November 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes
Chelsea Heights

1. Principal's Report

Conferences Feedback: Conference turnout is at 95% right now. Our goal is 100%. Teachers are working on connecting with all families. Specialists - Signs have been posted reminding families to see specialist teachers. Teachers are really appreciative of the meals. Question/Suggestion for Jill-If you are scheduled for more than one conference and your schedule is back to back, it can be tough to make it to the next one on time. Can we request that we not be scheduled back to back? Please write a note on the conference form if you would like your conferences to not be back to back.

We were given some additional funds and have been interviewing for some hourly positions. A link will be posted on the Como Park Neighborhood Facebook page for interested applicants. If you know someone who is interested let Jill Gebeke know.

Book Fair had record sales with nearly $7000, with $3800 going back to the library. PTO is looking for a Book Fair coordinator for next school year.

Eagle Bluff is Dec. 6-8. We had a lot of parent volunteers. We have our next Awards Assembly coming up in December 12th, and the 5th grade music concert on Dec. 19th. The next Cheetah Challenge is hallway behavior.

Question: Why are the free and reduced lunch forms important to fill out? The more forms we have turned in, the more information Jill has. This gets us better information for Title 1 funding.

2. NW Como:

Winter and Spring brochures are out and available and will be sent home in backpacks on Dec. 1st, sign ups beginning Dec. 4th.. Highlights include: plumbing class for adults, Shamrock Shake dance with your guardian on March 16th for ages 7-11, creative writing club, geography explorer, wacky craft Thursdays (free), NW Como blossoms (gardening, free). There are still spaces in ages 4-8 for basketball. January 1 begins spring sports sign up. Question - What about a knitting class for next fall?
        If you have questions about ages for events, call the rec center. Ask for programming you're interested in or call if you have ideas about who we might partner with.
We've been coordinating with Como Park Lutheran for more teen programming.
The school and city have agreed to have paid parking during the State Fair on the fields as a fundraiser. We'll be forming a committee in January if you're interested in joining or volunteering during the fair. The Booster Club is very excited about this opportunity to raise funds and will be coordinating with PTO. NW Como Booster Club is looking for more participants.

3. No December PTO Meeting

4. Fitness Night – January 19th

   Lisa Bofenkamp with work with Mr. B to coordinate. We will also be asking for volunteers.

5. Fundraiser Updates – Give to the Max

   We really promoted Give to the Max this year. We started out with only receiving about $300 the first year and this year we were up to $1800. We are very thankful for the donation from Gabe's in Como Park. Thank you notes are on the way! Thank you to David Reese for the donation from your family's foundation.

6. Upcoming Events – Literacy Night - February 23rd

   A coordinator is needed this year.

7. Boy Scouts - A pack has started at Chelsea Heights. Interested families can contact Jill or Andy Dent. We haven't done a lot of advertising yet. The first pack meeting was just last week. People are still welcome to join.

8. Destination Imagination - We do not have a 3rd grade coach, so we do not have a 3rd grade team. If you are interested in being a coach, contact Brooke Ust.

9. Budget Update - Copies of the budget were shared. Donor's Choose was used by Ms. Flaten for the Eagle Bluff trip. We will always budget for Eagle Bluff, but if less money is needed that's great.

   Question - Does PTO run the Science Fair? The Science Fair is organized by Mr. Altman, the science teacher, with PTO supporting. We do need a lot of volunteers.

   Question - Does Bare Honey charge for delivery? You should not be charged for delivery if it's sent to Chelsea.

10. Food Drive ends on November 27th