

Carderock Springs PTA Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2014 9:30am

Meeting commenced at 9:43am.

15 people in attendance

Principal Palmisano's Welcome

- Welcome and thank you for your support.
- Thank you for splitting the cost of having substitutes for teachers to have planning days.
- Tried to nudge teachers to have more volunteers in the classroom. He will continue to that in the coming years. Achieved moderate success this year, but would like to do more. He wants volunteers in the classroom working directly with the children. Trying to expand volunteer opportunities.
- Schools are puzzles. Parents support has been invaluable. Thank you on behalf of himself and the entire staff
- Enrollment next year: 3 classes every grade except for kindergarten. But that may change. Currently 40 children for Kindergarten.
- Rotating classes in fifth grade was a success. Writing block not as successful. Not convinced that the writing curriculum produces Writers. Looking at Lucy Calkin. Purchased kits for all grade levels for next year.
- Formal state of the school will be at the final PTA meeting in June.

Karen Roman – Welcome and Overview

- Thanks to all the parents for all they do to support our school.
- Recognized graduating parents in attendance: Lisa Bronfman, Lisa London and Christina

2014-15 PTA Board and Committee Slate presented by Amy Moore

- Attendance exceed quorum of five.
- Lisa London moved to approve the slate
- Wendy Kuhn second
- Slate unanimously approved.

Spring Fling – Theme is Birthday Party

- Please sign up for volunteer spots. We have over 100 slots to fill. Parent volunteers are a necessity.
- Cake walk: need donations
- Pre-order wrist bands and food.

Open PTA Roles

- *MCCPTA Rep*
- *Autism Special Needs*
- *School Spirit Sales*
- *School Supply Kits*
- *VolunteerSpot Event Coordinator*

- *Book Fair* – Dani and Anthea will train new group to take on the Book Fair.
- *After School Activities* – team of three. One is returning, a second is on the fence, but definitely need a third. This year the team really streamlined the process. Fall calendar is already set.
- *Carderock Chronicle* – published twice per year.
- *Directory Data base* and *Parent Education coordinator* – both positions have someone interested and looking at taking the position.

Staff Appreciation Week – Michelle Murphy

- Everyone has been great donating throughout the school year.
- Still in need of some gift cards. Need about 40 more. \$25 increments or cash/check and committee will buy the gift cards. Store/restaurant doesn't matter.
- Need notes/quotes from kids by tomorrow.
- Baked goods: have some sign ups. Staff baked goods can have nuts. Just label that it has nuts. PTA will send email that goodies are not to be shared with students in the classroom.
- Okay to send an email to classroom parents to remind them about the events this week.
- Staff enjoyed the breakfast this morning – great attendance.

Giant Gift Cards

- On track to net \$5,600 this year.
- Final order is in June.

May/June Events

- E-Calendar on the website is updated all the time
- Concert date might switch to May 28 because Pyle is having their concert on the same date. Next year need to check the dates ahead of time.

School Supply Kits

- Deadline is set by the company, not by PTA. So order by the deadline!!!
- PTA doesn't make any money on this so it's not a fundraiser.
- CSES Grade level leader decides on school supplies to be included in the kits.
- Order only online. Supplies arrive in August. Students with SSL hours help to sort the boxes.

Give Backpacks www.schooltoolbox.com

- If you donate \$10 at MCPS website, it purchases a backpack full of school supplies that is donated to a child in the county who cannot afford them. IF you enter CSESPTA, MCPS will track it and CSESPTA will match it up to \$500.

Mascot sneak peek and prize giveaway.

Presentation of flowers to Karen.

Meeting adjourned 10:30am.