Carriel PTO Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Carriel Library

In attendance: Kelley Goeden, Christy Martin, Missy Polete, Kendra Paulson, Amanda Hintz, Liz Collazo, Julie Dietz, Diana Bryant, Dan Foehrkolb, Tunisia Huddleston, Becky Sabatino

The meeting was called to order by Diana Bryant at 6:31 pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions – Diana welcomed everyone and each attendee introduced themselves.

II. Bylaws – Diana read our purpose and goals and reminded everyone that a copy of the bylaws could be accessed online.

III. Dr. Foehrkolb/School Administration Report

1. APEX fundraiser – Dr. Foehrkolb addressed the amount of money APEX retains from our fundraisers. Their company contributes nearly 200 hours of "behind the scenes" work in order to make the event successful. According to his calculations, Dr Foehrkolb stated that we would've only gained about $5,000 had Carriel done all this work themselves. Additionally, he pointed out that in order for Carriel to facilitate the event on their own, he would have to repurpose two staff members to dedicate all of their time for two weeks to prepping and organizing this event. He stated that from his point of view, partnering with a company like APEX is worth the money.
2. APEX fundraiser – a flyer was distributed to families explaining how the funds raised will be used. The largest portion of funds will go to the House System. The library will receive $4,000 to purchase new books.
3. The wall mural (outside the cafetorium) has been completed. As a reminder, funds for that project were secured through a grant that Dr. Foehrkolb applied for some time ago. He intends to apply for the grant in the future in hopes of funding additional projects.
4. The After School Experience groups have been incredibly successful this semester, as new and varied groups are now available. There will also be experiences offered in the Spring semester.
5. The Veterans Day celebration will take place on November 11 at Carriel. National Junior Honor Society will host a breakfast for attendees. This event will cater to veterans related to current Carriel students.
6. In February, Carriel will be the host school for the District 90 School Board meeting. This meeting will take place at 7:00 pm in the Carriel Library.

IV. Board Reports

1. President – Nothing to report

2. Vice-President – Nothing to report. On a personal note, Julie thanked all who have donated to the Dietz Pumpkin Patch, they hope to be fully operational next Fall.

3. Secretary – A motion was made by Julie to approve the meeting minutes from the September meeting. Kelley seconded the motion. All were in favor. Those minutes are posted electronically on both Facebook and the Carriel PTO webpage.

4. Treasurer – There were two deposits and one pay out since our last meeting.

5. Teacher Liaison – Sara heard many compliments and praise from the staff regarding the teacher conference dinner. Thank you to all who volunteered for both the Color Games and the 6th Grade Dance. The end of the 1st academic quarter is this Friday (10/17). Students who are taking electives that only span a quarter will be changing to new classes/teachers on Monday. The staff will be assisting those students, especially the 6th graders, as they begin these new electives.

6. Fundraising Coordinator – The first round sponsor for our Glow Bingo night has been secured. A sign-up sheet was circulated for those that may be interested in soliciting businesses for donations to be used at Glow Bingo.

7. Volunteer Coordinator – Nothing to report

V. Upcoming Events

1. Dine-to-Donate: Tues, 10/21 @ Peel Wood Fired Pizza – This fundraiser will last the entire day. A portion of dine in, carryout, and gift card purchases will be donated to Carriel, so long as our donation code is given when ordering. A flyer with the code will be distributed on our social media platforms and through the Carriel school channels of communication.

2. 8th Grade 5K Race – The race will be held Tuesday, October 21, from 8:00 -9:30am. Rain date will be October 23. The Hickory and Oak Houses are acting as hosts for this event. Students will be running a specific path through the neighborhood closest to Carriel. Permits have been issued by the city, ensuring the route will be properly secured for student safety. Toolen's Running Start will be at the Carriel track to verify finish times for students. Mr. Pierson will be ordering shirts for attendees, some students have worked on 3D printing medals for the race, and students in lower grades have worked on posters cheering on each 8th grade student. Volunteers will be needed to help make this event a success. A SignUp Genius will be circulated to garner volunteers.

3. Dine-to-Donate: Fri, 11/7 @ Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers – The time for this fundraiser still needs to be confirmed. Dine in and drive thru orders will earn money for Carriel, but the fundraiser must be mentioned at the time of order.

4. General PTO Meeting, Wed, 11/19 @ 6:30 pm – Meeting will be held in Library. December's mailbox treats will be assembled after the meeting.

5. Regatta Race Cardboard Prep Tues, 11/25 – A considerable number of volunteers will be needed to help students cut their cardboard. Volunteers are also needed to procure cardboard donations. A SignUp Genius will be circulated closer to the event date.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Staff Appreciation – Mailbox treats were delivered the first Friday in October. Thank you to everyone who helped host and clean up the dinner and decorations. Special shoutout to volunteers Cheri Kline and Ron Wilczak who came just to help put out food and ending up staying until the last dish was cleaned.

VII. Additional Business

1. October Meeting Minutes – Approved during Secretary Report

2. Sound System Bids – Two bids were presented for the projected work, one from Tech Electronic and the other from Clinton Electric. The bid from Clinton was the better option. Amanda Hintz (with Clinton Electric) proposed a two-phase replacement plan. There will first be an install of a new four-channel mixer and wireless microphone system. If this install solves the problem, the work will be considered finished. If issues persist, there will be an additional install of a new Octosound speaker. Christy made a motion to proceed with the project as outlined. Julie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Library Volunteers – The library is still desperately in need of volunteers. Bryan Bacon-Jardin is the point of contact for anyone interested.

4. KG Spirit Wear – A flyer with current designs was circulated to attendees. As a reminder, $5 from the purchase of each shirt is donated to the organization featured on the spirit wear (i.e. – Every softball shirt sold results in a $5 donation to the softball program)**.** We are hoping to acquire additional groups and clubs for spirit wear. Sara informed the group that each of the three administrators are in dual houses and inquired about "house divided" shirts. Christy made a motion that the PTO purchase these shirts for the administration. Julie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

VIII. Open Discussion – Kendra asked/suggested the use of QR codes to be scanned for purchases at events. Sara stated she would pass that suggestion along to administration.

The October PTO meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.