

Minutes

Carney Elementary School PTA

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

In Attendance

Queneia Harley
Kara Jackson
Amber Mellinger
Stephen Price
Adrienne Sewell
Crisi Suarez
Kristen Schneider
Lindsay Turwy

Agenda and Previous Minutes

7:10 pm agenda approved

7:10 pm November minutes approved (posted on the PTA website)

Old Business

- **Spirit Wear:** Great response to the Spirit Wear sale. PTA has made \$170 so far. The spirit wear company requires PTA to continue to post advertisements on social media. 4 Imprint company is also another possible spirit wear contact.
- **Scentco fundraiser:** Company has been difficult to contact. Waiting for materials to arrive. Fundraiser will last until Monday, January 31, 2022.
- **Restaurant Night:** The Das Bierhalle Night raised \$192. This is considered a success and another spirit night at Das Bierhalle will be scheduled for the spring.
- **Material prep/ copying for teachers:** Mrs. Mellinger will gather information from the teachers to determine if this is a service that is needed after Winter Break. There is a concern about turn around time as to how quickly materials can be prepared and returned to teachers.
- **PTA Financials Audit:** At this time, there is one volunteer but 2 more are needed.

New Business

- **Raise Craze fundraiser:** This fundraiser will be in February and will also tie into the house program. There are lists of possible activities on the website for both younger and older children. Additional resources are available on The Great Kindness Challenge Website. Other activities we are planning to have during this fundraiser include painting kindness river rocks for the courtyard and posting paper hearts throughout the school sharing acts of kindness students have demonstrated. There is also a parent connection to resources which would help tie the theme of kindness into Black History Month.

- **Backpack Drive:** This was successful. More than 60 backpacks were donated. Kona Ice wants to help by putting fillers inside backpacks and another church has reached out and offered their support.
- **Student Support:** There is still a need for donations of jackets, coats, mittens, hats and gloves. There was also interest in having the Giving Tree program (which is currently open to Carney teachers and staff) available to the community. This program helps provide gifts and grocery store gift cards to struggling families. It is felt that other members of the community would like the opportunity to participate.
- **Time capsule:** A parent and former Carney student has shared that there is a time capsule buried in the courtyard. It was buried during the 25th year Carney was open. The time capsule was to be opened on the 50th anniversary, however, that anniversary has passed. The goal is to open it on the 55th anniversary- 2022. At this time, the location of the time capsule still has to be determined.
- **Water bottles:** Students are in need of water to drink during the day and water fountains are closed due to COVID. Families are encouraged to send their children to school with water bottles through weekly Dojo messages and messages from the teachers. The issue remains and too many children need to leave the classroom to get a drink of water from Nurse Sarah. The PTA can't assist because purchasing water for all students would be too costly and aren't allowed to provide water for some students. We are continuing to search for a resolution for this issue.
- **Gallon milk jugs for nurse:** It was offered to collect clean, gallon sized milk jugs to turn into emesis containers for sick students. There haven't been many cases of students vomiting at school, so they are not needed at this time.

Next meeting Thursday, January 13th at 7 pm

Motion to adjourn: 7:59 pm by Kristen Schneider