

Center School Association (CSA)

Minutes

October 6, 2022

Welcome and President's report – Dawn Kaczynski

- September Review: Mumkin sale sold 647 items for a total profit of \$3,200. Book Fair/family nights were a success.
- Upcoming: Otis Spunkmeyer fundraiser, Cyclone Night Out at Moe's next Thursday
- Introductions of members in attendance

Principal's update – Kate Rateno

- Thank you for the book fair. It was powerful to visually see all the books that the teachers received. We are getting ready to send out information for the Fall Fun Day/Halloween parties in the classrooms. Check out the newsletter tomorrow for more information.

Executive Board Reports

- Membership – Erin Lewis, Meredith Turosky – Meredith: we doubled the membership since last month from 19 to 41 families. Last year we had a problem with the site and started late so that might explain why it was lower last year. More and clear advertising helped to increase membership for this year.
 - Discuss membership incentive – Next year we will consider raffling off a basket during popsicles with the principal or a similar event and have a booth with flyers to hand out.
- Programming – Ashley Hess – the drive-in was canceled due to low registration, possibly due to the holiday and there was also bad weather.
- Ways and Means – Jen Lenz
 - Cyclone Night Out – October is next Thursday at Moe's – we have to order ahead. \$131 was earned from Five Guys. Next month is Marcos. We will do the pizza box night where students will decorate the boxes ahead of time in school and when families order the pizza that night, they will receive it in their student's box. This will be broken into two nights. Marcos nights K,1,2 and 3,4,5.
 - Kate will look into the Book It program (where students earn a coupon for a free Pizza Hut personal pan pizza from reading; Miss Fiocco does this in her classroom) and maybe try to tie it in with the read-a-thon.
- Secretary's Report – Candy Quinn – watch out for the cookie dough distribution SignUpGenius coming out.
- Treasurer's Report – Gina Parotta – Gina not in attendance. Mr. DiMarino requested support for red ribbons for spirit week, some little prizes that week, as well as pizza for the new student lunch. Suggestion: We should develop a program for 'new students' that transfer to Center at any time during the year, and come up with ideas to help them get acclimated to the school.

Standing Committee Reports

- Mumkin Sale – Dawn K, Maureen W, Elizabeth H
 - Sold 647 items; total profit: \$3,264.75
- Book Fair – Lisa D, Cristina N, Nichole G – 1,609 items sold earned \$8,746.21, a little less than last year. We spent \$3,414.91 on teacher books. All the teachers were really appreciative. Going into next year we have enough that the teachers can spend \$100 each for books.
- Family nights during Book Fair – Ashley H, Jen L
 - Students could do a book scavenger hunt, earn prizes and take photos with props. – After discussion, it was determined that the scavenger hunt wasn't what brought the families to the book night and we will not continue that next year. Will consider bringing back Bingo night for possibly a 5th grade-only event or another night for the school other than during the book fair, as the gym is needed for the book fair.
- Otis Spunkmeyer fundraiser – Candy Q, Lisa D
 - Online-only sales, now through October 14
 - We need students to register so that we can be entered to win \$2500 as a school. So far only 12% participation.
 - Delivery is the week before Thanksgiving (exact date TBD)
- Room Parents – Lisa D, Candy Q, Nicole D
 - Room Parents email was sent out. CSA will provide a donut and apple slices for the party snacks. Reach out to the other room parents of your class if you haven't yet.
- Staff Appreciation – Michele H, Ashley H, Rachel F
 - Next staff meal – October 27 – Meals for teachers throughout the year. Need to find out if its breakfast or lunch.
- Movie Drive-in Night – Ashley H
 - Canceled for September; may reschedule in Spring.
- 5th grade committee – Dawn K, Lindsay R, Nicole R – This committee is meeting after this meeting to figure where we are at with the 5th grade events. We will plan a fun event at some point, a gift for the school and a separate fundraiser(s). We are considering a Magic Show put on by Rick Smith Jr. on Feb 11, a matinee show at 2pm. This will take place at the High School auditorium. He is on hold for us to make a decision. We will earn money on ticket sales if we sell over a certain amount.
- Science center event – Jen L, Nichole G – Nov 8th, Fire and Ice show put on by the Great Lakes Science Center. There will be 3 sessions, each one 30-45 min, working with Mrs. Rateno on the timing. The cost is \$1,100 and Gina P. will pay them directly. Kate would like to do some kind of related activity that the kids can do in their room leading up to it.

Possibly tie in a book, science project or coloring activity as an example. Kate would love a teaser project.

- Holiday Craft Fair – Adrienne P, Lindsay R, Rachel F, Michele H – no update yet. We will need volunteers the night before to help set up on December 8th and the craft fair will be on December 9th.
- Ongoing fundraisers – Market Day (NEW this year); Box Tops; Amazon Smile – Dawn – an email will be sent out soon on how to sign up for these items.

New Business

- Accountant for CSA taxes – still in need if anyone has a connection – feel free to let us know.

Adjourned at 8:02pm – Next CSA meeting is Thursday, November 10 at 7 p.m.