

Carmel Middle School
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023

Attendance: Deanna Pitman, Claude Warren, Sarah Galante, Heather Garrison, Bhavna Thapar, Laura Roth, Jody Kent

Principal's Report

- One grant request for \$135.79 from small group reading intervention for fidgets and brain teasers. Bhavna made a motion to approve and Claude seconded the motion. ***All in favor, motion passed.***
- NWEA testing is finished and results will be emailed to parents.
- Scheduling for next year is happening now. March 1 date to have course requests done.
- Student socials are being planned for late March/early April. There will not be a late bus. Deanna will reach out for volunteers.
- 8th grade celebration will be during the day. This is in the pre-planning stages now, and Deanna will get in touch with Laura.
- Back to school orientation will be on July 31 and Aug 1 and open for all grades. Monday will be during the day, and Tuesday will be late afternoon/evening. There will not be a make-up day.
- Thank you for the treats last month!

President's Report

- Bhavna will not be at the March meeting.
- Pantry Packs - now on the right track and going smoothly. Some slight changes have been made, but we are now fully staffed for deliveries and packing.

Vice President's Report

- Feb 6 - recognition for School Counseling week. Soaps and gift cards were distributed.
- SRO recognition - Chickfila gift card
- Dine out days - Feb 7 will be at Sauce on the Side. Carmel Education Foundation is also doing a fundraiser with Papa Johns last Friday through this Friday.
- Feb 23 - Thankful Thursday - heart shaped treats. Sign ups on social media.
- Web updates include a new PTO video and a new Pantry Packs pdf with updated contact information.

Treasurer's Report

- The PTO continues to be in good financial shape.
- Spending as expected in usual categories.
- Lots of money left for teacher grants.
- Team budgets:
 - 8-1 has spent about half of their budget
 - 8-2 & 8-3 have not spent any
 - 6-1 has spent a little
- We will start talking about the budget for next year soon.

Secretary's Report

- All meeting minutes have been approved and posted to the website.

Communications Report

- Cassie Hull who works on Dine to Donate days and communications at Smoky Row can update social media along with Jody Kent, in the event that Shanell or Bhavna can't post right away.
- There is more social media activity now with more people posting.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Galante