

Carmel Middle School PTO Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Present: Deanna Pitman, Jody Kent, Sarah Grelecki, Erin Schaum, Bhavna Thapar (phone)

1. Welcome—Jody Kent
2. Principal's Report—Deanna Pitman
 - a. NWEA testing finishing up today (12/19)
 - i. School districts set their own testing window, CCS opted to shift traditional window to before winter break
 - ii. Scores will come out in January
 - b. Bingo this Thursday
 - i. Donations starting to come in-still in need of gift cards
 - c. Giving Tree
 - i. Donations are down overall everywhere
 - ii. 36 families in need this year
 - iii. Had a large donation from a parent to help fill in gaps, ESC sponsored a family as well
 - iv. Families will receive laundry baskets, cleaning supplies, toiletries, gift cards, etc
 - v. Parents of receiving families will pick up (or will have delivered) this week
 - d. 5th Grade Open House
 - i. January 24
 - ii. Sent bill to treasurer for CaMS t-shirts
 - e. Clubs
 - i. Enrollment higher than previous years
 - ii. E-Sports
 1. CHS Mr. Chou, E-Sports Club sponsor wanting to expand program
 2. Just received middle school approval for 2nd semester- Mr. Anthony will be club sponsor
 3. First call out meeting had over 150 students
 4. Will inquire about assistance from central office for next year
 5. All tech has been purchased through Principal Budget and will be maintained by Media Center
 6. Plan to discuss at January Board Meeting
 - a. Increasing funds for the E-Sports club this year
 - i. Current budget is capped at \$300 for clubs that usually only have 30-40 students
 - ii. Have done in previous years for other clubs (Pep Band)
 - f. Cultural Fair
 - i. Took place in November
 - ii. Received positive feedback
 - iii. Had over 100 families attend

- iv. Henna tattoos, Master Yu's presentation, pizza, drink, prizes for completing Bingo card
 - v. Provided Bingo sheets (1/family) ended up running out
 - vi. Hoping to continue to grow event, families mentioned wanting to participate in the future
 - vii. Will plan on reaching out to CHS clubs-reached out a last minute this year
3. PTO President's Report—Jody Kent
- a. Committee Leadership Changes
 - i. Andrea Flannery will be moving, will need to find new committee chair for:
 - 1. 8th Grade Celebration
 - a. Co-Chair Cassie Hull
 - b. Michele Kirby said she would step into help
 - 2. Pantry Packs
 - a. Co-Chair Jill Bennett
 - b. Jody Kent will step into help
 - c. Looking into transitioning to someone else this year
 - i. Will need to be available on Thursdays and Fridays to get deliveries and pack supplies
 - b. Committee Updates
 - i. Thankful Thursday: Coffee Cart on Thursday- no volunteers needed
 - ii. Bingo on December 21
 - iii. Dine to Donate will be taking a break for December
4. Vice President's Report—Michele Kirby
- a. Nothing to report
5. Treasurer's Report—Claude Warren
- a. Sent budget report via email
 - b. PTO fundraiser (PTO and Pantry Pack)
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Received City BBQ check for Dine to Donate
 - ii. Have received \$1000 for pantry packs
 - iii. No new donations for PTO
6. Communications Report—Shanell Dominy
- a. Nothing to report
7. Secretary's Report—Erin Schaum
- a. Nothing to report
8. Adjournment