

Carmel Middle School PTO Meetings for Tuesday, April 16, 2024

9 a.m. Executive Board

Present-Jody Kent, Sarah Grelecki, Deanna Pitman, Michele Kirby, Erin Schaum

9:30 a.m. General Meeting, Guest Speaker Kate Masterson, CCS Tech Team

I. Welcome—Jody Kent

- a. Solar Eclipse Sunglasses Collection
 - i. 3 total collection boxes
 1. Placed 1 box main lobby for parent drop off and 2 in hallways
- b. PTO slate for 2024-2025
 - i. Jody Kent shared list of incoming board and committee chairs
 - ii. Openings
 1. Communications, Dine to Donate, Tailgate
 2. Transparent discussion about volunteer engagement, recruitment and burnout
 - a. Michele Kirby- expressed concerns about moving forward in President role and working with limited volunteers
 - b. Would like to have meeting with incoming board, committee chairs to discuss next year

II. Principal's Report—Deanna Pitman

- a. Teacher grants
 - i. Shawn Peters
 1. \$500 for "My Story" activity
 2. 8th grade specific
 3. Students will interview families
 - a. Research family history, culture, etc
 - b. Display boards, boards with family info about culture in hallways
 - c. Food trucks
 - i. Several food trucks to come
 4. May 13
 5. **Approved**
 - ii. 8th Grade Fishing Trip
 1. \$210 for new fishing poles
 2. Satisfies outdoor skills requirement
 3. Students walk down to water behind Meadowlark Park
 4. **Approved**
- b. ILEARN started yesterday
- c. Continue to work on staffing for next year

III. PTO President's Report—Jody Kent

Committee Updates:

- a. Teacher appreciation week

- i. Planning still in early phases
 - ii. Would like to offer staff breakfast
 - 1. May 8, is last late start
 - 2. Erin Schaum to reach out about IHOP contact used at SRE
- b. Staff Appreciation
 - i. National library week
 - 1. Sent flowers
 - ii. Chick Fil A staff breakfast after spring break
 - iii. Thankful Thursday- "Eclipse Extravaganza" themed
- c. Dine to Donate
 - i. Verde-April 25
- d. Spring Social for 6th and 7th Grade
 - i. In planning phase
 - ii. Suggested dates: May 7 and May 16 (6th grade on one date, 7th grade on the other)
 - iii. Historically, student government plans activities and PTO supports with purchases
 - 1. Snacks

IV. Vice President's Report—Michele Kirby

- a. Solar Eclipse Parking Fundraiser
 - i. Was not as successful as advertised/hoped for
 - 1. 40 passes sold
 - 2. Michele will check in with Emily at CCS, but Carmel Middle will most likely not receive a portion of the profits as anticipated due to lack of volunteer support
 - 3. Other schools were more involved, provided more activities, volunteers, etc.
- b. 8th Grade Celebration
 - i. Cassie Hull and Michele Kirby will be planning
 - ii. Activities
 - 1. Tropical Snow
 - a. Hasn't done school event but would like to try
 - b. \$3.50/person
 - 2. Have reached out to 3 different glitter tattoo services
 - a. Pricing is more than budget allows
 - b. Reached out to High School as they are having a booth at after prom, waiting to hear back
 - 3. Food
 - a. Chick-Fil-A Sandwiches- using 86th street as they gave better discount
 - b. Chips
 - c. Gatorade

