

Carmel Middle School
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2021

Attendance: Deanna Pitman, Laura Roth, Claude Warren, Sarah Galante, Jessica Barrett, Heather Garrison, Bhavna Thapar, Dan Perdun

Principal's Report

- Thank you for the back to school t-shirts. The kids loved them. Grade levels went outside for pictures but couldn't get a large picture.
- There is a mask mandate, and the district supplies the school with masks.
- Meet the Teacher Night will be virtual with videos sent to parents from teachers.
- We have several new teachers this year: Karen Duffy, Kristen Milewski, Anna McConnell, Stephanie Madl, Kristin Anderson, Erin Benning, Laura Elzey, Emily Ehrgott.
- We had 1350 students last year. This year we have 1156.
- The district is short about 50 bus drivers and still trying to get routes finalized.
- We have two grant requests:
 - Kristen Taylor is requesting 3 mobile wipe boards for \$392.70. Claude motioned to approve this request, and Jessica seconded the motion. **Motion approved.**
 - Team 8-1 is requesting items for communication building during Core+ for \$169.69. Claude motioned to approve this request, and Laura seconded the motion. **Motion approved.**
- School clubs will be starting after Labor Day. There will be no late bus. Some clubs may move to before school.

Cougar Pa's Update

- Todd Hornsby had the idea for this group that represents dads of CaMs students or anyone who fulfills that role. The group currently has 17 members. First meeting is August 23 @ 6:15pm.
- This group will help with the fall tailgate.
- Will brainstorm other ideas for the group to help and firm up a budget.
- Dan will send Jessica a picture from the kick off night, and Todd will send some communication for Jessica to post.

President's Report

- Many committee chairs are still needed so help spread the word. Laura went to Forest Dale's PTO meeting to help get parents from that school involved.
- Dine Out Night at Tropical Sno is on August 18 from 3-9pm.
- Cougar Pa's coordinating the fall tailgate
- Would like to make a marketing video and poster. Jessica had an idea of doing a powerpoint and playing it on a loop.
- Since Meet the Teacher Night will be virtual, Deanna will include information on donating to the PTO. Donations are driven from her emails.

Vice President's Report

- New Family Committee - so new families can find out more information about CaMS and get involved. Would like to have fall and January events, perhaps via Zoom. Will have FAQs and take

questions from parents. Jessica noted that information about how to navigate the various websites to find information would be especially helpful for new parents.

Treasurer's Report

- We have received \$11772.50 in PTO donations so far and \$2142 in pantry packs donations. These numbers are down from pre-Covid times but we are tracking similar to last year.
- Claude products that both revenue and expenses will be down this year.

Secretary's Report

- Sarah will send meeting minutes for all executive board members to review. Deanna needs to approve them before they are posted to the CaMS website.

Communications Report

- Jessica has updated the CaMS website with a new banner, clubs and a link to the treasurer report.
- We are not currently using Instagram. Should we start using it?
- Facebook engagement is up 170% since school started, and we have 543 fans.
- Please promote the official CaMS PTO Facebook site instead of CaMS village which is not a school-sponsored site.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Galante