



2/16/21 PTU Minutes

Call to order: President Liz Berns

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
- There were 9 members in attendance
- Minutes from the January 2021 meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report

- Media grant for a new document camera for the library
- Teacher grant payout
- Liability insurance payout to the district
- \$307.06 raised from Cards for a Cause fundraiser
- \$23 for Hy-vee bag fundraiser
- Cedar Valley United Way donation
- Transfer from Lego League to spirit swag will happen soon
- Submitted annual gambling report.
- We recertified with Benevity- a fundraising website that John Deere and some other organizations use in order to distribute funds.
- We are still collecting Hy-Vee receipts. The next deadline is coming up. Continue to turn in your receipts.

Principal's Report

- We are happy to continue to be in person. We are doing better than in the fall for quarantine, etc. We are under 5 kids out, currently.
- Kids have had to stay inside a lot and they are happy to be getting outside again.
- We finished out FAST reading and math assessments. We current have about 70% proficient on the reading assessment. Our school goal is to have at least 80% of our kids proficient OR making at least a year's growth. If we look at our goal right now, we have currently made it. We put interventions in place for those students who need it.
- No school Friday- conferences are coming up. Conference sign-up goes out on Thursday. Conferences will be virtual again this year. March 9th and 11th.
- Incoming kindergarten students will be able to come in for Kindergarten round-up. They will come in the afternoon on a half-day of school in order to limit possible exposure.
- We are not sure what the end of the year will look like as far as activities and celebrations. Mr. Ortman will continue to update us on this.

Teacher's Report

- Lauren McDonald shared about Lego League this year.
- There are 2 types of teams; Lego Explore for grades 1-3, Lego Challenge for grades 4-6
- Each team needs 2 coaches.
- This year we can 2 Lego Explore groups and 1 Lego Challenge group in the fall. We will have 2 Lego Explore groups in the spring.
- Coaches are always needed and appreciated!

Old Business

- We are continuing to do the teacher wish list this year. Let Jeni Barry or Liz Berns know if you need supplies. They can easily be added to the list.
- Metal drive fundraiser- We are planning on holding this on April 17th. A dumpster will be dropped in the circle drive and you can stop by and drop off scrap metal items.

New Business

- We are going to do a book fair this spring. It will be online since we cannot hold it in the school. A website will be shared so parents can place orders. All proceeds come back to the library. It will be held for about 2 weeks to allow parents time to place their orders. Teachers wish lists will still be an option.
- Student Council Fundraiser- students and teachers can bring in money for Americans for Independent Living. This organization helps homeless veterans. There is an interview with the organization posted on the Cedar Heights facebook page.
- This week is random acts of kindness week. Students will have a little surprise when they come to school tomorrow.
- Buddy bench- troop 55 is building a new buddy bench for the 2-3 playground
- Student council wants to raise money for Kickball bases that permanently stay in the ground.
- March- music month. Some 6th graders are going to design a music-themed bulletin board.
- Student council is also planning a pajama day coming up soon.
- Sixth-grade party. The team is forming some ideas for the party. There are 2 t-shirt designs for students to pick between. More details will come out soon.
- Next year we are in need of a new president, vice-president, and treasurer. Lauren McDonald will continue to be the secretary.
 - President- Serves no more than 2 years. Has to: plan meeting, make an agenda, oversee and delegate fundraisers, make contact with Mr. Ortman and Ingrid about fundraisers, answer parent emails, make decisions on the budget. Optional: come up with ideas for new fundraisers.
 - Vice-president- Serves no more than 2 years. Has to: run the meeting if the president cannot make it, serves as a sounding board and support system Optional: serve as president after serving as vice-president, help organize fundraisers.
 - Treasurer- works in an excel spreadsheet. Gets invoices from the school, writes checks (cosigned with president), look at what is going on and what is coming out, updating spreadsheets, sales tax forms, making sure the taxes get done, coordinate with the principal.
 - The current president, vice-president, and treasurer will be available to provide support if you choose to volunteer for one of these positions.
- Hospitality- teachers will get Hy-Vee subs on both conference nights. There is a sign-up genius for parents to bring in items for sides and snacks on conference nights. These items have to be individually wrapped.



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- Staff hospitality prize winner- Lynette Beckner!
- Fun Fair- we have a few different plans. Small and large scavenger hunt with prizes based on how much of the scavenger hunt they do. Food committee will be meeting soon. We are able to sell some items outside. Food will be individually wrapped. We are looking for restaurants that would be willing to donate a portion of the proceeds back to Cedar Heights for the Fun Fair weekend. We are looking for sponsors and donations. We will continue to do a raffle- it will look a little different this year.
- Box Tops are due March 1st. They can be turned in outside Sarah's home (2502 Garden Ave.) or at the school. You can also submit electronically.
- Next date for turning in Hy-Vee recipes is April 28th

Next PTU Meeting will be...

- Tuesday, March 23rd at 7pm via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.