

CMSE PTO MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 21, 2018

Introductions – Stacie Kaufmann and Jenny Snyder led the meeting.

School Board Report – Amy Logue reported there are 4 seats open during the fall school board election, comprised of incumbents and challengers. Information about each candidate will be published in local newspapers.

Partnership with Parents/Principal's Report – Andrew Gilbert & Beth Holm

- Checking in – how is the school year starting for everyone? Discussed bus loop traffic pattern changes. Parent volunteer and email correspondence/maps about the changes helped to make the transition in bus loop traffic go well. Some concerns were raised about the parent pick up line traffic as well as the safety of students crossing the road to the Chaska Community Center. There will be a school resource officer shared between the 3 middle schools. Beth Holm suggested the officer could help supervise this area to identify problems and solutions.
- Orientation – Orientation attendance was high for the first few hours following the conclusion of WEB. Attendance was lower later in the afternoon and during the second day. Beth Holm asked for feedback about moving orientation to one day and extending the duration. The group discussed pros and cons of the proposed change. Support was given for having orientation be one day with longer hours for attendance.
- Curriculum Night – There was low participation for curriculum night but great feedback was received from those in attendance. Andrew Gilbert brought up the idea of encouraging parents to bring their children as a way to increase attendance. The evening is not just a review of classroom curriculum, it is also about making an initial connection with your child's teacher. A suggestion was made to promote curriculum night during orientation, like putting flyers on the doors for parents to see while exiting the building. Another suggestion was made to make all presentations given by teachers available electronically for review. There was discussion about confusion over the differences between orientation and curriculum night and the purpose of each event.
- 6th Grade Party – Friday, October 26th at CMSW – The party will be held at Chaska Middle School West (CMSW) this year. Laura will check with the school to see if they need parent volunteers. The party is held right after school. It is a time for the 6th grade students to play games like dodgeball, watch a movie, dance, and eat food.
- CMSE Goals for the Year – Beth Holm reviewed the Focus 5 goals for CMSE for 2018-2019.
 - Focus #1 SBL (Standards Based Learning)
100% of the teachers will report that they tried at least 2 new strategies to successfully use formative assessment, as reported on the end of the year survey.
 - Focus #2 Equity
Reduce the number of multiple behavioral referrals.
 - Focus #3 Learner Accountability
The percentage of students who meet or excel on MCA Reading will increase by 2% from 2017-2018 data.
2017-2018 was 69.7%, Goal is 71.7%
 - Focus #4 High Expectations

“Teachers in my school believe all students can learn and be successful.”
 Increase from 78.5% to 85% (as measured by end of the year student survey)

- Focus #5 Collaborative Culture
 100% of teachers will utilize a prep time 6 times a year to visit their collaborative group classrooms.
- Beth Holm showed assessment data for the school as compared to other Chaska middle schools and state averages. MCA data for each student will be handed out during fall conferences.

MCA

Math	State	CMSE	CMSW	Pioneer
2016-2017	58.6	70.8	62.6	48.9
2017-2018	57	68.8	58.3	49.6
Reading				
2016-2017	60.1	67.8	70.2	64.3
2017-2018	59.8	69.7	70.3	64.8
Science*				
2016-2017	53.9	55.7	56.8	50.3
2017-2018	51.7	47.9	44.7	45.2

* Science MCA is taken in 8th grade and covers content from 6th through 8th grade.

MAP 2017/2018

Reading	6 th	7 th	8 th	Entire School
Percentage that reached targeted growth	59.43	58.33	63.46	61.6
2016/2017 Actual	58.9%	2017/2018 Goal	60.9%	- Exceeded Target at 61.6%
Math	66.53	62.01	75.88	71.8
2016/2017 Actual	68.4%			

Treasurer’s Report – Jill Browning

- The balance is \$4,400.
- We received an additional \$29 from the Coca-Cola Give program.
- \$100 teacher request for Ms. Melby was approved. The money will be used in her 7th grade language arts class for postage for pen pals from Sweden.

Committee Updates/Info

- School Store Update – The school store will open in October. The Student Council will coordinate it, along with oversight from the PTO. Stacie Kaufmann will be placing smaller, more frequent orders.
- Apparel Order – Stacie Reiff offered to look into apparel options.
- Fundraisers 2018-2019
 - Dinner Nights – Culver’s restaurant night will be October 9th. Shannon Orłowski will be setting up additional dates with other local restaurants.

- Fall Fitness Fundraiser – This will take place November 8th. PTO will help secure some prizes.
- Box Tops Collection Contest October 1- 12 – The fall contest will involve a competition between grade levels with a food prize during lunch as a reward.
- Picture Retakes October 5th – A Sign-up Genius will be created for parent volunteers.
- Conference Meals October 11th & 16th - Stacy Reiff is coordinating. A Sign-Up Genius will be developed for donations.
- Bingo Bash Tuesday, November 13th 6:30-8:00pm – A planning meeting will be held September 24th at 10am at CMSE.
- “Go to Buckets” resupply – Stacie Kaufmann will coordinate the replacement of fruit snacks in the classroom “go to buckets.”

Old Business

- Orientation & First Days of School – supplies outside 104, previously worn gym clothes
Next year, the supply drop off table will be outside of classroom 104 to minimize the movement of supplies.

New Business

- Bingo Bash Committee will meet Monday, September 24th 10:00am at CMSE

Feedback/Questions/Concerns

- None

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Friday, October 26th at 2:00pm

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