January 20, 2016 – 5th Meeting for Cardinal Middle School PTSA

Meeting Called to Order at 6:38 PM

PTSA Account Balance stated at beginning of meeting: $8,317.22

Present at Meeting:
President – Shannon Skaife
Treasurer – Barb Rayburn
Secretary – Amanda Marcum
Principal – Dr. Jennifer Sabol
Rebecca Fisher
Cindy Klomfas
Deena Avalon
Zander Runyon
Danielle Hope

- December’s PTSA meeting minutes were approved

Discussion of Old Business:

- Fundraisers:
  - Drawing for winner of cabinet will be held during the community basketball fundraiser night that Jen C. is organizing.
  - PTSA will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 6:30 PM to confirm final dates for the basketball/cabinet drawing/Chinese auction fundraiser to be held at CMS.
  - Sherry Peters will be getting information on a Scotch Doubles fundraiser to be held possibly in February
  - New Fundraiser: Specifically to raise funds for the One School – One Book Project. Tasty Trios (Butterbraids and Pretzels) will run from 2/11 – 2/26. JES/CIS will be doing O’Malley’s Chocolates fundraiser in February.
  - Dr. Sabol mentioned that CIS will be involved in the One School – One Book Project with CIS and JES; K-8.

- Box Tops:
  - Collection will end February 22nd.
  - A pizza party will be given to the advisory class that brings in the most box tops, per grade. (There will be four winning classes)
  - PTSA to fund the pizza parties
  - Need volunteers to help submit, count, etc. the box tops. Contact Shannon Skaife if you are interested in helping!!

- PTSA Fee:
  - Barb to look into who this is paid to

Discussion of New Business:

- Father & Daughter Dance / Mom & Son Bowling
  - Student Council is going to be holding these fundraisers

- New Member Relations:
  - Tracy L. handling this. Will find out more during next meeting on February 3, 2016.
Discussion of New Business, (continued):

- Dr. Sabol informed us of the One School – One Book project taking place for grades K – 8 this year.
  - The Tasty Trio fundraiser at CMS and the O’Malley’s fundraiser at CIS/JES will take place in February and funds will be put toward this program.
  - It is estimated that $4,000.00 will be needed by the CMS and $4,000.00 will be needed by the CIS/JES buildings.
  - Books are projected to cost approximately $6,000.00.
  - **On-line donations for this project can be made by visiting the Cardinal Schools website.**
  - PTSA has been asked to help with funding costs, as well.

- Discussion of need for money for AR and IXL programs for next year as Chrome books will become outdated, per Dr. Sabol:
  - It is currently expected that money for computers will need to be raised in order to supply students with working computers for State testing, class work, etc.
  - This is going to affect the amount of money that is currently available for programs such as IXL for Math and AR testing programs for Language Arts.
  - Teachers have been asked to look for free/cheaper apps to allow skills testing on-line which also tracks students’ individual progress in different areas of these subjects.
  - Technology fund currently pays for AR program and IXL.
  - PTSA has been asked to see what monetary help they can offer to ensure these programs stay in the schools for next year. (The AR program currently costs about $4,000.00 per year; IXL costs about $3,200.00 per year; Mrs. Avalon, 7th grade Math Teacher at CMS, was present at the meeting and expressed her support of the IXL program)

- **February 4, 2016, Thursday are CMS Parent Teacher Conferences from 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM**
  - PTSA will be providing the dinner for the teachers during the conference time; any volunteers who could donate drinks, food, paper plates, time, etc., please contact Barb for scheduling and list of foods.
  - PTSA will have a table out during the conference night to sell raffle tickets for the donated Kraft Maid Cabinet; we welcome any volunteers that would be willing to give up a block of time to man the PTSA table.

- **FEBRUARY 3, 2016, WEDNESDAY : A secondary meeting has been scheduled for the CMS PTSA in order to finalize dates for different fundraisers and catch up with other members whom may have been attending the Future Cities Presentation. PLEASE ATTEND IF POSSIBLE! Thank you so much!**

- Dr. Sabol also mentioned the possibility of a walk-a-thon to raise money for next year. (Possibly to be held in the Spring. We will discuss at later meeting.

**Teacher Requests:**

- **Mrs. Deena Avalon : CMS Math Teacher**
  - Requesting that PTSA pays for bussing for CMS students to attend the STEM career day sponsored by Goodyear Tire at the University of Akron.
  - About 50 students from the Middle School attended last year.
PTSA paid for bussing in the past.

April 3, 2016, Saturday, is the date of the Career Day this year. Students will leave at about 7:00 AM and return at about 3 or 4 that afternoon.

High School Students can register themselves on-line and may choose to drive themselves to the location.

Middle School students will be registered by Mrs. Avalon on a first come first serve basis; there are limited spaces.

Will cost about $630.00

Shannon motioned; all second the motion. All in support.

- **6th Grade Trip:**
  - Teachers putting trip together at the moment.
  - Barb and Cindy to send email to teachers regarding the trip.
  - Science Center has been suggested since this class did not get the opportunity to go during the traditional 5th grade year.
  - This trip usually consists of the William J. Mather Ship, The Great Lakes Science Center, and a trip to the Middlefield Airport.
  - Considering revisions in order to keep the trip low cost.
  - There are about 103 6th grade students.

*Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 PM*

*Thank you to all who came!!!*