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Little Cedars PTA General Membership Meeting
September 20, 2016

Board Members Present

<i>Co-Presidents *</i>	Jennifer Butler/Kimi Guichard	<i>VP Programs *</i>	Emily Walker
<i>Secretary *</i>	Lindsay McGee	<i>VP Communications *</i>	Sara Johnson
<i>Treasurer *</i>	Tracy Kays	<i>VP Fundraising *</i>	Tanya Jaegel
<i>Membership</i>	Amy Mann	<i>VP Events *</i>	Erika Keating
<i>Principal</i>	Lew Dickert (Mr. D.)	<i>Watch D.O.G.S.</i>	Chris Kasteler

Meeting Called to Order – Jennifer Butler at 7:03 p.m.

Quorum Present

Co-President Update – Jennifer Butler & Kimi Guichard

- Goal to increase membership by 5% in the current year. 282 members is the goal, currently at 185 members.
- Additional goal to have all teachers and staff members sponsored
- Introductions - all board member were present and introduced (JB)
- (JB) discussed how (LM) was currently the interim Secretary as the previous Secretary stepped down. (JB) asked if anyone else would like to be considered for the position. (JB) asked that a motion be made to vote in (LM) as Secretary. Motion was made, seconded, and passed with no objection.
- (KG) went over the changes to the Standing Rules (see handout with highlights). (KG) asked that the changes be accepted as presented. A PTA member asked if current members were charged at the proposed increased rate in the updated Standing Rules. (KG) said the current 185 members paid the increased rate. Motion to approve the Standing Rules as written was made, seconded and passed with no objections. *Action to research if refunds are required for the 185 members because they paid prior to changes to the Standing Rules were approved by the Members.*
- (KG) discussed how the board members met over the summer and came up with our Vision for the PTA and the Mission and Goals for 2016-2017 school year. (KG) read the mission and goals and asked that these get voted in. Motion made, seconded and passed with no objections.

Budget Update – Jennifer Butler

- (JB) discussed in detail the budget for the 2016-2017 school year. (JB) explained the budget was driven by prior year actuals and worked on by the board members over the summer.
- (JB) explained the fundraisers we have in the current year: Amazon Smile, Box Tops, Fred Meyer Rewards, Fall Fundraiser (goal of \$35k) direct give, popcorn/ice cream days, spirit wear.
- A PTA member asked about the removal of a couple Community Support items, (JB) explained that we are waiting to see how the fundraising goes and we may consider adding those items back.
- A PTA member asked, and (JB) explained the Backpack program. Mr D said there were four students who received backpacks from this program in the current year.

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- A PTA member asked if the 2014 Tech Levy could be used for IXL. Mr D explained that specific Levy was for hardware and could not be put towards IXL. He further explained that analysis was performed on useage of the different programs used, and IXL had high usage rates by the students.
- A PTA member asked if the Restricted Funds for Music-Indian Drumheads could be voted on by the PTA to be released. There is an action item to research the origination of the specific Restricted Funds to determine if they can or cannot be released.
- (JB) went over two proposed changes to the budget : add \$1,000 for a spring carnival and reduce the fall harvest from \$1,000 to \$500. A motion was made, seconded, and pass with no objections.
- A motion was then made to approve the 2016-2017 budget, and changes approved for the Fall Harvest Festival and Spring Carnival with exception of Restricted Funds: Music Indian Drumheads (until researched), the motion was seconded and passed with no objections.
- (KG) asked for a motion to approve the minutes from May 2016 GM Meeting. Motion was made, seconded and passed with no objections.

Fundraising Update – Tanya Jaegel

- (KG) explained the board surveyed membership and concluded to do a direct give fundraiser from 10/3-10/14. 100% of the fundraising will go directly to the PTA. There will be student incentives for reaching the next funding level. Information went home in the back to school welcome packages.
- Spirit Wear closes Friday September 23, 2016. Wolverine Wednesday will be advertised for running club, and will begin 10/12/16.
- A PTA member asked if the RUnning Club can have a “Top 3 Girls” as well as a “Top 3 Boys” this year instead of just “Top 3 Runners” to incentivise more girls to participate. The board will discuss.
- (TJ) discussed a new fundraiser this year at Elevated Sports. On 10/27 and 2/17 a percentage of the proceeds will go to Little Cedars.

Events Update – Erika Keating & Emily Walker

- (EK) discussed upcoming events (Bingo 9/30, Donuts & Dad, Fall Harvest, Skate Night). Volunteers needing for all events except Bingo, the board will volunteer at Bingo.
- (EW) explained that Program Chairs are still needed for the Spelling Bee and FAMily Heritage Night. Robotics Club started and has had two meetings. Lego Club will be starting soon.
- Yearbook is requesting parent volunteers for each class. Sign ups will be in teacher rooms at open house. The Yearbook is submitted in April.
- A PTA member asked about Advocacy and the role at LCE. The board will follow up with the member in the upcoming week.

Principal Report – Mr. D.

- Mr D talked about being excited about this school year. There are 12 new people on staff, including a new librarian who will bring new life to the library. She has been in the school district for several years. There is a new resource room teacher, school psychologist, and multiple new teachers from many different districts.
- The community is growing as a school district
- The new superintendent will be joining for the next GM meeting

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- Energy has been high around campus, especially with full day kindergarteners
- Mr. D discussed a theme that will be introduced to the students about filling your bucket, based on a book called, "How Full is Your Bucket". The concept discusses how everyone has a bucket and each interaction you can either fill someone's bucket or take away from their bucket. This will be a theme for the year. It was discussed with the whole staff and the kids will have an assembly about it. The older students will be introduced to a more mature book called, "Growing up with a Bucket Full of Happiness".
- The book fair will not be during conferences this year. The only evening for the book fair will be the night of the fall harvest. It will be open to students during the week.
- Gaga pits were installed over the summer and are a big hit with the students.
- Open house will be on Thursday
- Every Friday teachers play basketball against the 6th graders. It is a fun, positive, community building activity.
- The school is focused on being on a kid based, kid focused community.
- The school is embracing technology. Every class 3rd-6th grade, shares a full set of laptops with another class.

General Discussion

- A PTA member asked how the results of the fall fundraiser will be communicated to the membership if funds are not met. With the next GM not being until January, how will decisions be made if another fundraiser is needed. (KG) explained there will be continuous updates on the status of the fundraiser during the event, and the board will communicate with membership.
- Ruffled off following items to PTA members in attendance:
 - Popcorn for the year: Ashley Zimmerman and Lauren Hyatt
 - Spirit Wear : Jenn Barker and Tyana Kelley
 - Ice Cream for the year: Gina Detler and Amy Mann

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Lindsay McGee, Secretary