

CBCS PTA MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Meeting Called to Order 8:49am

Town Hall – Middle Chamber Room

Members in attendance: Michelle Gerber, Tara Spencer, Jen Willett, Laurie Voegeli, Corrie White, Katy Mattson, Lauren Dimon, Jen Baker, Annaliese Houseman and Sally Hensley.

Welcome / Intros

Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Approval of February 2020 Meeting Minutes- minutes approved

President – Michelle Gerber- no report

VP Secondary – Annaliese Houseman- no report

VP Elementary – Katy Mattson

- sent an email to room parents asking them to forward the email and ticket link for the school gala to their classes.

Treasurer – Cinamon Gardiner- no report

Sally Hensley (Elementary Principal)- Elementary Early Release Proposal

- summarized the desire of teachers to have more planning/collaboration time
- Goal is to build a more collaborative culture among the staff, so they want ALL grades to release at 1:50pm on Wednesdays
- The school is being sensitive to concerns about after school childcare needed and this being a potential burden for working parents
- Results from survey are that about 60% are for it or indifferent, 40% are opposed.
- Sally is asking for PTA's blessing of support for early release. PTA agreed to support the cause and also support Sally's decision to spend \$10,000 of the \$25,000 PTA gives her each year on special after school programming on Wednesdays following the early release
- Parents are welcome to contact Sally Hensley to discuss any concerns
- PROS for early release for whole school
 - more availability for parents to access teachers
 - More time for teachers to assess data
 - High school and middle school could volunteer with tutoring and mentoring
 - More planning and collaborative time for teachers
 - Leadership teams would be more cohesive
 - After school programs like dance could start earlier, allowing kids to be home earlier in the evening
 - More time for teachers to create blog posts and communicate information to parents
- **5th Grade wrote a letter to Sally requesting \$1000 for their snow science field trip-** PTA approved Sally to spend \$1000. This will come out of Sally's line item.

Committee Chairs

Membership- Corrie White- February membership was submitted. 20 new parents, 5 new staff and 15 new students.

Gala/Dance Party – Theresa Schaul - Annaliese reported that auction items have been turned in and will be entered in Greater Giving (software) by March 12, 2020.

Programs – Suzanne Hadley- no report

Choice Pass -- Shannon Haddaway - no report

Staff Appreciation -- Lauren Dimon - need to rethink staff appreciation next year because of lack of support from parents. Consider having fewer luncheons. A few ideas:

Room parents need to be reminded to send direct emails to their class to sign up to bring food.

Mass emails from PTA are probably not being read.

Need to give more details about what is needed/expected from the donation. Food needs to be brought hot, ready to serve, and be appropriate in portion for the number of people they signed up to serve.

Accountability – Mary Haskell- minutes attached

Old Business:

Announcements & Upcoming Events: Dance Party at Center for the Arts, March 28: Here's the easy ticket link: <https://cbcs.ejoinme.org/stellarkeller> Text your friends!

Colorado PTA Convention: 99th Annual Convention, April 18 – 19, 2020

Embassy Suites by Hilton Loveland Hotel Conference Center 4705 Clydesdale Pkwy, Loveland, CO 80538

Discussion:

Annaliese Houseman proposed we give After Prom \$500, as this has been given by PTA in years past. Motion was approved.

2020-2021 PTA Officers: we need to fill the following positions: President, Elem. VP, Box Tops, Website.

Vail EpicPromise grant: should we pursue this?

Next Meeting: April 14, 2020, 8:45 Town Hall

Tyson Rogers would like to come talk to us about Band close to the end of the year. Evening meeting in May?

Meeting Adjourned 10:00am

Accountability report from Mary Haskell:

Commendations: Sharing the good news-Stephanie Niemi said we had a great first semester. Addition of three educational assistants, one bilingual. Thank you to Jennifer Read for organizing the calendar, seniors and the transition between semesters. Marita Whalen and Jennifer Read took 19 students to a diversity conference in Cherry Creek. Sally read her commendations which she will also put in the bulletin. They include project work for elementary regarding recycling art, class subject collaboration, ghost town projects and a class section on Slovenia.

New Business:

a. **District Calendar** - The Calendar Committee has defined the school start date in August. We will start school on 8/24 (vs. 8/26 last year). This is because Labor Day is late. We will end the school year on 6/4 (instead of 6/11). Next year will be more “normal” with the start date one week before Labor Day. All else is the same. Spring break not yet determined. These dates are all pending district approval.

b. **Early Release** - Susan Beltz and Sally Hensley presented. Sally is considering an early release program for Elementary learners next year. This is to allow more quality planning time for teachers as well as time for collaboration with other teachers. Options discussed were a once/month Wednesday release OR an every Wednesday release to correspond with the Middle School/High School release time. Pros and cons of each option were discussed.

c. **Update on state assessments - Elementary** The week of March 26 will be CMAS ELA and Math. 5th grade will be ELA and Math over 3 days, 3rd and 4th will be over 2 weeks. No Social Studies. Science is separate. **Middle School/High School** - One LA and one Math over 2 weeks instead of shorter period of time. The more spread out hopefully will have less opt-outs. Stephanie is working on a schedule. CMAS Science for 7th grade. LA and Math teachers are taking results from PSAT and working through the problems.

d. **School Safety** - Cindy McKee gave an update. She is half time online work and half time District Emergency Manager. School safety research center with Stacey and Jennifer. This year it took 5 FTE to implement the safety plan. Cindy helps out at all facilities. Her duties include building relationships with first responders and law enforcement, communication with parents, updates FB to present facts during emergencies and listens to concerns from parents. She talked about how children are statistically safest at school, how to be aware and speak up. The Threat Assessment Plan will have training next Summer. The facility will be assessed. The safe-to-tell program is very successful. We received a grant for PAs and radios for vehicles. We are hoping for funding for a mental health provider in CB.

Board of Education Update: Discussions on facilities planning and branding study, calendar, early release. Facilities planning meetings are open to the public

Next Meeting Date: Due to the Facilities Planning Meeting being on March 3rd, the next Accountability meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th.