

Cedar Mill PTC Minutes October 2006

Attendees: Sarah Thom, Desirea Muraoka, Amy Corris, Scot Stockwell, John Ragno, Janet Vanoni, Sue DeLeeuw, Laurie Maheau, Nancy Wells, Audrey Slover, Barbie Davis Zenner, Liz Wehrspan, Teri McGarry, Kathryn Mount, Dana Snyder, Kathy Smyth, Heidi Johnson, Jillane Onasch, Sunny Keenan, Jan Yates, Alexis Rund, Susan Salmonsens, Gillian Dyall, Gail Turney

This meeting was held after school in an effort to accommodate teachers, staff and community members. The meeting began at 3:20.

Bond Issue:

The loss of the measure means that we will have to wait for capitol improvements to be made to our school, including but not limited to: Relocating the office toward the parking lot, upgrade of our fire panel, new counter tops, domestic piping replacement, roof replacement on modular building, other nearby school construction to ease the growing number of students who will be enrolling in Cedar Mill.

Discussion of PTC purpose: to help teachers teach children.

Thanks were expressed by teachers for financial and physical support, accommodation of last-minute requests and funding for the fourth and fifth grade special events provided by the PTC.

Specifically mentioned were streamlining efforts regarding the Sally Foster wrapping paper sale. Immediate needs mentioned were for additional Wednesday Work Room Volunteers. Scot will put a request for extra help in the Quill.

The PTC Board would like each teacher to write and submit a "wish list" for items that would be of benefit to our entire school community.

Minutes: Minutes for June and September were approved.

Passport Club:

Teachers commented on the smooth, streamlined start to this year's program. Discussion included concerns over the material being the same this year as last. The decision was made to hold off on offering extended options for learning for last year but there may be ways that they can be offered this year.

Cultural Day:

This event has been postponed due to the fact that entertainment was not available for booking.

Budget:

We are still holding a carry-over from last year. The P&L statement shows what has been done in the last month (what we've spent plus what we've earned). A refund of \$249.00 was returned to the PTC from Party Works, as money not used by the fifth grade send-off.

This year's budget is \$34,960, which includes the carry-over items from last year. This year's opening budget is \$29,825. Total assets for this year are currently \$14,263.

Staff members needing to know what is left in their teacher accounts may contact Gillian Dyall. Reimbursement requests are available in the office and online at [<http://www.cedarmillptc.org>] www.cedarmillptc.org

Board Member Elected:

Wendy Keelman was voted in as our Co-Vice President with Sandy McRae. She will replace Janice Day.

Sparrow Club Fundraising Proposal:

Discussion was held regarding forming a Sparrow Club to support a Cedar Mill student and his family as they struggle with cancer. Sparrow Clubs are organizations in which children help other children by completing community service projects that are funded/supported financially by local sponsors. The money is given directly to the family in need for living

expenses. Sarah Thom proposed that we start a club for our family in need. The idea has been tabled pending more information regarding the family's needs, desires and some PTC administrative issues. An information packet was passed out and additional information can be found at [<http://www.sparrowclubs.org>]www.sparrowclubs.org. Additional discussion centered on making a contribution to the McMenamin's "Dinner Out" Program which is a fundraising effort for pediatric cancer patients and their families.

Ways and Means:

The 2006-2007 Auction will be held off-site again this year at the Rock Creek Country Club. The date is tentatively set for February 24, 2007. A buffet dinner will be served. Tickets will be sold for \$25 per person.

There is discussion of offering a discount rate for teachers who would like to attend. A letter for procurement will be distributed in early November. Sandra Miller and Taryn Hensley will organize the classroom projects to be sold. Approximately \$30.00 will be provided to each classroom for materials. Classroom projects to be auctioned will need to be completed no later than January 24th, with the intention of displaying the items before the auction to create interest.

The Sally Foster fundraising effort will bring in approximately \$3000.00.

Fun Run information will go home on 10/6. Maryam Patel is the coordinator and will distribute necessary materials to teachers and families.

Janet Vanoni proposed a fundraiser involving the ordering of school supplies from a company called EPI. The profit earned from this event would be 20% of all sales. Scot Stockwell suggested that the proceeds from this project could be used to buy supplies for Cedar Mill students in need.

Box Tops for Education: Sheryl Moran heads up this effort to collect funds for Cedar Mill. Last year \$485 was earned. This year's goal is \$600. There is discussion regarding prizes given to the classes that bring in the most box tops – ideas include allowing that class to choose the Family Fun Night movie to be shown. Informational posters will be placed around school and program details will be distributed to teachers.

For more information, go to www.boxtops.com.

Principal's Update:

At a recent meeting the Site Council, PTC and LSC board members met to outline and discuss roles. The Site Council carries an instructional focus, the PTC supports teachers, staff and students, the LSC works on facility and safety issues.

Scot presented information about the Chalkboard Project, a grant given by the Gates and Ford Family Foundation that could lower class size for Cedar Mill.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.