

February Meeting PTO Meeting

Chelsea Heights Elementary

February 28, 2017

Agenda:

1. Principal's Report

DI Competition this Saturday. PTO helps co-sponsor this with the school. It is an expensive event. 2nd-5th graders participate.

Conferences are coming up at the end of March 21, 23, and 24. You will receive a letter based on your fall conference time. We will be looking for volunteers to provide food for those conference nights for teachers.

Awards Assembly on March 29th.

We had a morning meeting kick off today for the new Cheetah Challenge. Jill read the all school story that the all the classrooms created.

Budget and enrollment coming in soon. We expect to be close to our current enrollment projections.

Next meeting: Title One, SCIP and Family Engagement Plan

Parent Questions: How many students from CHE go to Murray? Of the 75 5th graders, about 65 go to Murray. We do lose some Roseville following 4th grade, a few take their place too. Murray offers a shadowing day if you have a 5th grader interested. All CH 5th graders take a short class trip there and follow students. Once you move to the middle school, you go through the application process like you did for Chelsea.

NAAPID - We had 153 adults. This is a district-wide event.

2. NW Como Rec Center: Thank you for coming to Parent Night Out. We had 39 kids!

The kids enjoyed the movie and activities. We'll do it again in June. We plan for June 16th. Look for announcements about spring break pop up fields. We'll have spots for 10-15 students (swimming, Saints North, AMC Movies are possible trips). Look for announcements via social media. Follow NW Como on Facebook to hear the field trip dates and get signed up. You must check Facebook. Family Movie Friday is currently happening. Look for PTO messages. They begin at 3:30. Summer sports registration opens tomorrow, March 1st. You can save up to 25% per kid if you register on the first day. Art/Wine/Cheese Night is March 13th. Register online. Ages 18+ for \$50 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Let John know if you have any ideas for programming. Have you considered a daddy/daughter dance? Next Booster Club meeting is in late March. Those dates are announced on Facebook.

3. Literacy Night - This was last week. Amanda Towle coordinated the event with friends.

We had five stations (cape making, comic book making, categories, photo ops, letter scramble, bookmarks). The stations were really engaging - Jill. We also had bingo with Barnes & Noble gift cards. Kids were able to take home books from the book swap and Amanda got new books for kids too from the Scholastic Book sale. We had pizza too.

We spent just over \$800 on the event. Aaron Kerr coordinated the book swap books and donated books as well. Thank you to volunteers! We sold spirit wear and made about \$300. We have new spirit wear from Chelsea Print Works. The owner lives near Chelsea Heights Elementary.

4. Science Fair - Letters came home from Mr. Altman. For grades 3-5 this is a required project, but not for K-2. If you're interested in judging the project boards let Brooke know. We have lunch donated for judges. Science boards are available from Mr. Altman.

Judging happens on Wed. April 12th. The awards ceremony is in the evening on April 13th. Participation awards are given in grades K-2. Awards are given in grades 3-5. Brooke is looking for an ice cream donation. Lift Bridge is donating root beer.

Parent Question: Is there a way for students to see the winning projects? We can suggest to Mr. A. that he take a photo of the winning projects to share with students following the awards program so students can see what the winning boards and projects looked like.
Boards are available for purchase during conferences. Mr. A. will be available to answer questions too.

5. Grants Committee Update - Adam Courville has joined the Grants Committee. We take applications for grants funds through the PTO. We met with the staff today and gave them an update on what we've spent and what we have left. This year we have approved grants for a new projector, provided stress-reducing items for classroom teachers, and provided funds for the living classroom in science. We have around \$2,500 remaining in the grants budget. Applications are available for anyone in the Chelsea Heights community. A parent has asked about supporting a book club. Ideas can come from anyone. A grant from last year was the mosaic project that was implemented this year. It will be mounted on a board and hung by the office. We have people on the committee who are grant writers and they are looking for money available through outside grants. Teacher question from today's meeting: What about electronic signage? Getting electronic signage is a very big undertaking. The rec center is also looking into getting electronic signage.
6. Silent Auction - April 22nd. We are hosting it at Gabe's. We are working out details on entertainment. We are going to share the cost of entertainment with Gabe's. We have over \$5,000 in donations already. Brooke is looking for ideas for gift cards, mainly in St. Paul. She has received many donations from business in the Como Neighborhood. We have done baskets in the past by collecting items from families. Could we consider a sign-up genius for baskets so we don't get too many repeat items? We're looking for new themes. We'll need volunteers for this event. Look for emails. Volunteers get in for free! The items that are big sellers are items provided by teachers. We have had made

good money on items like the plate made by kindergarten, after school movie, Altman BBQ, Cake Boss with Bartol, etc.

7. Carnival - Jill is donating two bikes for the raffle. The Spring Carnival is May 19th. We need over 100 volunteers. We'll have stations, food, and activities. Look for announcements and flyers.
8. Budget - Since the last meeting we have brought in about \$1000 in yearbook pre-sales and spirit wear sales from Literacy Night. We have spent about \$2,400 with Literacy Night and new spirit wear yellow shirts and the new zip hoodies. We do not have an online store. We plan to put pictures of items and offer sales through an order form.

Jump Rope for Heart - We raised a lot of money and because we raise so much money here, Ms. Schaetzke was able to buy supplies for school.

There is a Google calendar with details about events. Let Carrie know if have items to place on the calendar. She has also included the lunch menu.

<http://www.chelseaheightspto.com/calendar>

On Monday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m. a Chelsea Parent and Immigration Attorney will be presenting information on the Executive Orders on Immigration issued by the Trump Administration. The short presentation will be followed by Q&A. Interpreters are making phone calls home. We are planning to do an all-school email. Three staff members will be here and childcare will be provided.

The recent Go Fund Me type of event that was done locally, students negative lunch accounts were taken care of for families.

Next meeting:

Open Executive Board positions: current members can apply, positions open include: secretary, one treasurer, and president.