

Minutes

Carney Elementary School PTA

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Meeting started at 7:08 pm

In Attendance

Parent of Mila Dadds	Parent of Daniel Dawkins
Parent of Jaxon Knellinger	Parent of Charles Way
Parent of Oreofe Enufo	Parent of Xander Turwy
Marla Gourrier	Parent of Kamaire Hart
Amber Mellinger	Parent of Air Abad
Adrienne Sewell	Parent of Kennedy Williams
Crisi Suarez	
Kristen Schneider	
Stephen Price	

Agenda and Previous Minutes

7:10 pm agenda approved
7:10 pm September minutes approved

Old Business

Fundraisers

- **Scholastic Book Fair:** There will be a Scholastic Book Fair the last week in October. This will be an outdoor event. Tuesday, October 26th will be the preview day. Scholastic toys and trinkets will be sold on this day. October 28th will be the second Book Fair date and will be coupled with a Trunk or Treat. The times for both days will be 6-7:30 pm. Set up of the book fair will begin at 4:45 to be ready by 6:00. Staff will be encouraged to sign up to help with the book fair or participate in the Trunk or Treat. Any parents willing to help with the book fair should email the PTA. Proceeds from the book fair are used to get books for teachers. Parents expressed an interest in purchasing books from teacher wish lists.
- **Spirit Wear:** Parents have expressed an interest in school spirit wear. Information about ordering spirit wear will be sent out the week of October 18th. The company chosen was 1st Spirit Apparel. They are able to do t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other items in multiple colors. Interest in a Carney polo shirt was expressed. There will be no real profit for the PTA from spirit wear.
- **Penny Wars:** Penny Wars started October 1st. Students are encouraged to bring coins and paper currency to school and strategically place the labeled jugs in the lobby. Pennies and paper currency adds points to the house point totals and silver coins deduct points. This ties into the Houses school wide program. Weekly counting of coins help students know which houses are in the lead and students will strategically put coins in large water jugs. Weekly incentives are given out to the winning house (1 class per

grade level). Week 2: popsicle and paper airplane building activity, Week 3: popcorn and a show, Week 4: pizza party in the courtyard.

- **World's Finest Chocolate:** This fundraiser will be structured by having parents pay for boxes of chocolate in advance. Families can sell the chocolate at their leisure.
- There will be at least two **Spirit Nights** (dates to be determined) this year. The two discussed were Chick-fil-a Night and Das Bierhalle. Additional Spirit Night venue suggested was Pizza Johns. Suggestions for other venues can be sent to the PTA, but distance from the school community should be considered.

New Business

- **Future fundraisers: Scentco company,** This is in lieu of doing the annual Holiday Shoppe. Families can order a variety of scented items for holiday gifts and items will be shipped directly to the customers' homes. These items could also possibly be used in the future for a Valentine's Day fundraiser. Another possible fundraiser idea is for students to pay a dollar and get to wear spirit wear.
- **Audit Committee:** PTA financial records are audited yearly. This audit needs to be completed for last year's books. PTA needs about 3 people to be on this committee to complete the audit. The audit cannot be completed by any of the executive board members or the principal. Information was shared so that the committee has time to complete the audit by July 1, 2022.
- **Needs for school:** Mr. Price highlighted some needs for the school which include child sized masks (county provided ones don't fit) and the need for additional sports equipment for recess bags. The PTA can publish a teacher wish list for classroom and school donations but the county will not permit teachers to create their own wish lists. 5 Below or other businesses may also be willing to participate.
- **Business Partnerships with Carney:** Carney is always looking for additional business partnerships. At the moment, the following businesses contribute to Carney Elementary-Weis Market, Tim's Automotive, Safeway, Jerry's Chevrolet, and Target. If families are aware of other businesses who would like to donate to Carney, please email the PTA for a donation letter.
- **October is National Principal's Month**
- **School Pictures:** Carney was scheduled to have school pictures taken by Lifetouch this month. It was cancelled due to Covid with the photographers and staff. New date for pictures will be forthcoming.
- **Parent Volunteers:** There are several parents willing to volunteer their time to help teachers but were wondering about Covid protocol. Mr. Price mentioned that because our area is considered a "red" (high transmission) area, that at-home help is preferred. This would include cutting and prep work for teachers. A suggestion was made to have a small group of parents come after school hours to do copying and laminating for teachers. Mrs. Mellinger would help coordinate this if the staff would like to have volunteers copy and laminate. Parents are encouraged to reach out to the teachers to see what help could be needed. Parents are encouraged to collaborate either by class or

grade level to set up volunteering as needed by the teachers. With the use of Class Dojo, Mr. Price is willing to send messages to parents in specific classrooms or grade levels.

Next meeting Thursday, November 4th at 7 pm

Motion to adjourn: 8:01 pm by Kristen Schneider