Centennial Middle School PTO General meeting
Thursday April 14th, 2022 9:00am

Officers:
Co- Presidents: Mindy Kefer and Rebecca Hoyt
Vice President/ Events Chair: Beth Wilberger
Past President: Shauna Keene
Treasurer: Delphine Dell’Era
Secretary: Anne Barrett
Fundraising Chairs: Mindy Kefer & Rebecca Hoyt
Notes taken by Anne Barrett

Mindy asked for approval of March meeting minutes and a motion was made to approve minutes and all in attendance approved. March minutes were approved.
March meeting approved and finances told

Budget Update:
We are still planning to use around $3400 on different projects by the end of the fiscal year(7/31/2022)
- 8th Grade Promotion $800
- 6th/7th Last Day $200
- Staff Appreciation $1000
- HelpatSchool Fees $600
- Health Room Donation $400
- Miscellaneous Projects $400

We should finish the year around $5000 on the PTO accounts
- Checking account $2500
- Savings account $2500

Bike to School Day :
- Gluten free Graham crackers and stickers
- Give out lights and goods

Last day of school:
- Ceremony for 8th Graders will be in the gym instead of outside because of sound issues.
- Each student will be only allowed to invite two people because of space.
- Looking into offering online viewing of the ceremony
- Held auditions for speeches to speak at the ceremony
- Band, choir and speeches at the ceremony
- After ceremony celebration at Elks with pizza, lawn games and swimming
Event for 8th Graders:
- May 24th Retreat Day west of Boulder for 8th graders
- Beautiful place to ask 8th graders to reflect on coming young adults in high school
- Ask different questions on reflecting on going to high school in a relaxing setting

Students and behaviors at school:
- Centennial is one of the few school doing well on number of kids attending school
- Casey is down in enrollment.
- There are behavior problems in every school right now.
- The fake gun brought to school was not a threat just a kid that did not know better not to bring to school. Glad someone reported it.

Hiring of the new principle:
- New principal is open until the beginning of May for applications.
- June 20th is when the new principle will start, which will give time to transition the new principle for the new job.
- There was a good pool of candidates but several pulled out for various reasons. That is why it was opened up again to new candidates.
- Give two more weeks to get the word out and find more candidates.
- Show not more then 3-4 candidates to the committee
- Two candidates are brought to the superintendent to pick the next principal

Evaluating teachers:
- They measure student learning by judging the evaluation of the staff.
- District measure on the results of the CMAS and closing the achievement gap
- Stop doing IReady three times a year
- Professional development is to figure out what they are teaching and the best way to teach it.
- The grades level this year is up 8% and the goal was 6% so good news.
- Doing pre testing and post testing in each class every year is helpful for the teachers to see what they are doing is helpful and works for the students.
- The teachers like seeing what works or does not work for the students.

Money donated by parents this year:
- PTO money that was donated by the parents was such a gift this year.
- Having to make the teachers realize that they can spend this money.
- Plan to redo furniture in in seven classrooms with addition of write on desks to work on math problems in class.

Enrollment:
- 190 kids coming to Centennial for 6th grade next year.
- The school is always under shot by one teacher because they think less will be coming to the school.
- 1:23 student to teacher ratio
- In process now to hire more teachers
- 610 students expected in the whole school next year
• 270 students each lunch time and trying to get them to go outside after eating.
• Need two staff members to monitor the cafeteria, two to monitor empty hallways and two to watch outside.

Question by parent: Are you going to do seating by class at lunch?
• During Covid they did this way and it was a good way for students to meet other students but a lot of them were not following the rules. It was opened up for everyone after this.

Question by parent: Is block classes happening next year?
• Two years commitment to do block schedule.
• Then reevaluate if the block system is working with a four teacher committee to see if the tutoring, math and reading are working with the block system.
• Block system work for teachers getting planning time but is a new challenge to keep students engaged for 90 minutes.
• Thinking of doing climate community instead of flex time.
• This to learn what is expected to have good climate at school with expectation, respect and kindness.

Question by parent: How parents can support the new principle?
• Not feeling overwhelmed with everything.
• PTO is prepared to take care of events
• Principle wants to know that parents care what they are doing with the school and students but not too much demand from parents.
• Have a relationship with the principle, is okay to be involved, communicate and ask questions.
• New principle should embrace that parents want to be involved with the school and the different cultures that make up the school.
• Keep the FET going strong to encourage Spanish speaking families to feel they are involved.

Change of communication with teachers:
• Parents would like to see change for communication from the teachers at the end of each semester on what is going on in the class and how a student is doing.
• Encourage a teacher to send an email to communicate what they are learning in class.
• Since teacher conferences are hard for the teacher to see everyone and is mainly for students that need extra help. Like to offer a coffee meet up with the teachers for all parents of A-B students to meet the teachers.
• To maybe even send a video out around conference time telling what is happening in class so if a parent can not get to the conferences there is an understanding what is going on and to get to meet the teacher.

**Upcoming Events**
April 20th Back to school night
April 26th 6th grade transition night
May 12th PTO meeting in person in the library. All are welcome to attend.