

Carmel Middle School  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2022

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

**Principal's Report**

- Thank you for the Thankful Thursday treats and breakfast for staff tomorrow.
- Principal picture money will now need to go through the district account. This will start next fall. The budget line item will go away once the money is spent.
- Already getting ready for next school year. The incoming 6th grade class is small at just over 300 students. Working on staffing.
- iLearn testing will begin after spring break.
- March tends to feel like a long month with warmer weather and kids having more energy. We haven't had a March in the school for 2 years so we are hanging on for the ride.
- Covid update - mask wearing has dwindled but there are still some students who wear them. We are enjoying seeing all the faces. Social distancing guidelines are loosening up. No new cases reported.
- No grant requests.
- Remove after school study hall and guided study hall from next year's budget.
- Expecting clubs to pick back up with covid restrictions loosening.
- 8th graders will apply for the National Junior Honor Society in the fall.
- Discussing different options for student awards.
- Pantry Packs was restocked after our last meeting.
- Next executive board meeting is on 4/12 with the general board meeting afterward. Deanna will set up the Zoom meeting.

**President's Report**

- The VP position is open for next year. A 6th grade parent would be ideal but open to anyone interested. Laura will give Deanna some wording on the open position to share with incoming 5th grade and current 6th grade families.
- Also looking for someone to fill staff appreciation role (1 time per month) and Thankful Thursdays which would coordinate with staff appreciation themes.
- Tomorrow is a staff breakfast that will include Chick Fil A, vegetarian options and fruit.

**Vice President's Report**

- It is good to be back after taking a break for work training. Thanks to everyone for their patience.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Last month was pretty light on financials.
- No PTO donations received.
- The PTO did receive the following: \$200 company match, \$333 Kroger, \$57 Old Spaghetti Factory & \$400 pantry packs.
- \$238 was paid for Stacie Pillar's grant request.
- Provided pantry packs with an update on their budget and money left to spend.
- An order will be placed for additional 5th grade t-shirts.

- Laura has some expenses to turn in.
- Claude will work on a proposed budget for the 4/12 meeting.
- Overall we are tracking fine - budget is lower but expenses are also lower.

#### **Communications Report**

- Jess asked about upcoming dine out days. Laura hasn't scheduled March yet but was thinking of Zoup for March, Cluster Truck for April and Tropical Ice for May.
- Heather will find out more information about Cluster Truck.
- Schedule ClusterTruck at the end of April to avoid spring break and Easter.
- Posts to do: food service appreciation, St. Patrick's Day, Pi Day, Time Change, End of Quarter, Late start.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Galante