

COTSWOLD SCHOOL
Minutes – PTA Board Meeting
October 28, 2016, 9:30am

Call to order

Stacy called to the meeting to order at 9:36am

Board Members Present: Stacy Beard, Ali Hoce, Emily Petersen, Alison Tennent, Michelle Abels, Kathryn King, Susie Wilcox, Katy Burge.

Staff Members Present: Alicia Hash, Genny Murrell,

Board Members Absent: Morgan Cromwell, Kelly Catanese, Natalie Meek, Jena Holoman, Mandy Price, and Jody Para.

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

Approve Meeting Minutes – September 30th Minutes- approved

Principal's update – Principal Hash

- All 3rd graders have been issued Chromebooks, paid for by the district.
- Student/Teacher conferences are currently happening.
- November 10th is the date for “Run for Change.”
- The book fair was great and the vouchers worked really well.

Teacher update- Ms. Murrell

- The teachers and students are excited about Brain Pop, which is offered to all students K-5.
- Stacy mentioned to Ms. Murrell that we will provide a survey to the teachers before January to get input on Boosterthon funding options.

Budget Review – Kathryn King

- \$11,525 was deposited for the book fair.
- No additions for Commit To Cotswold in a while.
- All PTA dues have been paid.

- The CPA has everything he needs to complete our return which is due in two weeks.
- We currently have about a \$44,000 balance.
- Horizon Eye Care has donated some money and it was discussed at the meeting that the intention of their donation was to go to Friday Enrichment Clubs. When they first approached the school to say that they wanted to give money, that was thought to be the best use of those funds and everyone was on board with it.
- We think we have broken even on the Parent-Night-Out event at The Improper Pig.
- The buses for Camp Hanes have been paid for.

Committee Reports

- **Admin Support-** Mandy Price
 - Clare's Garden - We are in the process of getting the best quote for moving the structure. We might be able to reallocate some funds from Community Partners to pay for Landscaping. Moving Clare's statue is tricky and will take careful consideration.

- **Enrichment-** Susie Wilcox
 - We need 6 more tutors.
 - Friday Enrichment Clubs kicked off with a bang!
 - The teacher grants are doing well.
 - We did not get the Hometown Huddle and although disappointing, it was not really unexpected.
 - The IB program is up and running. There are 2 classes in 5th grade that still need volunteers.
 - The Men of Cotswold donated the new Touch Screen in the front office.
 - The Stop Hunger Now program is still working with the Men of Cotswold and they are trying to figure out the minimum contribution.
 - The Mentoring program is going well and has exciting events coming up.
 - Reading Rocks went well and the new format seemed to work for everyone.
 - Backpack program is going well.
 - Susie is working with PNC to get tutor volunteers from the bank.

- **Events-** Jody Para
 - Everything is on track for Camp Hanes!
 - The Meet and Eat went very well, as did the Book Fair.
 - The 5th grade t-shirts are hopefully coming in today.
 - The Pottery Event was great!

- **Fundraising-** Alison Tennent
 - Commit to Cotswold Update - We are in good shape and have not reached our goal yet but it is expected that we will, especially after company matches are received.

- **Marketing/Comm-** Emily Peterson
 - We had a discussion about the handful of people who are not able to receive Cougar Bites because they do not have MSA accounts. It was decided that the easiest solution is for them to become active on the Cotswold PTA website to stay current with news.
 - A few more families trickled onto MSA after Ms. Hash's ConnectEd but the overall participation is still lower than hoped, around 50%. We will work on a push in January, after the holidays.

- **Community Partners-** Jena & Natalie
 - The Parents Night Out was a success but participation was down. We will look into make changes in the future.

- **Advocacy-** Michelle Abels
 - The plan laid out from CMS is still to give priority for Magnet Spots based on Socioeconomic status based on their metrics. The second phase of changing boundaries will be voted on in June 2017.

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

- **Nominating-** Morgan Cromwell
 - No updates to report.

New Business: None to report

Meeting was adjourned at 10:39am.