

WCE PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – September 17, 2015

Attendance

Kelli Jones, Kim Keleher, Kursten Blanchard, Ann Busha, Jen Blake, Jenny Okamoto, Stephanie Blocksom, June Liao, Jeevani Doddapaneni, Patrice Dawson, Lance Kidder, Meenu Jain, Sherys New, Sarah Szotek, Beverly Ma, Jennifer Jones Byers, Lynn Perkins, Dawn Dee, Amy Davis, Jen Koone, Angela Hamann, Uha Jatla, Elizabeth Zortman

Welcome and Attendance

Meeting opened at 9:10 am after the Newcomer's Coffee. The PTO executive committee members introduced themselves.

Approval of May Meeting Minutes

The May 14, 2015 PTO general meeting minutes were approved by Jen Blake, and seconded by Ann Busha.

Principal's Report

The principal, Mrs. Szuhaj, and the interim assistant principal, Tracy Brazda, could not attend the PTO general meeting because they were both attending training sessions outside the school. Mrs. Kelli Jones, the Student Services Coordinator, attended the meeting in their places.

Guest Speaker

Bethany Littrell, LMHC, LCAC, from the St. Vincent Stress Center gave a presentation titled "Bullying: a Presentation for Caregivers". Ms. Littrell will send an electronic copy of her presentation file to Kim Keleher, so any parents who wish to review her presentation can contact Kim for further information.

Mrs. Jones also commented that she was already implementing all the bully prevention/identification principles mentioned in Ms. Littrell's presentation (differences between tattling and telling, role of by-standers, everyone is unique and it's ok to be different etc.) in the current curriculum. Parents can also make anonymous report about bullying on myCCS website.

Treasurer's Report

- The Making Tracks campaign has reached \$15,000. The PTO is still accepting donations in hope to reach our ultimate \$25,000 goal.
- Mrs. Szuhaj has approached the PTO for a \$12,000 fund to replace the poster machine. The current one is broken, and has limited function. The proposed new machine can make color prints with different fonts, cut out shapes to reduce the need for manual labor, and allows teachers to send files from their own desktops. The PTO will also use the machine for event signs. The proposed amount also includes a computer, papers, ink, and essential supplies. Kim Keleher and

Kursten Blanchard will work with Mrs. Szuhaj to locate funds, and we will vote on the funding in the November PTO general meeting.

President's Report

We are looking for volunteers to chair/help various committees for the Family Fun Night. A sign-up sheet was passed around for people who are interested in volunteering to write down their area of interest and contact information.

Upcoming Events

- Pastries with Parents 9/22, 9/23, 9/24
- Creekside Cat Race 5K Walk 9/26
- Hot Box Pizza community rewards night 10/8
- Hamilton County Coat Drive 10/5-10/9
- Fall Classroom Parties 10/15
- Next PTO general Meeting 11/19

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 10:10 am, and was followed by the Room Parent meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
June Liao