

COTSWOLD SCHOOL
Minutes – PTA Board Meeting
January 27, 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, 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, Susie Wilcox 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 – December 9th meeting minutes approved.

Principal's update – Updates about reassignment news were given. It would be good to invite members of the school board to Cotswold during school hours so that they can see in person how well the school is doing.

Teacher update- Ms. Murrell - She communicated on behalf of some support staff that it would be nice to receive a budget for items needed throughout the year for things such as books and lesson kits. A discussion around the best way to handle it included Kathryn's idea of having them write a proposal and then creating a line item on the budget. We then talked about the gift cards that were given to the teachers and Ms. Hash suggested that the easiest way to move forward would be to adding gift cards for the support staff if the budget allows.

Through this discussion, we learned that we need to cross reference our adopted staff list to make sure all gift giving situations are covering everyone.

Budget Review – Kathryn:

- Horizon Eye Care has sent more money!
- Commit to Cotswold is expected to reach its goal!

- Staff appreciation expenses are starting to come in.
- Daddy/Daughter ticket money has started to trickle in.
- The staff retreat is 3/31-4/2 in North Myrtle Beach and the professional development cost will come out of the IB Budget.
- Our bank balance is about \$27,000 which puts us in a good place.

Committee Reports

- **Admin Support-** Mandy Price
 - We discussed how to distribute the adopted staff for staff appreciation gifting coverage.
 - The frame for Nurse Jackie's recognition certificate will go up next week.
- **Enrichment-** Susie Wilcox
 - We have 76 tutors and it is going well.
 - The Men of Cotswold are doing an amazing job. They do a lot of work behind the scenes.
 - Play60 is scheduled for April 3rd for 3rd-5th grades.
- **Events-** Jody Para
 - We need volunteers for Walk to School Days.
 - Mom/Son outing is confirmed and there will be a pizza tailgate before the game.
 - Celebrate Cotswold is getting rolled out.
 - Daddy/Daughter dance has a lot planned but there will not be a clown this year. The teenage volunteers need a plan for the hour in between set-up and the dance.
- **Fundraising-** Alison Tennent
 - No updates
- **Marketing/Comm-** Given by Stacy
 - We need to try to sell leftover spirit wear stock.
 - The Open Houses went very well. The speaker did a great job! Amy Reynolds is preparing to take over next year.
- **Community Partners-** Updates by Stacy
 - Waiting on the Pridemore funds.
- **Advocacy-** Michelle Abels
 - CMS is moving forward with rezoning conversations. CMS indicated that they are awaiting feedback from each SLT and PTA from all schools. The next CMS meeting is scheduled for 2/2/17.

- o There was a suggestion that we need to use Cougar Bites to provide as much information to parents as possible regarding news from CMS on this subject.

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

- **Nominating-** Morgan Cromwell
 - o No report

New Business:

- Boosterthon will not have a specific purpose
- We are planning to purchase more smart boards and Water Bottle fountains before the end of year.
- Clare's garden will be finished in the fall.
- Some PTA positions might be streamlined/eliminated in cases where situations have changed.
- PTA closet needs to be cleaned out.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01am.