

General PTO Meeting
Carmel Elementary PTO
Friday, April 14, 2023 8:30 AM

Our Purpose, through volunteerism and fundraising, is to Promote the Welfare of our students, Foster Relationships within our school community, and Support Programs and Events, which benefit our students, families and staff.

I. President

a. Welcome

b. Guest Speakers: Valerie Williams, CE Media Specialist - Our goal is to get children so excited about reading and that they will have that love of reading forever, and to support our reading standards. As well as exploration and how to look up books, databases and technology. Each day as a standard that comes either from the teacher or state standards. Examples include the difference between primary and secondary standards. Ms. Williams will look at the standards at each grade level. The PTO helps to fund author visits, maker space, and battle of the books. The PTO also helps the media center with their time by volunteering. Including checking in books, helping a child who may need extra support.

Jody Kent, CMS PTO (to discuss volunteer opportunities at the middle school) - She sits on the exec board as the VP. There are a lot of the same committees. The middle school does a lot of the same things as CE PTO, but on a smaller scale. The budget at CMS is \$24,000. How can you get involved in middle school? Have pantry packs that provide a large bag of food for a kid that provides food for a whole week. Other ways to help with CMS PTO - All School Bing, 8th grade celebration, pantry packs, dine to donate, staff appreciation, all school events called Tailgate, Thankful Thursday (last Thursday of the month provide treats to the teacher), media center. How do you make sure you know what is going on at the Middle School?: follow Carmel Middle School on social media.

c. 2023-2024 Preparation

- i. Present and Vote on 2023-2024 Slate for PTO Committees. Slate approved.
- ii. Present and Vote on 2023-2024 Budget. Budget Approved.

II. Vice President

a. Committee Updates. Pups Runner has 63 runners and 10 volunteers, and practice started this week. Hospitality is preparing for Media Center week. Media needs volunteers for Thursday and Friday. Math Pentathlon is coming up. Helping Hands, it would be helpful if you can bring anything nut free in for the kids. Flower Sale profit is \$32,500.

III. Principal: Hosted Math Bowl this week and had about 800 people at the school. Ilearn starts next week. Bike to School Day is coming up on May 3rd. Teacher appreciation week is coming up May 8th through May 12th.

IV. Treasurer

a. Budget Report. We offer teacher grants to all teachers and staff. Some have not used some of their grant money, so treasurer are following up with those teachers/staff. STEM has used nearly all \$2,500 of her grant.

V. Communications. Looking to next year, hope to include more spotlight students. If you have a kid to spotlight, reach out to John, so he may include in Tiger Tales.

VI. Recording Secretary

VII. School Board Liaison

VIII. New Business

a. Volunteer of the month: Kathy Granger, Helping Hands Committee Chair.

IX. Important Dates

ILEARN - 4/17 and 4/18

Dine to Donate at Noodles and Co. – 4/19 - 4:00-8:00 pm

National Library and Administrative Professional Appreciation Week – 4/24-4/28

Flower Sale pickup via sign up at Carmel Elementary - 4/28 and 4/29

School Principal Day – 5/1

Dine to Donate at Chipotle – 5/3 – 4:00-8:00 pm

100 Book Club Deadline - 5/5

Teacher Appreciation Week – 5/8 -5/12

National School Nurse Day – 5/10

Fifth Grade Party - 5/22

Dine to Donate at Tropical Sno – 5/25 - 3:00-9:00pm

Fifth Grade Hot Dog Roast – 5/25

Last Day of School - 5/25