

Carpenter Elementary PTC

September 2017 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, & Location: Tuesday September 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center

Meeting called to order by: Jaimie Isom, President at 7:05 p.m.

Attendance: Jaimie Isom, Allycia Natavio, Teresa Meller, Heidi Anderson, Adam Weldon (Carpenter Principal), Julee Lo, Cindy Grant, Katie Weingartz, Sarah Baldarotta, Crystal Smith, Melanie Connolly, Andrea Choate, Brittany Snyder, Megan Taylor, Jessie McGeogh, Christina McLain, Shannon Majiros, Todd Isom, Sylvia Fletcher, Darlene Gannon, Megan Peters, Jackie Elter, Shanell Weatherspoon, Damany Head, Laura Kirklin, Kim Sybesma, Tricia Slone, Ann Blizzard, Stephanie Howcraft. **29 members in attendance.**

Minutes: No previous minutes were read at this meeting.

Welcome/Introduction: Jaimie Isom, President

- Jaimie Isom: President; introduced herself and reminded members to sign up for the gift card raffle of a Starbucks gift card
- Allycia Natavio: Vice President; introduced herself
- Teresa Meller: Treasurer; introduced herself
- Heidi Anderson: Secretary; introduced herself

Principal's Message: Adam Weldon, Carpenter Principal

- Introduced himself and Ms. Lo (1st grade teacher at Carpenter) and Mrs. Grant (Kindergarten teacher at Carpenter); both teacher representatives for the PTC
- Talked about transitioning into the new school year. How it's a new school for most but not all due to the District changes-overall it has been a very positive transition and a more positive start than normal
- There have been some staff changes and this school year is a new beginning
- Always looking for feedback on things at Carpenter so please don't hesitate to reach out to me

Curriculum Night: Thursday September 14, 2017

First Session: A-L, 6-6:30 p.m.

Second Session: M-Z, 6:45-7:15 p.m.

- It's very important so please try and attend. It will give parents a chance to meet your child(ren) teachers and open lines of communication

Positivity Project:

- NEW to Carpenter this year! Empowering students to build strong relationships.
- 24 character strengths are taught to children that can become life skills. One child can make a difference.
- Kick-Off Assembly for the Positivity Project on Wednesday September 13, 2017

Random/Misc. Information:

- **MSTEP:** reports will be sent home on Friday September 15, 2017, not all grades participate in this test. Carpenter did very well and performed very well overall.

Stated the importance of the testing, but also touched on the fact that knowledge is beyond a test score and doesn't define the students or building

- Mr. Weldon met with each grade level and spoke about what his expectations are for Carpenter students. Still working on getting to know students and parents
- **Title One School:** NEW to Carpenter this year! Meeting for Title One information night will be held at Orion Oaks Elementary on September 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. A separate meeting will be held at Carpenter at a later date for parents unable to attend the Orion Oaks meeting. Date is still TBD. An email with information will be sent home soon.
- **LOEF Raffle:** all money for this raffle goes back into the classrooms. It's a 50/50 raffle with a chance to win up to a \$25,000 scholarship
- **Fingerprinting:** Parents who volunteer on a regular continuous basis (1x plus/ week) need to be fingerprinted. You only need to be fingerprinted for a field trip if you are transporting students in your vehicle and/or overnight field trips. If you were fingerprinted last year you DO NOT need to do so again this year. More detailed information on fingerprinting will be sent home soon.
- **I-Chat:** this form needs to be filled out annually if you plan on chaperoning field trips
- Currently there are 507 students in the building

Teacher's Message: Julee Lo & Cindy Grant

- Introduced themselves: Julee 22nd year teaching at Carpenter, Cindy 27th year teaching
- No new news to report at this meeting

School Board Representative: None present at this meeting. Jaimie (President) stated that dates had been sent and hopefully someone will be present at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Teressa Meller, Treasurer

- Biggest fundraiser at Carpenter=Carpenter Dash (formerly Color Run). This event funds most of the Carpenter PTC events.
- 2017-2018 Carpenter budget was presented. Numbers were based on past years and projected amounts for this school year.
- Budgeted Gross Income=\$28,200.00, Budgeted Expenses=\$27,600.00, Carryover Funds from previous school year=\$10,000.00, Potential Capital Costs for School= (\$7,200.00), Budgeted Net Income (funds to open the 2018-19 school year)=\$3,400.00
- See attached information for more detailed information about the 2017-2018 budget
- Motion to approve the budget for the 2017-2018 School Year was accepted
1st: Melanie Connolly
2nd: Andrea Choate

Committee Updates

Family Activities: Jenn West (not present), Jaimie Isom, President (spoke on her behalf)

- The Family Activities Coordinator is in charge of family activities. Jenn is looking for volunteers to help at the first event which is the **Family Picnic**. This event is Wednesday September 20th from 6-8:00 p.m. at Friendship Park. A yellow flier was sent home today if you want to pre-order pizza. Form is due back by Friday 9/15/17. \$5 gets you a slice of pizza, chips, and drink. You're allowed to bring your own food. Plan on bringing socks for kids-there will be inflatables for all ages.

Box Tops: Penni Robertson (not present) Allycia Natavio, Vice President (spoke on her behalf)

- Please cut and glue or tape your Box Tops to the Box Top worksheets to turn in. 2 sheets (50 Box Tops) equal a Box Tops Sprit Stick

Community Rewards: Jennifer O-Roarke (not present) Jaimie Isom, President (spoke on her behalf)

- Hollywood Market: shop there and say that you attend Carpenter and they will donate money to our school
- Coke Rewards: more information to come
- Shoparoo: download the app on your phone and take pictures of your receipts to earn money for our school.
- Kroger Rewards: link your Kroger card to Carpenter to earn money for our school.
- Amazon Smile: make sure you go to <http://smile.amazon.com/> to earn money for Carpenter. Regular Amazon doesn't count!

****PLEASE NOTE** that for ALL Community Rewards that Carpenter Elementary is still Carpenter Year Round Elementary. We are in the process of getting this changed.**

Staff Appreciation: Laura Kirkland & Sarah Baldarotta

- Will be planning monthly dinners and meals throughout the year to show the Carpenter staff they are appreciated

Student Directory: Andrea Choate

- Forms will be available on Cirriculum Night. There will be a cover contest for the directory (information flier will be sent home in Carpenter Welcome Packet). Businesses can pay a fee to advertise in the directory. Forms are due back by September 29th. Printed, PDF, or both copies will be available.

Spirit Sticks: Megan Taylor & Jessie McGeogh

- Megan explained in greater detail what the Spirit Sticks are and when they will be available for purchase. At Cirriculum Night each student will receive a lanyard and a grade level Spirit Stick to start their collection. Other sticks will be available for purchase throughout the year and at some lunches for \$1.00/stick. If your child loses their lanyard one can be purchased for \$5.00

Carpenter Dash: Allycia Natavio, Katie Acker & Shannon Majiros

- Biggest fundraising event of the year at Carpenter! Explained what the Carpenter Dash is going to be. It's an obstacle course appropriate for all levels to run and have fun.
- Friday October 6, 2017: Time to TBD, please join and volunteers are needed
- Goal= \$50/student which will get your student a Spirit Stick. A \$250+ donation you're your student entered into a raffle for a \$200 gift card to a water park of your choice. All students receive a free t-shirt (representing Carpenter and the Positivity Project). T-shirts will be handed out the day of the event. Samples of shirt sizes and the t-shirt order forms will be available at Curriculum Night. A snack is provided for students after the run. Checks for money raised can be made out to Carpenter PTC or CASH

Silent Auction: Vacant, Jaimie Isom (President) spoke. Looking for a chair to head up this event. Explained what the event is and that donations are needed from local businesses. The date of this event can be determined by the chair. Three parents spoke up and offered to volunteer:

1. Crystal Smith-Chair
2. Jackie Elter-Co-Chair
3. Kimberly Sybesma-contact her if you need help or need contacts for raffle prizes

New Business:

- September 14, 2017 Curriculum Night
- September 20, 2017 Welcome Picnic
- October 25, 2017 Trunk Or Treat

Upcoming Meetings: located in the Media Center, Child care is provided!

- Tuesday October 10th @ 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday November 7th @ **4:00 p.m.**

Comments/Questions:

- Comment/Question: Andrea Choate (speaking/asking on behalf of another parent not present). Can there be a Veteran's Day assembly at Carpenter or some type of school event representing Veterans? **This is going to be looked into/considered by Mr. Weldon.**
- Comment/Question: Jessie McGeogh (Chair of Holiday Sale/Santa's Workshop): Do we want this event to be one day or several days? How much money if any are we looking to make from this event? Looking for feedback from teachers on if this should remain an after school event or be changed to during the school day for a longer event. **PTC will discuss at next meeting.**
- Question: Asked by Spirit Wear Chair: Is there Spirit Wear funding in the budget? **Answer: No. At this time there is no funding. What comes in is what goes out.** Could Spirit Wear become a fundraiser? **Answer: Potentially it could be. This is something that will need to be looked into further by the PTC and the Spirit Wear chair person.**
- Question: Are we planning on changing the Carpenter logo? **Answer: No, we are not. The picture will stay the same but the wording will change. It will just say Carpenter Elementary. The "Year-Round" will be removed.**
- Comment: Mrs. Grant: Please consider labeling and/or initialing your child's Spirit Sticks in case they get lost they can be returned.
- Comment: A parent that came from another school suggested Spirit Stick Grahams. They can be purchased by students at lunch and handed out to their friends with a message attached. **The PTC will be looking into this to see if it would interfere with any other groups at Carpenter that do fundraisers.**

Raffle Drawing: Starbucks gift card winner=Shanell Weatherspoon

Meeting Adjourned: 8:11 p.m.

Minutes Compiled by: Heidi Anderson, Recording Secretary