

PTO Meeting
Monday, October 20, 2014
6:30-8:00 pm
Room 1102/ Ms. Bartol's Room

Meetin began at 6:35 pm

Welcome from Brooke Ust
Introductions

1. Principal's Report and Title I- Jill Gebeke

What is Title I?

Title I is the United States Federal Government's largest education assistance program for schools.

What is the purpose?

The purpose of Title I is to help every child receive a high quality education and to achieve the high standards set by the State of Minnesota. Title I funds are used for a variety of activities designed to increase children's academic achievement especially in math and reading.

How do schools receive Title I funds?

Federal funds flow to the state and then to the district based on the number of low income students identified through census data. Schools are then allocated the funds based on the percentage of students who qualify for Free or Reduced priced lunches.

How much extra funding does this provide for our school?

Chelsea Heights is allocated \$119,000 (total budget is 2.4 million)

What are the priorities at the school that Title I supports? Cultural Specialist/ Parent Liasion (1.0), Hourly intervention teachers and Technology coach (0.5).

How are these activities tied to the overall improvements the school is making (connection to the SCIP)? Intervention to improve reading and math.

How parents can be involved:

Open house, family fitness night, literacy night, science fair, kindergarten round up, volunteering opportunities, attending conferences, and participating in PTO

Compact is a tool that indicates the partnership between teachers and parents. Shared responsibility to work together to improve academic achievement for students.

Involvement in designing the Family Engagement plan- The above activities and also survey parents on programs, initiatives and activities to gain input.

Involvement in the school improvement process (SCIP)- goals are to improve reading and math proficiency and close the achievement gap between white and students of color. Increase diversity at family events and PTO meetings.

Parent's Right to Know. You can contact HR to request qualifications of your child's teacher.

Title I school distinctions. Using MCA data from the past two testing years; 12-13 and 13-14. The top 15% of all Title I schools state wide are identified as Reward Schools. SPPS had one reward school: Central High School.

Celebration eligible is the next 25% of the schools. Chelsea Heights was celebration eligible. There are 6 CE schools in SPPS (Como Elementary, Chelsea Heights, and four high schools).

Based on multiple measures report (MMR) and Focus Proficiency. MMR as three-parts: proficiency, growth, and gap reduction. Focus proficiency as two parts: gap reduction and proficiency (this excludes all white students).

Visit Minnesota Department of Education website for more information. education.state.mn.us

Parent/ teacher conferences are November 18, 20, and 21. The first week in November, you will get a note on when you conference is assigned.

The positive behavior intervention strategies we will focus on first are improved bathroom behavior. We will teach the expectations. We will go and do periodic checks. The cheetah challenge will be improved bathroom behavior. If we get 100 spots on the cheetah, then we will celebrate. After that we will move to cafeteria expectations or hallway expectations, etc.

2. NW Como Rec Center- Darcy Rivers

A handout of upcoming activities was distributed. Halloween arts activities are the last week in October. Dance and Yoga begin the first week in November.

Register for activities by going to www.stpaul.gov/parks or by calling [651-298-5813](tel:651-298-5813).

Booster club meeting is Thursday, October 23 from 6:30-7:30 pm.

3. 4H at Chelsea Heights- Jessica Russo

Jessica is a parent and works for 4-H. 4-H is a youth serving organization that helps foster kid's love of learning. Jess talked about a special 4-H Engineering Design Challenge to build a Rube Goldberg machine that her child and four others were involved in last year. Her 4-H club will continue to meet this year for next year's challenge. She is wondering if there interest for

another group to form? Her goal is to get more clubs going. Jessica could help you learn how to coach the team. She provided some handouts: 2015 4-H Engineering Design Challenge: Build a Rube Goldberg Machine; Join 4-H pamphlet; and business card. Contact Jessica Russo at her 4-H office at 612-624-7286 or pier0239@umn.edu

4. Conference meals- Brooke Ust

- a. Conferences are November 18 (taco bar) 4-8 pm, 20 (salad bar) 4-8, and 21
- b. Volunteers needed to prepare food by 2:30 on the day of the conference. Watch for Sign Up Genius.

5. Reports-

- a. Treasurer’s Report- Carrie Peltier
 - \$12,055 towards teachers and staff (almost half of the budget)
 - \$8,240 towards annual field trips and clubs (about a third of the budget)
 - \$4,500 towards school events
 - 2,795 towards other (supporting the fundraisers)

*Chelsea Heights PTO 2014-2015
Budget*

August 2014 -
July 2015

ESTIMATED INCOME **\$29,850.00**

Total Budget	\$28,500
Estimated Expenses	\$28,090
Actual Expenses To-Date	\$1,888
Available Budget	\$26,612

Actual Income	\$1,017.79
Actual Expenses	\$1,888.13
Budge to Date	-\$870.34

Teachers & Staff				
Description	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Difference	Notes

Classroom Magazines	\$2,000.00	\$498.04	\$1,501.96	Beginning of school year.
Classroom Grants	\$7,500.00	\$920.94	\$6,579.06	Deadline for receipts/expense forms for reimbursement 12/15/14; 05/01/2015.
Welcome Breakfast	\$55.00	\$50.77	\$4.23	Kindergarten wing.
Teacher Appreciation	\$1,000.00	\$36.00	\$964.00	Welcome back gifts, teacher appreciation week, flowers various occasions, conference meals.
Total	\$10,555.00	\$1,505.75	\$9,049.25	

Annual Field Trips and Clubs				
Description	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Difference	Notes
Field Trips - General	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	All year long.
Backpack Supplies	\$340.00	\$337.38	\$2.62	Beginning of year.
Ski Trip	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	December
Eagles Bluff Trip	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Destination Imagination	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	End of year cost.
Running Club	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	Spring expenses.
Total	\$8,240.00	\$337.38	\$7,902.62	

School Events				
Description	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Difference	Notes
Family Fitness Night	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	January
Literacy Night	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	March
Carnival	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	May

Silent Auction	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	April
Field Day	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	June
Total	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	

Other				
Description	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Difference	Notes
Spiritwear	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	Periodic purchases.
Babysitting	\$405.00	\$45.00	\$360.00	PTO Meetings
Insurance	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	To cover the PTO board members and general liability.
Banking / Bookkeeping	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	Unexpected bank fees.
Grant Writer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	In the event that no member of the PTO can do the work.
Cheetah Chatter	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	Printing only.
School Directory	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	Printing only.
Total	\$2,795.00	\$45.00	\$2,750.00	

Misc.				
Description	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Difference	Notes
Unexpected requests.	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	Rainy day fund / requests from teachers and staff.
Total	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	

Income

Description	Estimated Income	Actual Income	Difference	Notes
Box Tops	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	-\$3,000.00	No work fundraiser. / December and April
Davanni's	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	-\$1,100.00	No work fundraiser. / Monthly
FreeStyle	\$600.00	\$0.00	-\$600.00	No work fundraiser. / Monthly
Bagelry	\$800.00	\$0.00	-\$800.00	No work fundraiser. / Checks come January and June
Como Park Grill	\$300.00	\$42.32	-\$257.68	No work fundraiser. / Monthly
Club's Choice	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	October / Student driven fundraiser - catalog sales.
Half Time Rec	\$250.00	\$150.00	-\$100.00	October
Silent Auction	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	-\$6,500.00	Committee.
Carnival	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	-\$5,000.00	Committee.
Spirit Wear	\$500.00	\$825.47	\$325.47	Committee.
Running Club	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00	Committee.
SkyZone	\$200.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	No work fundraiser.
Saint's North Skating	\$200.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	No work fundraiser.
Panera Bread	\$200.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	No work fundraiser.
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$200.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	No work fundraiser / February 23, 2014
Total	\$29,850.00	\$1,017.79	\$28,832.21	

It was suggested that Dean Walsak might be able to audit the books.

- b. Clubs Choice Fall Fundraiser (the biggest fundraiser of the year- almost half of our total budget is generated through this fundraiser. We get 44% of the money from catalog sales. Also the Clubs Choice representative gives us bouncy houses and other perks)- Brooke Ust
 - i. Wednesday morning, October 22 Money Due

1. You may also make donations. 10\$ is equal to one item that counts towards the prizes.
- ii. Money counted and items tallied Thursday, Oct 23 (volunteer from 8:30-11:30)
- iii. Delivery Wednesday, Nov 19 (volunteer from 2:30-5:30)

This is later than the other schools. So families are not able to sell as many items to other family members or co-workers. Maybe we can do the fundraiser earlier in the year next year?

- c. Box Tops- Jessica Hilmanowski
 - i. Goal for this year is \$3,000.
 - ii. Classroom contests are going on and will end on Wednesday, October 29. We need volunteers on this Thursday October 23 from 9-11 am and next Wednesday on October 29 from 9-12. Email Jessica to volunteer. Jessica.hilmanowski@yahoo.com Babies and preschoolers are welcome!
 - iii. November 3 submissions. School will get the check in December. Three classroom contests per yr. but we only submit them two times a year in November and in March. However, we are always collecting them.
- d. Labels for Education- Julie Small
 - i. We collect are always collection Labels for Education. We are able to use the points via an online catalog. Also now if we get enough points we can get a visa gift card. This program is a nice way to provide supplies for the art teacher and other specialists. Labels for Education are on Campbell's, Pop Secret, Pepperidge farm, etc.
- e. No-work fundraisers- Lisa Bofenkamp and Anita Dualeh
New coordinators! You will get info. each month in a packet in your child's take home folder.
- f. Literacy Night- Need a volunteer to coordinate
This event is in February. Kids come to school and do different activities related to reading and writing.
- g. Family Fitness Night- Need a volunteer to coordinate
This event is in January. It focuses on leading healthy, active lifestyles. Hamline students come to volunteer.
- h. Spirit Wear- Jessica Hilmanowski
On-line sale has been extended one more week. We have a minimum order for sweat pants. We must have 25. If you order sweatpants, then you get entered in a drawing for a t-shirt. We will send out a flyer in the take home folder. To order on-line, go to

identity stores and search for Chelsea Heights. Or go to Chelsea Heights and look for the link to spirit wear.

6. December 8 PTO Meeting

This will be off-site. It will be a social time. Ideas include underground music café, bowling, etc.

FYI- Picture re-take day is October 23

Next PTO meeting is November 17 at 6:30 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm