1/31/22 PTU Minutes



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 7:03pm
- There were 10 members in attendance
- Minutes from the December 2021 meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report

- Box Tops funds received: \$32.80
- Teacher grants
- Coffee bar expenses
- Looking for someone to take over as treasurer next year

Principal's Report

- Covid protocols have not changed. Brian will email parts to update them if protocols do change.
 - We did see a spike in numbers after break, but those numbers have dropped off some.
- Winter FAST assessments
 - 73% proficient overall. This is the same as the fall. Some grade levels did fluctuate a bit.
 - Cedar Heights will receive around 20K for our ESSA plan.
 - We are looking at purchasing materials centered around literacy to help support students and teachers
 - Specifically looking at boosting phonics and phonemic awareness materials and instruction at Cedar Heights
 - Leader in Me
 - Students are filling out applications for leadership positions throughout the school.
 - o Staff
 - We will be fully staffed next Monday. We have a new special education and a new general education paraeducator starting next week.
 - When we are fully staffed, our general education paraeducators will be able to provide more support throughout the school.
 - Music Concerts on February 8th- 5th and 6th grade
 - Sign up for conferences will open on February 11th.
 - No school February 18th. Professional development for teachers plus conference report writing.
 - Staffing for next year
 - Mrs. Hutchison will be retiring and Mrs. Plagge (currently a 4th grade teacher) will fill her position.
 - Miss Simonson will be moving to a PE position at Peet

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Supporting Teachers:

- For discussion:
 - PTU hosted a coffee bar for teachers
 - Hospitality will plan to do something small for Valentine's day. They also plan to do meal(s) for conferences, and also something for teacher appreciation week.
 - The teacher wish list is still active. Jeni is keeping it updated. Mr. Ortman will include it in the weekly bulletin to parents.

Supporting Students:

- For discussion:
 - What do we think are the most important parts of the fun fair to maintain?
 - Bringing students and families together
 - Sponsorships for Fun Fair
 - Scheduled for Friday, May 6th
 - 3 business levels for sponsorships, family sponsorships, and an option for any level of donation.
 - Sponsorship letters have started going out to some businesses already
 - How can we incorporate smaller-level at school fundraisers?
 - Changejars
 - Competitions to have teachers in the dunk tank
 - We need someone to take charge of raffle ticket sales, assist with the food committee, assist with decorations
 - We plan to skip the silent auction this year. All donations that are received from businesses will go toward the raffle.
 - Surfs up at the Heights will be the theme for this year
 - Game committee met yesterday
 - Looking into doing a scavenger hunt again this year
 - The 6th grade party is planned for Friday, May 13th at the WRC at UNI.
 - All students will get t-shirts from PTU.
 - A sign up for food and other supplies will go out to 6th grade parents before the meeting.
- For assistance:
 - The school nurse is in need of sweatpants in size 4T to size 8. If you have donations, please send them to school.
 - The school is in need of more gloves and mittens.

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Supporting Community

- For discussion:
 - Looking at ways to increase involvement in PTU. We had previously discussed trying to find child care during PTU meetings.
 - We will keep this in mind, and possibly try this in the future.

Next PTU Meeting will be...

• February 21, 2022 at 7pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.