towards having school-wide incentives. There is a new Gotcha tower. (5) Trying to find ways to engage families more. Did pictures with Big Umbrella read out-loud. Now, staff and families can choose a word to focus on for the year. Each student will get a piece of paper to optionally return with hopes, wishes or dreams.

**Adjourn** at 8:14pm.