

# Cherry Tree PTO | General Board Meeting Minutes



**DATE:** September 13, 2021, 10:45 -11:45 am

**LOCATION:** Virtual, [Zoom Conference Call](#)

**Called to Order:** Sara Glenn called the meeting to order at 11:02am.

## **Attendees:**

BethAnn Kelley, Melissa Kennedy, Angie Marx, Leah Eckstein, Teresa Hurm, Melissa Barkley, Eleanor Walters, Hima Chennamaruja, Stephanie Abisi, Abbe Obszanski, Amy Johnston, Cheryl Nolan, Laura Cooper, Alicia Noneman, Haley Filbert, Julie Hollingsworth, Lindsay Blythe, Brittany Campbell, Sara Glenn, Jessica Craig, Peter English, Kelly Jorro, Rachel Bancroft, Stephanie Flittner, David Glenn

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## **Call to Order/Welcome/Voting/Approvals**

- Attendees asked to Include in Zoom chat: name, CTE student name
- Approval of 2021-2022 Budget - Vote required - Rachel Bancroft moved to approve budget, Sara Glenn seconded the motion. Budget was approved as read.

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## **A Message from the Principal**

- Mr. English is honored to return to Cherry Tree as principal this year!
  - Background on career
    - This is his 21st year in education.
    - Was at CTE from 2009-2013 as assistant principal
    - Served as principal at Hamilton Southeastern's Sand Creek Elementary from 2013-2021.
  - Family
    - His youngest is here as a 4th grade student at CTE!
    - He also has a Freshman and Junior at Carmel High School.
    - His wife works at Clay Center Elementary.
  - Message to families
    - He loves to chat with families, spend time with students, and be in the classroom. His job is to be a liaison and a help to the parents.
    - For any big picture concerns, please reach out via e-mail or phone, but e-mail is the best way to get ahold of him - [penglish@ccs.k12.in.us](mailto:penglish@ccs.k12.in.us)
    - For general concerns about your student, Mr. English encouraged parents to start with the student's teacher, and certainly reach out to him if additional support is needed.
    - We have had a great start to the year, and continue to monitor numbers, health of students.
  - Updates
    - Working on annual school improvement plan
      - will be available on the website late September/ 1st week of October.
      - We have a committee of teachers and support staff that come together, look at data on how students are doing academically, and make a plan to address items.
      - We will have 2-3 full days of work of preparing with committee, then it will be posted.
      - This will drive instruction, professional development of teachers and staff, and will give a snapshot of what we are working on.



- Brings in people from local community, work with specials teachers each year to bring some sort of art/technology into building to engage with students.
  - This year Mrs. Ristow is working with Gizelle, artist in Indy area.
  - Start Sept 27th; it will be shared what our students are engaging in. Using materials we would be throwing away, but are re-purposing and creating art. Each age range will have certain project they will work on. Keep an eye out that week to see the work that is happening.
- Fall Family Fun night
  - Thursday Oct 7th, on the north side of the school - family festival tailgate, grilling out, dinner, prize drawing
  - Park on south side of school
  - Free for all families.
- Reminder for families to connect their accounts to community support -
  - Amazon account
  - Kroger Plus card - connect community rewards
  - New school picture company has a relationship with Shutterfly, but shopping through shutterfly through certain link allows CTE to receive portion of money. Customers are still able to still use coupon codes/discounts as normal. Keep that in the forefront of mind! Family members, grandparents can use these too. More communication on this to come!
- First Wellness Wednesday this Wednesday - your kids will be trying cotton candy grapes!

### Wrap-Up/Adjournment

- Next General Membership Meeting:
  - Monday, January 24, 10:45am-11:45am, Zoom
  - Re-sending volunteer google form with upcoming events, including fall fest, book fair, etc. OR send an email if you want to volunteer
  - Question: will visitors be allowed for Grandparents Breakfast, Parents and Pastries? - We do not know yet. We are trying to determine a due date to make a determination for this year. More to come on that.
  - Room parent and parent volunteers - deadline to complete form is Wednesday 9/15; Thursday 9/16 determinations will be made. First parties 10/29.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: Sara Glenn adjourned the meeting at 11:35am.**

