

PTO Meeting
Monday, September 15
6:30-8:00 pm
Room 1102/ Ms. Bartol's Room

Meeting began at 6:35

Parent's Present: Kim Linge, Cara Hofreiter, Kristen Gonzalez, Kim Larson, Bryan Larson, Amy Jennings, Anita Dualeh, Lisa Bofenkamp, Amanda Hoffman Towle, Ron Hiu, Carrie Taylor, Ginny Hayes, Sarah Hobbie, Lisa Preston, Hydee Becker, Tara Kelly, Jamie Proulx, Julie Hat, Jessica Hilmanowski, Julie Small, Meena Acharya, Dhum Reymi
Staff Present: Jill Gebeke, Laura Livingston, Lisa Arcand
Community Present: Darcy Rivers

Welcome from Brooke Ust
Introductions

Principal's Report- Jill Gebeke

ENROLLMENT

Grade	Total Count	Average	Maximum Average
K	76	25.3	26
1 st	75	25	27
2 nd	80	26.6	27
3 rd	81	27	27
4 th	69	23	29
5 th	61	20.3	29

ETHNICITY

American Indian	2%	Asian	13%
Hispanic	7%	Black	23%
Two or more races	9%	White	46%

STAFFING CUTS from previous year

Intervention Teacher cut 1.0 and Nurse cut 0.5

Per new teacher contract assigned 0.5 counselor or social worker

SCIP GOALS: School Continuous Improvement Plan

The percentage of 3rd thru 5th grade students scoring proficient or higher in READING will increase from 61% to 65% by spring as measured by the MCAIII administered in May2015. (Last year gains 54% to 61%).

The percentage of 3rd thru 5th grade students scoring proficient or higher in MATH will increase from 74% to 80% by spring as measured by the MCAIII administered May 2015. (Last year gains 69% to 74%).

Secondary goals: Close the achievement gap between students of color and white students, to engage students in personalized learning, and to increase participation at school wide events.

TECHNOLOGY

1:1 ipad deployment in January. Details still need to be worked out. Personalized Learning is tailoring instruction, giving students voice and choice, and engaging in a technology rich environment.

PBIS/ RC AWARDS DAY

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports and Responsive Classroom. Premise that we have clear behavior expectations, these are taught, we assume nothing, model everything. We are working on developing a community of learners: classroom, school, and larger school community.

Blue tickets are given by staff for homework completion, being good citizens, good behavior, random acts of kindness, etc. Five award assemblies throughout the year- every student is recognized, and prize drawings from blue tickets.

Purpose of PTO- Brooke Ust

The PTO works to build a sense of community between school and home. We provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the school. We also raise funds to support well-balanced educational experiences. The first half of the year includes no-work fundraisers. The second half of the year includes events like Family Fitness Night in January, Literacy Night in February, Silent Auction (a parent-only event), and ends with Carnival in May. We do not have specific fundraising goals this year. The money we raise funds field trips (including the 5th grade ski trip and overnight to Eagles Bluff), teacher appreciation meals and a summer kick-off luncheon, school supplies for children in need, clothing for kids in need, 250\$ per teacher to buy classroom supplies, money to support destination imagination (DI), and more.

District Proposed Change on School Start Times- Lisa Preston

Flyers "Rethinking School Start Times for 2015-2016" were distributed. Parents are invited to attend community meetings for more information.

NW Como Rec Center- Darcy Rivers

The pink Fall Activities Flyer has been sent home to all students. There is a "Super Hero" themed dance for ages 11-14 on Friday, September 19. They are currently taking Basketball registrations for the month of September. On October 3 there will be bon fire from 6-8. The rec center is connected to the school and is open after school from 3-8. They serve a free after school snack. They can be reached at 651-298-5813.

Reports -

No Treasurer's report until next month

Committees:

Box Tops- Jessica Hilmanowski

Each box top collected raises ten cents for the school. There is currently a contest, and the classroom that collects the most box tops gets to keep the amount they made. The contest ends October 29.

Labels for Education- Julie Small

No Work Fundraisers-

We need a volunteer to coordinate this activity. "No work fundraisers" refers to different businesses that donate a percentage of sales on a specific date to our school. On the calendar you will see "PTO Fundraiser" listed next to a certain eatery or physical activity so that you can patronage that business on that day to raise money for Chelsea Heights. Coming up next is the Como Park Grill on September 18. Watch for a flyer. You will need to present that flyer at Como Park Grill in order for the school to get credit. The volunteer job includes getting the flyers from the businesses, into the monthly packets, advertised outside the school, picking up the checks, and getting the checks to the treasurer.

Spirit Wear- Jessica Hilmanowski

Friday is spirit wear day. You can order online

<https://identitystores.com/Stores/StoreFront.aspx?Storeid=2802> or purchase at all PTO sponsored events. You can pay in cash, check, or credit card at events.

Clubs Choice-

We need a volunteer to coordinate this activity. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year, netting \$10,000.00. This is from catalog sales. The Clubs Choice catalog representative will come and talk to the students about the program, the prizes, etc. The volunteer job includes collecting packets from individual classrooms, processing the orders, getting the orders to the rep to be filled, then distributing the items to the classrooms.

Family Fitness Night-

We need a volunteer or two volunteers to coordinate this event. This is a night in January where families are invited into school to do activities like jump rope, dance party, have a healthy snack, etc. Many volunteers will be needed to make this night a success.

Literacy Night-

We need a volunteer or two volunteers to coordinate this event. This is a night in February where families are invited to do literacy-related activities like making a book mark, picking a book, hearing a story, computer games, etc. Many volunteers will be needed to make this night a success.

Silent Auction- Brooke Ust

This was in March, but will be in April this year. Last year it brought in over \$7,000.00. Many items are donated. It is a parent only event in the evening where you can enjoy food, beverages, and the company of friends while bidding on items to raise money for Chelsea Heights. Volunteers will be needed to assist Brooke before, during, and after the event.

Running Club-

A volunteer is needed to coordinate this club. Running club is two afternoons a week from 3:00-4:15 for five or six weeks. The coordinator plans activities and goes out with the kids and set up snacks. Volunteers are also needed to assist the coordinator.

Spring Carnival- Sara Lovat, Mindy Brown, Cynthia Lancaster

This is a community-wide activity in May that includes fun activities and concessions. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success.

Grant Writer – Carrie Peltier

Landscape Committee- Sarah Hobbie

We need people to weed, do a fall clean-up, etc.

Cheetah Chatter- Cara Hofreiter

We have a monthly newsletter called “The Cheetah Chatter” that is both a paper and an electronic copy. Please sign up for an electronic copy to save in printing costs.

Picture Day is Tuesday, September 23

Next Tuesday is picture day. We are looking for parent volunteers during picture day. K-2 before lunch. Two shifts.

To volunteer or help out in any way, contact the PTO via email at chelseaheightspto@gmail.com.

Stay connected:

- “Like” Chelsea Heights on Facebook to stay informed of upcoming events at school

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- The PTO meets once a month, typically the third Monday of the month.
- Read “The Cheetah Chatter.”

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm