

Carmel Middle School
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2022

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

Principal's Report

- Tailgates were successful. Thank you for your flexibility and support from the Cougar Pa's.
 - One night is too much due to space restrictions. Starting to think about ideas for next year and will have a rain plan. Claude confirmed there were a lot of kids and they all seemed like they wanted to be there. Everyone was having fun. The number of kids who wanted to participate was great.
 - Laura was in the stands for the game, and it was awesome to have the kids rooting for the team. Everyone was well under control, and there was good staff supervision.
 - Whit Miller came to all 3 events and DJ'd the music.
 - Mr. Howard from the Cougar Pa's provided the photo booth. The first night was free, and it was \$250 for the next 2 nights. The kids really enjoyed the old school polaroid photos.
- Thank you for the Thankful Thursday treats and staff meeting treats.
- Nov 10 is MLN parent night. Would like to have a PTO table. Deanna will send an email reminder.

President's Report

- Ghost & Goblins 5k is this weekend. There are 2,000 people registered
- Reminder to vote for the school board members of your choice

Vice President's Report

- All school bingo will be in December. A sign up genius will be sent out to collect prizes.
- Future planning for 8th grade celebration - Laura is heading this up. The budget is \$750 and the rest will come in donations. More was spent last year.

Treasurer's Report

- Income is \$7k lower than this time last year. It is not likely that we will hit the budgeted amount this year.
- Recent expenses include: \$800 hospitality for thankful Thursdays and lunch, \$105 staff appreciation, \$194 teacher grant, \$110 for a reimbursement that hasn't been entered yet and \$91 for team 6-1.
- Tailgate expenses of \$1600 will be under the student social budget line
- Pantry Packs discussion:
 - They requested 33, \$25 gift cards last week but this is usually donated by parents - not sustainable for the PTO budget. Heather reimburses expenses as they come in, but the time will come when the budget runs out. Connie followed up with the committee chairs to remind them of resources to use. Gaya said they received 1 week of donations from Tri Kappa. Heather asked Stephanie what items are most needed and said it would be helpful if a list was available for parents. There is a box in the front of school for donations.

- Heather had a question about the tailgate budget since the back to school social line item has not been used. Deanna confirmed that the back to school social was for the tailgate. The student social budget was used for a winter social. Deanna would like to have a winter social. Since the tailgate went over budget they can make due with donations.

Secretary's Report

- September meeting minutes were approved.
- Sarah asked about the form for postings on the website, and Bhavna will resend it.

Communications Report

- Shanell had to exit the meeting early but asked the board to contact her with any social media postings.
- Question about eye screenings - there was a posting on Facebook that went out a bit early. Deanna will send an email about eye screenings.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Galante