Carlton Home & School Club Board Meeting
March 10, 2015 7:01 PM – 8:01 PM Staff Room-Carlton

President: Denise Kranich	Programs Chair: Kristin Gist	Principal: Eric Scharer
Vice President:	Community Chair: Missy Romero	Teacher Rep: Tashina Hernandez
Secretary: Deann Boyd	Fundraising Chair: Vacant	
Treasurer: Brandi Mincey		

Present: Denise Kranich, Brandi Mincey, Kristin Gist, Eric Scharer, Jennifer Watanabe, Tashina Hernanez, Marueen Currie, Vanessa Michaelsen, Jen Fosco and Deann Boyd

The General Meeting was called to order by Denise Kranich **at 7:01 PM.**

What's working:

- Auction, this was a big hit, everyone enjoyed it.
- Tuesday Denise and Brandi went to the staff meeting and thanked the teachers for participating in the auction and the class donations
- Communication is really going good, people are happy to be kept up on March Madness and everything that is going on.

Approval of February meeting minutes:

Denise called for an approval of the February meeting minutes. Kristin Gist motioned to approve and Brandi Mincey second, all were in favor, the minutes were approved.

Auction /Programs update:

- A lot of work went into getting the auction ready, it all came together and a lot of fun to see it work. All the programs chipped in with decorations and all the decorations were made by the students which received a lot of comments. Denise suggested that Kristin start working with her programs to come up with their budget for next year.

Teachers Salary and Compensation Support:

It appears that our teachers are under paid and renegotiations are happening right now. There is a meeting Monday March 14th at the district office to discuss this topic. Parents are encouraged to go to show their support and if you want to speak on the teachers behalf you can, but you need to fill out a form and you will only be given 3 minutes to talk. You can also write a letter to the district to view your opinion.

Financials.

- End of January we closed at about $150,000
- We have about $31,200 in liabilities to go out (CCD & 5th grade Science Camp)
- That leaves us about $118,600 in cash
- Our budget as of 3/7/16:
    - We have received approximately $101,300 out of an expected $125,000
    - We have spent approximately $90,700 of an expected $142,000

Fundraising

- Chef's night out – we currently do not need the money but people like going for the social atmosphere so again the next 2 chef's night out, any money raised will go to the 4th grade fundraising
- Missy is sending an email out to get the 4th graders involved for Chef's night out.
- One of or Parents have donated 150 head phones as a fund raiser. She only wants what she spent on them and any profit HSC makes will either go to 4th grade fundraising or the 5th grade end of year party.

Principal Update

- March Madness is a huge event and all the kids are having a great time participating. Mr Phillips and Mrs Orender really put a lot of time in this and I want to acknowledge that.
- Carlton will have an Assistant Principal Monday, Wednesday and Friday until Mrs Lorona comes back. Her name is Bitsy Stark and she has worked for the district and a few of the schools in the district.
- Teachers are busy getting ready for conferences and trimester awards, March is always a busy month for us

- Our students have surpassed 2000 caught being good tickets, they have earned an extra recess
- Carlton has a twitter account and the teachers tweet about everything all the time
- Tuesday we had some visitors from the County office stop by to check out the school for our red ribbon application. They interviewed some students, teachers and parents and were very impressed so hopefully they will recommend us to receive this award.

Presidents Update

- Marquee – Denise is going to make a final phone call and then get final approval from the district before ordering.
- Ball wall and shade, Mr. Scharer is talking to the district to get this done
- Basket Bingo, the community would prefer more and smaller baskets
- Week of May 23 to 27 is book fair and lunch with a loved one

Teachers Report

Kindergarten

In Kindergarten we continue to focus on informational text and writing. We have studied about Martin Luther King Jr., penguins, groundhogs, Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington. In each study we have read many texts on our topic, taken notes with illustrations and words, and practiced writing complete sentences about our topic! We enjoyed our Art Vistas lesson focusing on prints of animals and we loved making our our Model Magic clay animal! For our 100th day of Kindergarten we celebrated with a 100 buffet, we toured the 100 museum, did a 100 exercise challenge, built with 100 cups and wrote what we could eat 100 of! We celebrated Valentine's day by making a valentine for our family, mailing valentines for our friends while wearing a mail carrier hat, building valentine patterns, exploring in a valentine sensory bucket and taking selfies in the Valentine photo booth! We just finished our author study on Dr. Seuss. We enjoyed the many stories he wrote and made our own rhyming book modeled after his work! We made our own Cat in the Hat hats and painted our faces with a nose and whiskers. Our ABC Cornerstone book this month is The OK Book. We are building positive friendships and self-awareness. In our Kindergarten garden we have been very busy! We harvested snap peas, carrots, lettuce and herbs. We love eating right out of our garden! We love weeding, watering and observing weekly in our garden.

1st Grade

First grade is busy getting ready for our first field trip. On March 23, we are going to Santa Clara University to see Miss Nelson is Missing. We just started our GLAD unit focused on our Reading theme "We Can Work it Out." This week's science focus is bears and bear facts following the story in our reader about a lost bear. We will spend some time next week trying to catch Leprechauns with our leprechaun traps made in small groups in class. We're sure there will be many opportunities to problem solve and work it out while making Leprechaun traps.

2nd Grade

2nd grade has been busy working on biography projects. Students are researching a Very Important Person and become the expert on their VIP! Parents will get to enjoy seeing the completed projects at Open House!

Our classes have been focusing more on informational text. Students have been applying what we have practiced to read and answer questions on informational text. Students are encouraged to use D & C icons, number the paragraphs, as well as highlight/underline important information. Recently, students enjoyed learning about Dr. Seuss' book, Green Eggs and Ham in our latest issue of Scholastic News!

Students recently completed our math unit on Money. While this is a challenging skill, students loved using money manipulatives and skip counting! Now we are moving to learning how to subtract and regroup.

3rd Grade

3rd grade had a fantastic time learning about Famous Americans and reciting a speech at the Wax museum last month. It was a great learning experience for the kids and a fun event for the parents to attend. In class we are working on citing evidence from nonfiction articles and videos to address nonfiction prompts. We are looking forward to starting a new writing genre, Response to Literature, in the next couple of weeks. In math, we've been learning about fractions. The kids are getting excited for our upcoming March madness tournament and we have over 90 kids participating!!

4th Grade

Fourth grade has started learning our California Gold Rush unit. Students are enjoying learning about this thrilling time in history. We are also reading the novel, By the Great Horn Spoon in class. This novel tells the adventures of Jack and Praiseworthy as they head to the gold fields. Last week, 2 of our 4 classes had their Walk Through California Presentations. These classes had a blast dressing up and participating in the interactive educational presentation. This program really makes history come alive for the students. Our other 2 fourth grade classes will have their Walk Through California presentations on Friday, March 18th. Thank you Home and School Club for making this happen! We are also practicing our music recorders in preparation for our upcoming Spring Music Performance in April.

5th Grade

5th grade continues to learn all about the American colonies and the Revolution, and students are preparing for a virtual field trip to Colonial Williamsburg, where students will learn more about the roles of women in the revolutionary war. We are wrapping up our informational writing unit, where students learned how to synthesize information from multiple sources in order to respond to a writing prompt. Students are also working hard to prepare for their next science benchmark next week. We are also having a lot of fun reading tall tales and using depth and complexity icons to analyze the text to find patterns. Next week, Patrick Henry (an historical interpreter from Williamsburg) is coming to speak to all of the fifth graders! Students will also start crafting their own tall tales to display at the open house!

Final Comments

- Yearbooks are on sale – order them now before the price goes from $18 to $25
- A date needs to be set for a beautification day
- Multi Cultural event is schedule April 15th and Geri and Missy are working on that
- Birthday books have been brought up, if we can find a volunteer to coordinate this we can start it up again
- There will be a meeting on April 22nd to discuss time lines and update on the Bond and Measure money
- Home and School Club elections are in May…

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM