

# Cherry Tree PTO

General Board Meeting



**DATE: January 25, 2021, 10:45am**

**LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Call**

**CALLED TO ORDER: 10:45am**

## Attendees

Chris Atkinson, Julie Hollingsworth, Lindsay Blythe, Kristen Morea, Sarah Galante, Rachel Bancroft, Megan Shortz, Teresa Hurm, Sara Glenn, Ashley Millis, Leah Eckstein, Stacy Swayze, Jess Chang, Libby Pike, Shannon Cox, Laura Donaldson, Ashley Leimer, Emily Maslanka, Shannon Dowell, Echo Shappell-Ednie, Marwa Baddawi, Amy Cuomo, Jennifer Starns, Todd Crosby, Jesse Shirley, Carrie Franzo, Amberly Lopez, Nicole Kelker, Leslie Babione, Chrismarily Patino, Elizabeth Land, Shelly Shi, Melissa Kennedy, Megan Droste, Jason Blythe, Jennie Deckert, Cheryl Nolan, Mark Smith, Taylor Petruska

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## Welcome

- Lindsay and Julie welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting
- Attendees asked to enter name in the chat for attendance.

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## Principal's Report

- We have successfully completed the first semester. Teachers, staff and students are doing a great job and love being back in the school.
- Thank you to the PTO for ongoing support
- Kindergarten registration is now open on the CCS website
- Chrombooks are being sent home daily and this process is going well
- Carpool - in the morning please make sure your child is ready to leave the car when stopped so we can keep the line moving
- NWEA test results should be sent out the end of February
- iRead will be end of March for 3rd graders
- Feb 12th Valentines Day parties - no volunteers and no food/candy
- Middle School Important Dates
  - Jan 25 - virtual parent night information via email
  - Feb 1 - scheduling starts
  - Feb 8 - middle school principals visiting elementary schools
  - Summer 2021 - open houses

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## Guest Speaker from Clay MS - Todd Crosby (Principal)

- 9th year as Principal at Clay MS. Very excited to have Cherry Tree coming to Clay.

- Other Admin Staff: Mark Smith (Asst Principal), Brooke Cole (Asst Principal) and John Corcoran (Athletic Director)
  - Operate like a family and take care of the kids
  - Relationship building is the most important
  - Focused on building a legacy of greatness with four cornerstones: be respectful, be responsible, be ready to learn and have pride to be a Trojan.
  - Jan 25- informative video will be sent out with information on how to get involved
  - Feb 1 and Feb 9 - additional information will be sent out
  - Don't hesitate to reach out as needed
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### **Guest Speaker from Clay MS - Mark Smith (Asst Principal)**

- 33 years at Clay MS (left for 6 years to be Asst Principal at Carmel MS)
  - PTO is active and provides opportunities for students and staff
  - Video will be coming about scheduling and performing arts
  - Middle school is team-based with approx 140-150 students per team. Each team has 5 teachers (math, ELA, science, social studies and wellness).
  - Start thinking about what your kids can get involved with outside of academics, such as sports, clubs and performing arts.
  - Question about Clay being over capacity - this would have the most effect on teachers instead of students and would require more organization for the teachers. Class size average is 32.
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### **Conscious Discipline Presentation - Echo Shappell-Ednie (School Social Worker)**

- Conscious discipline at Cherry Tree focuses on providing connection, security and comfort to students
  - Self-regulation skills
  - Teacher greetings in the morning and personalized contact with the teacher every day
  - Daily brain smart start
  - Classroom family
  - Well wishes for missing students
  - Clear expectations, routines and schedules
  - Conflict resolution time machine
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### **Conscious Discipline Presentation - Taylor Petruska (Intern)**

- Virtual all-school zoom family meetings....school song, breathe together, celebrate successes and new students, and school-wide commitment
- Continuing education for staff including videos to learn more
- Shift in mindset that each day is a chance to teach new skills
- Model for self-regulation....calm yourself, focus on what you want to happen, change beliefs about other person's motives from negative to positive
- Examples of shift in mindset from negative to positive

- Punishments v. consequences
  - How to connect conscious discipline at home...model self-calming strategies, help child use big voice, use conflict resolution time machine, ask child about meetings and classroom safe spot
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### **President's Report**

- Family Fun Night and Science Fair have been cancelled
  - Valentines Day parties will be on Feb 12 - no volunteers
  - Wellness Week - contest over a month with a prize at the end of the month. For Dec/Jan the prize is a \$25 gift card to Sprouts and a hot chocolate basket.
  - Restaurant Night at Marcos Pizza Jan 27 and 28...can order over the phone or on their app
  - Lego Club will be virtual with weekly challenges and a monthly drawing for a prize in February and March. More info to come.
  - Volunteers are needed for Wednesday Bakers and Media Center
  - Melissa Kennedy spoke about upcoming Trivia Night. Tickets will be required to attend and teams will compete against each other. She is in need of some committee volunteers...please email [ctefundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:ctefundraiser@gmail.com) if interested.
  - Nominating Committee - a form will be coming out for parents to express their interest in a PTO chair or board position
  - Clay MS PTO would like to have CTE parents involved and feel connected. They are working on the details of a spring spirit wear shop.
  - The next General Board meeting will be April 25th where the 21/22 slate will be voted on.
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**MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:48am 1/25/21.**