

Cherry Park Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

01/22/24

Call to order: Amanda Winters 6:39 PM

Approval of PTO Minutes from November meeting

Principal Report: Mr. Maness

- Mrs. Sedaris Ford-Brooks was hired as a secretary.
 - She is a former Spanish teacher and is bilingual.
- A second secretary position still needs to be filled.
- Mrs. Neal is out with knee surgery and has started physical therapy.
- MAPS testing is Tuesday 1/23/24 and Wednesday 1/24/24 of this week for 1- 5th grades.
- School of Choice Application
 - Applications are open and being accepted through February 23.
 - School Choice Fair is February 1 at Castle Heights Middle School.
 - Rising kindergarten sibling of a CPES student must complete the School Choice Form to claim a spot.
 - Rising 6th graders must complete the Letter of Intent but not the School of Choice application.
 - CPES Parent Interest meetings scheduled for February 8 at 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM and will contain demo lessons.
 - See Bobcat Chat from 1/21/24 for more information.

Financial Report: Michelle Dawkins

- Financial Reports for November, December, and January were presented.
- Some questions and concerns were shared.
- Members can send questions to Mr. Maness to be reviewed, addressed, and corrected if need be at a meeting with Mr. Maness and Treasurer.
- PTO still needs to pay for ice cream for kindergarteners, once the total is known.

Bobcat Dash: Elizabeth Williams

- Total Income: \$77,091.28
 - Sponsorships: \$30,551.00
 - Pledges: \$46,540.28
- Total Expenses: \$6,694.03
- Net Income: \$70,397.25
- Three thank you notes still need to be written and delivered.
- Extended recess is still owed to 2nd and 5th graders.

- On Friday 1/26/24, kids get to silly string school administrators as a celebratory reward for the Bobcat Dash.

Staff Appreciation: Brittany Rayfield

- December Staff Appreciation Event
 - Staff received gift cards from local businesses for ½ price.
 - Businesses may do the same in May.
- January Staff Appreciation Event
 - Teachers and staff received logoed planners for 2024.
- February Staff Appreciation Event- “Our Staff is the Berry Best”
 - Munchkins and Berry Parfait bar will be served.
 - A drawing for a gift basket will be held again.
- Mr. Maness thanked Brittany and Katie for their hard work.

Birthday Book Club: Jennifer Rollins

- January Birthday Book Club moved to Monday, January 29, 2024
 - Sign-up Genius already sent.
 - Need 3 more volunteer spots filled.
- February Birthday Book Club
 - Wednesday, February 28th
 - Volunteer sign up to follow.

Old business/New business

- Bobcat Chat will include PTO minutes in addition to minutes being posted on the PTO school webpage.
- Literacy Week will be March 4- 8th
- Teacher Appreciation will be May 6- 10th and corresponds with National Teacher Appreciation Week.
 - Theme: “Back to the 80s”
 - Dress up day was approved.
 - Sorbet truck will come for teachers and staff.
- Winter Book Fair
 - The book fair was successful.
 - Total income: \$16,617.99
 - Usable income: \$7,622.36
 - Usable income will pay for library books.
- Books A Million Donation
 - They donated 2 books to each ESL CPES student through a grant.
 - The 93 children received English language books before Christmas.
 - Mr. Maness encouraged us to thank them for their support.
- Parent requested instructions and information for Publix and Food Lion programs to donate money to schools.

- Officers will locate information on the drive and disseminate.
- Turf for the Playground
 - Mr. Maness has received 2 quotes that are approximately with a \$12,000 difference.
 - Quote 1 is approximately \$90,000 that does not include drainage.
 - Quote 2 is approximately \$102,00 and includes drainage.
 - Mr. Maness will speak with the District Grounds Director for his expertise and input.
 - Mr. Maness will make a recommendation to PTO based on the information he receives from the District.
 - Once a decision is made, the process will start and a date will be set for installation, most likely in the summer.
 - Several PTO members asked about including the small area that is not planned to be covered. Sodding was mentioned as a possible solution for the remaining small area, which Mr. Maness will investigate.

Next meeting: February 12, 2024

Meeting Adjourned: 7:18 PM

Notes recorded by: Celia Kerr, PTO Secretary