

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 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.