

## PTO Meeting

Monday, February 2, 2015

6:30-7:30 pm

Room 1102/ Ms. Bartol's Room

The meeting began at 6:35 pm.

Parents Present: Hydee Becker, Julie Hart, Anita Dualeh, Cara Hofreiter, Carrie Peltier, Lisa Preston, Alex Lodner, Julie Small, Jamie Proulx, Ginny Hayes, Jessica Hilmanowski, David Vessel

Staff Present: Jill Gebeke, Lisa Arcand

### **Welcome and Introductions-** Brooke Ust

### **Principals Report-** Jill Gebeke

- Parent Involvement Monday, February 9
  - PTO will get bagels donated from Bagelry
  - Classroom visits in the morning from 8:30-10:00. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> concert is at 10:00.
- iPad Rollout Thursday, February 12
  - Come into school in the evening, or do it online. It starts at 5:00 and will take 30 minutes. There will be a new session every thirty minutes. You are encouraged to do it online. A "robo call" will be done this week and next week to remind families. There will also be information in teacher newsletters. It will also be communicated by an email. No childcare available.
- Fifth grade Ski Trip to Afton on February 26
  - PTO has 500\$ budgeted for transportation and entry scholarships
- Third and Fourth graders going to Mt. Como to sled
- Parent Academy Thursday, March 12 from 6-8 pm
  - Learn about Saint Paul schools and how to navigate the system.
- Testing
  - Cogat & (to identify gifted and talented) was completed in November with K and 2<sup>nd</sup> who did not qualify in Kindergarten. The result were recently sent home. At CH, teachers to differentiation for the gifted and talented children in their classroom. After school, kids can do Lego Robotics, Destination Imagination, and book clubs for kids in 2-4.
    - MONDO- all kids reading assessment.
    - MAP- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- New Recycling Sorting
  - At lunch, we are now sorting trash, food, and milk cartons to reduce trash by 60%.
  - We currently give out water in small cups. This is creating a lot of waste. PTO could budget to install a hydration station for next year. The cost is \$1,500.00.
- Master Plan Committee (Facilities Group)- Every school will be forming a group to look at facilities and prioritize projects. The committee must consist of the principal, teachers, parents, students, community members. More information will be coming.

- The most recent Cheetah Challenge for perfect attendance will be on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> will be popcorn and a movie "A Bugs Life." K-2 in am and 3-5 in pm. Brooke will get popcorn and volunteers will pop the popcorn.
- Next up is "Cool Cats Care Wall of Kindness."

### **Literacy Night February 26-** Brooke

There will be stations: Chill out with a book, a book walk, make costumes, make book marks, make comic books, book bingo, alphabet search, story time, sign up for a library card, spirit wear, and girl scout cookies for sale. The finale will be with "The Story Man from England" and raffle prizes of books. There will be milk and cookies during the story time. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite book character. There will be a book swap during the week of Feb 23-27. If the reading log goal is met, then Principal Gebeke will wear her PJs. An all-school email requesting volunteers for the book swap and Literacy Night will be sent out.

### **Budget-** Carrie Peltier and Lisa Preston

There is about \$17,000.00 in the TCF account and \$5,000.00 in the sunrise account to finish the garden and the stage outside. The classroom grants total \$7,500.00 this year. Approximately \$ 4,000 has been spent. We will likely have excess funds after this year. Next year, there will be a grants committee to spend down any excess funds. So far we are in the black and on-budget. We have silent auction and carnival left to raise money. If you have questions, please ask. You are always welcome to see the financial report.

### **No-work fundraisers-** Brooke

Buffalo Wild Wings in Roseville is new on February 23 from 5-8 pm. They will donate 10% of the total bill (both food and alcohol).

Herbergers could be added. The students would sell the coupon books for 5\$. You shop with your coupon on a specified day. The school could make up to \$700.00. PTO could sell the coupons at the store and take shifts.

### **Cheetah Chatter-** Brooke

Thank you and good bye to Cara Hofreiter as she transitions out of the position. Cara has been doing this job for about two and a half years.

A new coordinator is needed.

### **Other business:**

#### **BOKS program-** Alex Lodner

It is a free (we need to apply for the grant) program sponsored by Reeboks. Kids, volunteers, and at least one staff person meet once a week for an hour plus of planned and supervised physical activity and a short talk on nutrition.

The program includes a curriculum, but each school can tweak it to their liking. At SAP, they have three staff volunteers (principal, school nurse and phy ed teacher) plus about 4 parent

volunteers. They meet Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:10, then the kids get walked down to breakfast.

The grant is for one year only, but Jennifer (the mom who started it at SAP) said you do not need money after the first year. They spent their money on a gym mat, some literature, and to rent space from Langford Rec Center for a month while the SAP gym was occupied with gymnastics equipment. They plan on continuing the program from now on as long as they have parent and staff participation.

They allowed for 50 students at first, but had enough volunteers that they took 64 students.

The program at SAP is not run by the PTO, but obviously there would not be that option at CH.

<http://www.bokskids.org>

We could do a survey via survey monkey or a paper survey on Parent Involvement Day to see if parents would be interested in having their children attend this program and/or volunteering to facilitate the program. Perhaps S'More fun might be interested in offering this type of activity. If this could be tied in with S'More fun, that would be beneficial since we would not need as many CH staff members.

**NW Como-** Ginny Hayes

Skating parting on January 30 was very successful! There is still limited spaces in boys and girls soccer and hip hop boys 6-10 and jazz/ballet/hip hop for girls 8-12. Register now for soft ball fast pitch and floor hockey. Spring break activities are tumbling, Lego and Papercraft Minecraft engineering and tennis.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.