

October 17, 2017 PTO Meeting

## 1. Title I

Jill Gebeke went through the Title I Talking Points:

It replaces No Child Left Behind and is part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. We qualify for Title I because of our number of Free and Reduced Lunch students. CHE is allocated approximately \$94,000. This helps pay for a parent liaison/cultural specialist, one kindergarten paraprofessional, and hourly teachers.

We have a Family Engagement Plan at CHE. The plan was discussed at the September meeting and can be found on our school website. We discussed it last spring as well. The plan is open to discussion and ideas.

The School Continuous Improvement Plan focuses on reading and math for the school year of 2017-2018. Our reading goal is aimed at a 3% improvement and math at a 3% improvement.

The Parents Right to Know is in our Handbook.

Reporting on student progress - We have six conference dates on the calendar this school year.

What is a Family-School Compact? This will be going home with students before conferences. Our SCIP goals are included. Is there any feedback on the examples that Jill brought? Question - Do parents need to sign and return? No. But, parents are encouraged to discuss the pamphlet at home. Question - EDL is not part of Title I money.

## 2. Principal's Report

Last month we talked about our projection being greater than expected. We have been allocated additional funds based on that higher number of enrolled students. We are going to purchase two teaching assistants. They will be in the classrooms as well as the lunchroom. The exact dollar amounts are unknown at this time.

An 8:30-3:00 position will be posted. Contact Jill Gebeke if you are interested.

Cheetah Challenge - We took an all-school picture. Our current challenge is working on cafeteria expectations. At the recent all-school meeting students chose the reward of popcorn and a movie. Each classroom will work toward Cheetah Spots.

Jill will let us know if we do need volunteers for the lunchroom. Question - Is there a way that we can help with the volume level in the lunchroom? Would panels help?

We had a successful walk and bike to school event. Police, fire, and the head of transportation were all involved.

We have Parent Workshops offered here at Chelsea Heights. This is a district event with child care, food and transportation. Please register online. Flyers will be sent home and an email has already been sent.

Picture day was held recently. We were happy with the choices offered for packages. Retakes are next week.

Conference slips went home. Look for the yellow slip in your child's folder. Send only one back to school per family. Your scheduled time will come home in your child's folder.

### 3. Club's Choice Update

Our sales were down about \$5000 this year. We didn't do key chains this year because they were defective. The online sales were different this year with students needing to register on the site.

Distribution day is November 8th from 2:00-5:30 in the school cafeteria. We are looking for volunteers. Please don't send your child alone to pick up the orders.

### 5. Food Drive Nov. 6th-27th

We do a food drive each year for Neighborhood House. PTO members pick up and count items on Tuesdays. Food and toiletry items are welcome. The classroom with the highest total wins a pizza party.

The social worker at CHE pulls together items from our drive to give to Chelsea families. The Como Park Lutheran Church has approached us in the past about getting meals to families. There is a new contact and Tanya Rogers is working on following up with the church.

#### 6. Conference Meals

We supply meals to the teachers for their conference days. Teachers really appreciate the meals and support. Waters are great on conference nights. Watch for a volunteer email.

#### 7. Conference Reminders – Parents can see specialist teachers.

Look for this information about two weeks in advance. Make sure to stop and see your student's specialist teachers too. Please contact Mr. Altman if you're interested in signing up for taking care of an animal over one of the school breaks. Check the list in his classroom during conferences.

#### 8. December PTO Meeting – Social Event - December 5th

We have gone bowling and to the Como Park Grill in the past. We have also discussed making the meeting a volunteer event too. Please share ideas if you have any!

#### 9. NW Como Rec Center/Bonfire Recap

John sent some flyers with Darcy. We have a Ninja Warrior and Great River field trip over MEA. We have many classes and activities currently offered. Women's basketball and adult soccer are starting soon. Winter/Spring registration begins December 4th. Check online! Basketball registration has just wrapped up. Contact John to see if all spots have been filled. North Dale has their Hallowfest event coming up soon. Langford is having their dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Claus. Question - Has NW Como

considered doing a holiday event? North Dale has a Winter Wonderland event too. The last Friday in January will be the NW Como Skating Party.

The Gaga Pit is now gone. The kids really enjoyed it during recess, the bonfire and during PE classes too. When will it be back? Could we get it more often?

#### 10. Budget

The PTO usually budgets about \$5000 for Eagle Bluff. Jill Dent and Adam have set up a Donor's Choice for Eagle Bluff and we already have \$400. We need to add a link to the PTO web page and the teacher newsletters.

#### 11. Closing Remarks

Jill shared two \$25 gift certificates for Community Education.