

COTSWOLD SCHOOL
Minutes – PTA Board Meeting
February 24, 2017

Call to order

Stacy called to the meeting to order at 9:32am

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

Staff Members Present: Alicia Hash, Genny Murrell

Board Members Absent: Emily Petersen, Natalie Meek, and Jena Holoman.

According to the bylaws, a quorum consists of a majority of Board Members (8/15). With 11 out of 15 Board members in attendance, a quorum was present.

Approve Meeting Minutes – January 27th meeting minutes approved.

Principal's update – Progress reports go home next week. There is no new news regarding reassignments.

Teacher update- Ms. Murrell - Staff appreciation week was great! The teachers really enjoyed it!

Budget Review – Kathryn:

- We are in pretty good shape with about \$35,000 in the account currently.
- We have gotten \$7,200 from Horizon Eye Care which is more than expected and we need to find a meaningful way to allocate the funds. The first portion of the donations were put towards Friday clubs.

Committee Reports

- **Admin Support-** Mandy Price
 - Spring clean up day changed to March 18
 - More discussion regarding picnic tables: Last year we talked about moving our existing tables from the blacktop to the newly refreshed area with gravel near the cafeteria. The tables don't seem to be the right size

and Julie would like to get a quote for new tables. We really need to complete this project that our F3 men started for us.

- o We might need to modify the Celebration Books program because it doesn't seem to as effective as it was previously.
- **Enrichment-** Susie Wilcox
 - o The food bank has indicated that we could start receiving more backpacks for distribution. We might modify the way we identify the recipients to ensure that every student who needs a pack is getting one.
 - o We would like to find a way to sync the Reading Rocks program with the school reading program led by the school's Support Staff. There could be ways to make it run more efficiently.
 - o April 3rd is the Play60 date.
 - o Men of Cotswold are continuing to work on Stop Hunger Now. We suggest that they utilize the students who need hours for NHS.
 - o There are two more Hype Basketball games this season.
- **Events-** Jody Para
 - o March 3rd is the next walk to school day.
 - o The Mother/Son outing is April 29th and the ticket price includes pizza.
 - o We have 3 committed sponsors for Celebrate Cotswold.
 - o Daddy/Daughter dance was a success.
- **Fundraising-** Alison Tennent
 - o We just added \$9,000 to the amount received from Commit to Cotswold.
 - o Regarding EduKit, the question was asked if we should add \$5 to kits again this year. It was discussed that since some grade's kits are pricier than others, we should find a way to cap the cost of the kits instead of tagging on more to all of them. We will revisit this again when more pricing information is available.
- **Marketing/Comm-** Given by Stacy
 - o We only discussed how to revamp this role moving forward. We might shift the responsibilities to be more technology focused and less about Spirit Wear and Open Houses.
- **Community Partners-** Updates by Stacy
 - o Barnes and Nobles cards have been found!
- **Advocacy-** Michelle Abels
 - o We are still waiting for updates from CMS that are actual facts.
 - o We have board members coming to our school during the day for tours.
 - o It is recommended that we sign up for CMS google alerts for pertinent information.

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

- **Nominating-** Morgan Cromwell
 - There are still some moving parts. 20+ people have committed to positions. The remaining big roles are *Treasurer* and *Marketing*.

New Business:

- There is a Food Truck rally on the same night as Commit to Cotswold. We discussed the implications of them being on the same night and decided it doesn't matter enough to make any changes.
- Nominations: We talked about moving Open House and Beginner Days back to *Events*, which is where they were previously. *Marketing and Communications* will potentially change names to *Digital Communications*.
- We need volunteers for Boosterthon.
- We are moving the April BOD meeting to April 21st.
- March 3rd is the principal chat.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33am.