

# General PTO Meeting

## Carmel Elementary PTO

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 7:00 PM

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 and Introductions
- b. Guest Speaker: Holly Adams, Instructional Coach
  - i. (additional links shared in chat, can be emailed)
- c. Fall Fundraiser (Final Update and Thank You!)
  - i. raised \$16,822; exceeded goal
    1. already using \$\$, carts for the media center, maker space items, pups running items that were needed.
- d. International Festival and Book Fair
  - i. wonderful event; incredible feedback.
- e. Volunteer Opportunities: MakerSpace & Media Center
  - i. makerspace: 1x a month; 1 hour to straighten space up (connect w/Mrs Williams if interested)
  - ii. media center: Tuesdays and kindergarten shifts

### II. Vice President

- a. Committee Updates
  - i. Book fair - great success; looking at after school shopping days (extra) sold \$17,000 worth of materials .
  - ii. 12/5 Dining to Donate: Texas Roadhouse 4 PM - 9:30 PM
  - iii. 12/15 Shop for a Cause: Evereve (all day)
  - iv. Hospitality - teacher lunch; went really well
  - v. math pentathlon - looking at all grades to participate now
  - vi. MOORE - breakfast for the staff Nov 1
  - vii. Room Parent emails went out - working/planning on these.

### III. Principal Report

- a. Tweaking the international festival next year, year 1 went soo well; even bigger next year!
- b. Parent Teacher Conferences - went so well, most of school was engaged
- c. 5th grade just finished up taking assessments/ability test (tests achievement)
- d. Vocabulary word achievements weekly
- e. 100 book club shout out - pairs well for kids doing their 20 minutes of reading a night.
- f. after winter break - start to engage kindergarten families in January
- g. Middle school transition will start in January

### IV. Treasurer

- a. Budget report
  - i. PTO provides \$100 teacher grad (books/materials) several teachers have used
  - ii. Lead teacher at every grade level, provide a book for every Tiger student before winter break, will be wrapped up for every kid.

### V. Communications

- a. Parents; always looking for great stories to share in our school family.

### VI. Recording Secretary

VII. School Board Liaison

- a. referendum passed! WHOOP WHOOP
- b. Student data report - ilearn/iread - carmel schools significantly above in english, la and math. I read - CCS was 12.4% higher than average state levels
- c. Applying for Indiana purple school designation - to all 15 schools in Carmel, ALL 15 met the qualifications and got the certifications! Big shout out!

VIII. New Business

- a. Volunteers of the Month: Jennifer Arnold and Elizabeth McKechnie (Equity & Inclusion) and Jenny Kovach and Kate Fuelberth (Book Fair)

IX. Important Dates

11/15	Education Support Professionals Day
11/22 - 11/24	Thanksgiving Break
11/27	Winter Spirit Wear Orders Due
12/5	Dining to Donate: Texas Roadhouse 4 PM - 9:30 PM
12/15	Shop for a Cause: Evereve (all day)
12/20	All School Bingo
12/21	Winter Parties
12/22 - 1/5/24	Winter Break
1/9/24	School Resumes

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Reach out if anyone needs anything!