

**Cedar Road Elementary PTA
General Meeting
April 12th, 2016**

Attendance: Michele Ottley Stephanie Tebeau, Becky Greene, Alison Mercer, Charlene Shearer, Leslie Wecht, Sandy Huneycutt, Katherine Logan, Tina Murphy, Stacey Allen, Teresa Woodworth, Caroline Myers

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM.

The meeting minutes from March were reviewed and approved

Treasurer's Report

- The ending bank balance for April 1st was \$40,555.31
- An April budget meeting needs to be scheduled for the new treasurer

President Report

- Boosterthon raised (just over) \$27,000
- The program cost and t-shirt expense still need to come out resulting in a profit of roughly \$23,000
- Final count day will be on Wednesday April 20th
- Please inform the room parents know that this is the final day for collection
- The shoe donation through Boosterthon amounted to 37 pairs of shoes to be donated
- CRE did collect from all 50 states
- Final profit and wrap up day information will be sent home via FaceBook
- Next year dates for the Boosterthon will be March 15, 2017 for the pep rally and March 24, 2017 for the Fun Run
 - The theme is going to be Backyard Box Office (can a kid make a difference)
 - This is a more service-orientated theme
- Feedback from the run was very positive and was a great success
- A Discussion took place on the advantages to having the CRE logo on the t-shirt and possibly finding sponsors to help cover the cost of the t-shirts
 - Nothing was finalized on the discussion
- Goals, Standing Rules and By-laws, were submitted and approved on time for the school year 2015-2016
- CCPT dinner will take place on May 19th at Oscar Smith High School at 6:30pm

- Leslie Wecht, Charlene Shearer and Ms. Trott will represent the PTA at the conference dinner
- Officer nominations will be open for the following offices:
 - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
- Committee chairs will also be open:
 - Spirit Wear, Reflections, Grounds, Fundraising
 - A comment was made on the benefit of adding these open positions to the school calendar that is printed each month along with the updates from Ms. Trotts' phone call updates
- Field House Position Statement was available to review in support of the Field House coming to Chesapeake
 - The CCPTA did sign the statement
- Another Box Top contest will take place May 2nd- 20th
 - Popsicle's will be rewarded per grade for the classroom with the most Box Tops collected
 - The party will be held on May 27th
- Reflections
 - CRE student Lauryn Hedelund placed first at Districts (Choreography)
- Scholarship
 - April 29th is the deadline for the submissions for the CRE scholarship
 - May 2nd is the award date
- SOL volunteers are needed this year
 - Please see the sign up available through Sign-Up Genius
- 2015-2016 Volunteer hours totaled roughly 16,000 hours
 - This report will need to be submitted soon

Principal Report

- Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) steering committee interest meeting will be May 10 at 7:30 AM
 - CRE will have a pizza and dodgeball night in September (date TBD) for all dads/uncles/grandpas/etc. and their students to promote participation
- SCA is hosting a Spirit of Service week April 18-22
 - See flyer on back of parent calendar for a list of all service projects
 - We are also encouraging CRE families to participate in GFHS' Laps for Lymphoma since it is a community event
- Thanks to PTA for sponsoring the VA Tattoo Pipes and Drums Ensemble assembly (fine arts) for our students on Tuesday, April 19
 - We will have two shows in the morning
 - This is a nice fit with Military Child Appreciation Month
- Upcoming field trips
 - 4th Grade to Williamsburg – April 20
 - 4th Grade Special Activity w/VA Sports Museum – April 27 & 28
 - 2nd Grade to Botanical Gardens – April 27

- 1st Grade to VA Zoo – May 20
 - Kindergarten Special Activity w/Mad Science – June 2
- Spring concert on April 28
 - 6:15 PM – 5th Grade Recorders
 - 6:45 PM – PTA General Meeting
 - 7:00 PM – 4th & 5th Grade Chorus
- Tentative date for 5th grade strings concert is May 2 at GBMS
- 2nd grade dinner and a show will be May 19 (6 PM for dinner; 7 PM for show)
 - Mrs. Lader was able to purchase a SMART board and new keyboards with money from these fundraiser dinners
- 2016-17 school calendar is posted on CPS website
- Superintendent is working hard to get full day kindergarten in budget for implementation Fall 2017
 - Please show your support
 - If you have any questions please let CRE know
- Reminder that all end-of-year festivities are posted on our school website
 - 3rd and 4th grade students will be recognized for their achievements during class parties this year
 - This will give rising 4th grade students something to look forward to in 5th grade
 - Please contact your teacher to start planning the end of the year party
- SOL Jam will be Friday, May 6 from 2:30-4 PM for all students in Grades 3-5
 - Students will have opportunity to dance, play, and compete in SOL review games in celebration of their hard work leading up to SOL testing
 - Event is free, but students must have a ride home at 4 PM
- Chorus performing at Tides game has been changed to Friday, June 3
- We will have a summer BOGO book fair June 6-10
 - Summer reading challenge will also be forthcoming
- Looking forward to honoring all our PTA volunteers at June 7 family picnic
- Landscaping....next year we will set grade level dates (either afterschool or on a Saturday morning) for room parents to solicit volunteers and make it a fun grade level project
- In process of getting bids for parking lot and playground renovations
 - A few problems with needing city permits due to wanting to expand beyond 40 spots
 - No estimates has been received yet
 - 2 companies will be giving estimates next week
- CRE Nominated Chris Weiss for CRC Literacy Award for her volunteerism with Guest Reader Day during the past 5 years
 - She will be recognized at a banquet in May
- Chesapeake School will be getting stricter on truancy and attendance
 - New laws requiring parents submit notification in writing
 - CRE we will be getting rid of phone messages
 - Please encouraging parents to submit e-mails through our website link
 - The school system will no longer be able to accept a phone call

- A hand written note must be submitted going forward
- A letters will be going out detailing the procedures
- Summer school will take place this year at CRE
 - All forms are due by April 29th
- Ms. Trott will attend GFHS Scholarship Assembly on May 23 to recognize recipient of PTA Dolphin Scholarship

Grounds Report

- Unfortunately there was only 1 volunteer who showed up for the grounds cleanup day in March
 - The big flower bed is ready to be planted and in need of a new bag of seed

Fundraising

- Jason's deli and Cloud 9 fundraiser this month
 - This event could sell out and will be on a first come and first serve basis
 - Please pre- pay online to ensure your spot
 - Parents must stay with their child
 - Jason deli is taking orders from 5-9pm
 - In May CRE will host a Bakers Crust School fundraiser event

Lead Room Parents

- Staff Appreciation week
 - A sheet was passed out detailing a new idea of how to donate for the week Staff Appreciation
 - This new process will ensure that the treats are distributed to all teachers and staff
 - This new procedure will use Sign-Up Genius to ensure that the items are distributed fairly and consistently
 - During the staff appreciation week the staff will have an opportunity to participate in a grab and go style buffet that will help ensure that the whole staff has an opportunity participate
- Each grade level will receive an e-mail that will allow them to use Sign-Up Genius to donate items
 - This will help allow the donations to be all inclusive for the teachers
- The first luncheon will start at 10:10am on Monday May 2nd and will continue throughout the day
- A cash donation was discussed on whether or not this should be included on Sign-Up Genius
- Depending on the donations there may still be a final Chick-Fil-A luncheon for the teachers in June

New business

- The end of the picnic is June 7th
- Charlene Shearer will get in touch again with Italian ice

- At the picnic CRE will recognizing all volunteers and announce the volunteer of the year

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm