

COTSWOLD SCHOOL
Minutes – PTA Board Meeting
April 21, 2017

Call to order

Stacy called to the meeting to order at 9:34am

Board Members Present: Stacy Beard, Ali Hoce, Morgan Cromwell, Kelly Catanese, Emily Petersen, Susie Wilcox, Mandy Price, Michelle Abels, Alison Tennent, Jody Para, Kathryn King, and Katy Burge.

Staff Members Present: Alicia Hash, Genny Murrell

Board Members Absent: Natalie Meek and Jena Holoman.

Guests Present: Linda Kroha

According to the bylaws, a quorum consists of a majority of Board Members (8/15). With 12 out of 15 Board members in attendance, a quorum was present.

Approve Meeting Minutes – March 24th meeting minutes approved.

Principal's update – Map testing is going on now and TRC about to start. Grades 3-5 are getting ready for EOG's which will be the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before - memorial day. Mr. Fruendt is recruiting proctors.

The 5th graders will be the only students tested on Friday when they will use their Chromebooks for Science EOG's.

Next year all EOG's may be on Chromebook but we don't know for sure.

Teachers retiring: Ms Helm and Ms Harrison
Mr. Randolph added as PE Teacher to replace Ms. Feeney who retired in December.

Teacher update- getting ready for TRC. Clarification was provided regarding wish lists for Boosterthon funds. Teachers can either submit individually or as a team.

Staff retreat: March 31st to april 2. A lot of team building, went well.

Budget Review – Kathryn King

- We have had some extra funds come in through community partners and we need to figure out how to allocate.
- Kathryn introduced new Treasurer Linda Kroha
- We received \$55,000 in Boosterthon deposits and have paid \$10,000 to Boosterthon.
- Bank Account is close to 95k, and so a lot of discussion needs to happen to responsibly allocate our funds. We still need to pay Boosterthon.
- We have put deposit down for Hornets tickets for next year.
- We will set aside some money for fall planting.
- We will go over it more in depth next month. Find out which committees need more or less money before next meeting.

Committee Reports

- **Admin Support-** Mandy Price
 - Beautification had biggest response. Would like Sunbrella over the playground. Working on picnic tables and leaves.
 - Clare's Garden - The structures are chipping. Paint is peeling. Sent pictures to John and Ann. Still waiting to hear back. We don't know if they were not sealed properly.
 - Staff Appreciation - We got gift cards for teachers to Smashburger and then they gave us smashcash. All the teachers got the cards and cash, Support Staff got cash.
 - Grade Parent Coordinators: Are we going to change the configuration? We don't know yet, will discuss in May. Put more thought into and propose new idea in May.
- **Enrichment-** Susie Wilcox
 - Reading Rocks committee is working diligently. They have revamped the program based on feedback. Going to a format where everyone but rising K will make a pledge. They are going to display the pledge cards. To enter raffle, you have to reflect on your work. K-2, draw a picture. 3-5 write about their favorite book. Hopefully this process will be easier for the children and less of a chore.
 - Still trying to spend money on Enrichment lesson plan packets. Some good ideas are being put into action to make enrichment lessons run more smoothly.
 - Ms. Grimm is helping on the task of trading out character trait per month to be displayed.
 - MOC still has tons of energy. Play 60 rescheduled May 31st. MOC will be at Beginner's Day.
 - May 30 is going to be the date of Stop Hunger Now. Funding has been secured. 4th and 5th grade NHS kids will do the project in the gym during the school day.

- **Events-** Jody Para
 - Our next Walk to school day is May 5 . We got 146 to the back door and 156 to the front door during the last Walk to School Day.
 - April 25th is Meet and Eat Night. Portofinos restaurant will serve the Spring Concert, Schoolhouse Rock, will be performed after a general meeting. New Board members need to attend.
 - Celebrate Cotswold:May 12th” Created a Fast Pass to hopefully help. Pre-Sale the week of April 24th and a flier will go home. Return forms and get a bracelet. Trying to help eliminate as much waiting. Bracelet will buy every attraction. They need cash boxes - work with Kathryn

- **Fundraising-** Allison
 - No updates beyond what was discussed in Budget Review.

- **Marketing/Comm-** Emily
 - Not too much, Cougar Bite submissions need to stay under 400 characters. Website submissions automatically count the characters. Email submissions often go over the limit.
 - All Set for Beginner Day which will be at 10am on April 26th. 100 kids already registered for kindergarten but we don't know how many of them will actually come to Beginner's Day. Committee has done an excellent job planning for this day.

- **Community Partners-** No Report

- **Advocacy-** Michelle Abels

Meeting on Tuesday, announce boundary dates. Send a link to parents to be able to watch. Starts at 6pm . Principals meeting next week at 2pm. Vote in May, after presenting. Charlotte Observer Article makes it sounds like there will not be as big of changes as once thought.

- **Auditing-** Kelly Catanese
 - No report

- **Nominating-** Morgan Cromwell
 - Same - board is full stocked. Allison Dawson doing Fundraising, Stacy doing Audit. Looking for Daddy Daughter Dance chairs, past chairs are looking for replacements. Need Reading Rock and Book Fair chairs. October is still a good month to have it. Oct. 16 - 20th. Wild West Theme. We can confirm the dates and find the chairs later.

New Business:

- Ali did survey. Good results. Positive.
- Discussing Boosterthon and way to spend money:
 - Document Cameras
 - LED sign, \$10,000 - Idea
 - 10 chromebooks for substitutes when one is broken, \$2,000
 - Water Bottle Fillers hopefully before end of year, but maybe June, \$3,500
 - Claire's Garden - money is earmarked. Needs to be cleaned up. We don't know the number yet.
 - Came up with about 16-17k to spend.
 - Gift Cards - works well for some teams, others having a hard time dividing between classrooms. The gift cards are not all being used sometimes for years.
 - Dates: May 12 Celebrate Cotswold, May 16 End of Year Improper Pig PTA/SLT dinner.
 - BOD meeting is June 2 at Stacy's house and then end of June meeting with new Board.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:06am