

Carmel Middle School
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2022

Attendance: Deanna Pitman, Claude Warren, Sarah Galante, Jessica Barrett, Laura Roth, Heather Garrison

Principal's Report

- NWEA testing is finished
- COVID has slowed down. School is not required to contract trace anymore.
- January 26th was 5th grade night that combined a couple events from prior years.
 - Performing arts was in auditorium that parents don't normally get to see.
 - The elective fair was packed and will be more spread out next time.
 - The line was down the hall to practice opening lockers. The T-shirt line was also long.
 - There was also a scheduling information session and a scavenger hunt w/QR code.
 - Close to 85% of kids attended, and they were excited!
 - Overall, the evening was a success. Will take feedback from parents into account to make improvements for next year.
- Activity week for each elementary school went well and lots of families attended. Next year will plan to do a 3-week window instead of just 1 week.
- May not do a large parent night again since the video is easy to watch and replay on everyone's own time.
- An email will be sent to 8th grade families for volunteers for their celebration. Need co-chairs for the committee and will reach out to Cougar Pa's group for help. Plan to start at 2:30 and end at 4:30/5:00. This option allows kids to take the bus home if they would be unable to attend at night. Claude confirms that Cougar Pa's group is mobilized and ready to help.
- Looking for ways to help kids feel a sense of belonging - i.e. spring socials, clubs. Mainly for 6th and 7th graders. Working on ideas and will be back in touch.

President's Report

- Thankful Thursday in January was sparkling water and popcorn with a note that said "hope your new year brings sparkle and pop"
- For national counseling week, the school counselors received a Starbucks gift card with a note that said "thank you for being a star and making CaMS glow"
- January 16 is City BBQ dine out day. Need performing arts schedule to ensure no conflicts.
- Crush bracelets - some changes to the sign up genius due to the winter storm and some technical difficulties with the form. There may be some double slots but leaving it as is.

Treasurer's Report

- There were not a lot of transactions this past month.
- We received one PTO donation in the amount of \$38.
- We don't have a lot of expenses and nothing major on the horizon for the next month or so.
- Pantry Packs has \$4000 to spend. Deanna went into the pantry before the winter storm and it was almost empty.

Secretary's Report

- January meeting minutes went out yesterday and were approved. They are good to post to the website.

Communications Report

- Will do a post about Kroger and pantry packs. Will also post that donations can be dropped off to box in foyer (Deanna will confirm there is a box there)
- VP is the only position to fill for next year. The VP typically becomes President the following year and then Board at Large the year after. Ideally looking for an incoming 6th grade parent. Deanna can promote the position to 5th grade parents as well as at the Carmel Elem PTO meeting on Thursday.
- Will post the newsletter

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Galante