



Purpose: Focus on the development of a Cedar Heights Community that has a supporting and active membership on the PTU.

Call to order

- The meeting was called to order at --:--pm
- There were 10 members in attendance + those on Zoom
- Minutes from the May & September 2021 meetings were approved

Treasurer's Report

- Paid taxes
- Approved 3 teacher grants
- Reimbursed for t-shirts bought for new faculty
- First check for \$564 for the first online fundraiser from Iowa Sports Supply
- Motion to move \$28,000 over to an interest-bearing savings account.
 - The motion was approved contingent on Ashley checking into this at Veridian to see if it will work.

Principal's Report

- Tomorrow is picture retakes.
- Student council is up and running. "Socktober" fundraiser is on Wednesday.
 - Red Ribbon Week is next week
- Halloween
 - Limited to those at school
 - A video will be shown live
 - We are out at noon on the 29th
- Take charge of your body will be in November.
- Conference sign-up is open now through November 4th.
 - In-person or virtual
 - Teachers will be in touch
 - November 9th and 11th
 - No school November 12th
- Mrs. Villa and Miss Sundwall started as new paraeducators in the building.
- Teacher learning
 - Teachers looked at what we want all students to learn and how we can strengthen our instruction and assessment.
- Doing some additional testing to see where reading gaps are
 - Phonic and phonemic awareness
 - Book study and new materials to provide some intervention and support
- SABERS
 - A new assessment looking at behavior
 - K-6 teachers do an inventory on students
 - 3-6 grade students do a self-assessment on their behavior
 - Trying to identify students who need additional supports in place at school
- A question was asked about why students no longer have morning recess
 - Initially, this was stopped due to COVID
 - This year, we decided to not have morning recess because our days start smoother. Also, supervision was difficult during this time.
 - Some parents and students are saying that they don't want to get to school on time. Has this impacted tardies? Has this impacted students' social interactions?
 - Mr. Ortman didn't have statistics on the exact numbers, but commented that there does not seem to be an increase in tardies this year.
- A question was also asked about recess time shrinking.
 - No, we are not actively looking to add extra recess time. As students grow older, their required recess times are reduced. We also have requirements from the state and district regarding instructional minutes. Supervision also plays a part in this.



10/18/21 PTU Minutes

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Supporting Teachers:

- For discussion:
- For approval:
- For assistance:
 - Hospitality - Katie is looking for assistance with the conference time meal. We need more support on the hospitality team.

Supporting Students:

- For discussion:
 - Amazon Wish List has been started and donations have been coming in.
 - If you are purchasing something off the list, we would love to know who it is coming from. We would love to thank those who donate!
 - Can we track how much has been donated so we can do a report at the end of the year?
- For approval:
- For assistance:

Supporting Community

- For discussion:
 - Small Groups - How can we get more people involved and actively volunteering on the PTU?
 - Let parents know how PTU supports teachers/students
 - Tell friends, coworkers and encourage them to attend and encourage them to help out.
 - Teachers including PTU in their monthly newsletters.
 - Child care
 - Ending on time and having an agenda
 - Don't scare people away! Meeting with no volunteer requests.
 - Continue to let people know about multiple ways they can be involved.
 - Testimonials/teacher impact stories to let people know how PTU has directly helped teachers and students.
 - Targeted emails
 - Snail mail to parents
 - Host family events to encourage parents to attend.
 - Directory- 332 students have their information submitted for the directory
- For approval:
- For assistance:
 - Fundraising Committee - Organizing Smaller Fundraisers
 - Looking for people to be on this team.
 - Looking for more ideas for smaller fundraisers
 - The "don't contact me" fundraiser
 - Paul Lee will organize this fundraiser

Next PTU Meeting will be...

- **November 15th at 7pm via Zoom and in-person**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.