Central Montessori Elementary

P.T.S.A. Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 26th, 2016

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

* Welcome / Thank you / Introductions
  + Kelly, Marisa, Jessica, Shaun, Gabe, Bri, Jenny, Shannon, Angie,
* Principal’s report –Kelly Lafean
  + End of year – proud of academic progress and social skills that have been built
  + Very proud of students and staff
  + Will provide survey data to PTSA on what went well and what we could do better
  + Hired a new teacher for 4-5-6 (tenured staff member).
    - Samantha Panek from Hastings, was 6th grade teacher, also has language arts degree
    - Katie Colvin did a great job, but was bumped for tenured staff member and then had vigorous round of interviews
  + Building plan is on track, but nothing happening for CME right now – work is happening at the junior high and elementary schools
* Assistant Athletics Director – Sherry Ulm
* President’s Report –Marisa Tembreull
  + 2016-2017 P.T.S.A. Positions
    - President----Shaun Matyi
    - Vice President----Shannon Pearson
    - Secretary----Kim Robertson
    - Treasurer----Gabe (possibly) Need to look into our bylaws!!
  + Our bylaws need to read over and reviewed. We need to make sure that we are following our rules and guidelines. Is there a group of people who are willing to do this?
  + Shaun: suggestion to convert from PTSA to PTO – will email out information to board members
  + Marisa to get in contact with Lisa Landherr to set up time to talk to board members about lessons learned
  + Konstella
    - This is a communication tool developed by another PTO member who had trouble getting volunteers to support their school. I contacted them to receive more information and we will receive a free month trial membership to see if it is something we would want to use here.
    - Will evaluate over the next month and evaluate
  + Approval of MIA lunch table rental expense - $80 formally approved
  + Request for bus funding for K-3 Wargo field trip for 2016-2017 school year – formally approved
* Budget-Gabe Schenz
  + Balances
    - $3274.35 in checking, $4007.07 in savings
  + We approved (through e-mail) donating $110 toward yearbooks and to help cover taxes.
* Fundraising
  + Apex Fun Run----Marisa Tembreull
    - Are we planning on having this event in the fall??
    - If yes, when should we look at doing it??
      * Recommending early October or beginning of the year kick-off
    - Kelly to contact Wyoming principal to see what company they used and how it went
    - Will decide about whether or not to do this once details are known
  + Planning poinsettia sales mid- to end- of October
  + Planning Turkey bingo
    - Need license early – Shannon to look into it
    - Ask for donations from families
    - Ask for donations from Kwick Trip
* Ice Cream Party----Marisa Tembreull
  + Mrs. Sparby’s class had their Ice Cream Party for selling the most plants!! It was fun and the kids enjoyed it!!
* Committees/Groups
  + STEM night----Marisa Tembreull
    - Lots of fun!! Thanks to all those who volunteered!!
    - We had quite a few families participate!! At least 135 attendees.
    - Thanks to Mrs. Sparby for organizing this event!!
    - Made $35 on food sales
* Peer leaders
  + Working on float-a-boat
  + Collecting pennies for patients
  + Will have peer leaders next year, too. They’ll apply at the beginning of the year. Andrea Schulte will work with them again. (Most kids who apply are accepted)
* Book Fair----Marisa Tembreull
  + We sold over $800!! This is not a “profit” book sale for us, but it is a nice way to provide good book deals for our families!!
* Art Adventures: Jessica and Shawn Matyi
  + Signed up for “Sources of Strength”
  + Cost is $60 per month for the kit ($120 total) and $12 per person for picture person training – formally approved
* Art and Academic Expo: Angie Lundblad
  + It went really well! More volunteers helped out!!
  + More than 100 people attended
  + The Silent Auction was held this night as well! We had 11 items left that did not get bid on, so I will update everyone when I get the final numbers!
  + Board approval needed to print out Thank Yous for the businesses who donated items and services – formally approved cost of this (~ $40)
* Box Tops/Labels: Jessica Matyi
  + This is a fundraiser that continues throughout the school year!
* Other Topics
  + End of the Year Party----Marisa Tembreull
    - Morning of June 9th
      * Formally approved cost of dunk tank, popsicles, and karaoke (up to $250)
      * Angie to look into dunktank
    - Visit a park next year – too late for this year
    - Also showing a movie & will have popcorn - June 8th
  + 6th Grade Graduation----Marisa Tembreull
    - Is anything being planned for a graduation celebration for our 6th graders??
    - Tuesday, June 7th

* Any Other Questions/Concerns

Our meetings will be from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

The meetings have been scheduled for **USUALLY** the third Thursday of each month!!

Please look for more specific dates soon!!