Carlton Home & School Club Board Meeting
September 10, 2015 7:05 PM – 8:56 PM Staff Room-Carlton

President: Denise Kranich	Programs Chair: Kristin Gisti	Principal: Lisa Lorona
Vice President:	Community Chair: Missy Romero	Teacher Rep: Sally Borello
Secretary: Deann Boyd	Fundraising Chair: Vacant	
Treasurer: Brandi Mincey		

Present: Denise Kranich, Indhu Jayapal, Christina Oshinsky, Missy Romero, Mary Clinton, Brandi Mincey, Sally Borello, Lisa Lorona, Jen Fosco, Jennifer Watanabe, Maureen Currie, Lara Panish, Mindy Chan, Kristin Gist, Hanish Vaghela and Deann Boyd

The General Meeting was called to order by Denise Kranich **at 7:04 PM.**

Introductions
- Denise told the new parents what to expect from the meeting
- Everyone introduced themselves and shared their position and what grade their child/ren were in.

What's working:
- Jen Fosco mentioned the increased communication by the HSC since Denise has taken over to years ago.
- Transition back to school,
- Back to School night was a success. the teachers did a great job with their classroom and the routine of the students just came so easily
- Lots of new fun posts and updates on twitter. And folks are following us on Facebook also.

Budget Summary for 2015 – 2016 school year:
- We closed June with $110,413.24. We have $12,405.34 in liabilities leaving $98,008 in cash.
- Increase in recess 101
- Teachers allocation went up to 25.00 per student from $20.
- Programs also had a slight increase in prices
- There was a discussion over the budget, what rolled over from last year, CHSC encouraged feedback as to how spend excess funds. Talked about putting in a grant system and having money available for line items that fall in these categories.
- As a line item in the budget, the kindergarten garden budget of $600 somehow was missing, so Brandi will amend the budget to reflect the appropriate amount.
- A grant discussion was proposed to pay for misc items throughout the year
- The grant lie item was proposed for and amount of $20,000
- (grants would be discussed at HSC meeting and would be proposed to the board, some items might be paint for the ball walls, a new marquee, water system for staff, a new shed)

Denise called for a motion to approve the amended budget to include the $20,000 grant: Maureen Currie motioned and Brandi Mincey second the motion, all were in favor, no opposed. The 2015 – 2016 Home and School Club budget has been approved by all membership in attendance as well as all board members. Denise Kranich, Indhu Jayapal, Christina Oshinsky, Missy Romero, Mary Clinton, Brandi Mincey, Sally Borello, Lisa Lorona, Jen Fosco, Jennifer Watanabe, Maureen Currie, Lara Panish, Mindy Chan, Kristin Gist, Hanish Vaghela and Deann Boyd

This portion of the general meeting has been adjourned at 7:56.

The board meeting is being called to order by Denise at 7:57.

August minutes will be put aside until next meeting for the Board to approve

Walk & Roll update:
- Trying to get kids to walk or bike every day, but mainly Wednesdays.
- Bike Rodeo is 10/9 for 4th graders which would be a great end to the International Walk & Bike to School week.
- This teaches kids traffic safety education

Community Update
- Teacher treats went well, the loved it

- Boo hoo breakfast was good, they were short on donuts
- Chefs night out 9/23 at Round Table and 10/14 Chipolte
- Fall book fair will be the week of October 13 ending the 17th to coincide with the Walk-a-thon
- Lunch with a loved one is scheduled for October 15th
- Room parent meeting is in the process of being scheduled with a tentative date of September 14th

Walk-a-Thon

- Kick-off assembly is planned for September 23rd
- Trying to get the top earners from last year to participate in the assembly
- Everyone is excited about the theme
- Need more sponsors
- Will need a lot of volunteers

CCD Update

- 82% of the forms have been returned

Principal Report

- Facility update- the leaky roof was repaired over the summer along with the asphalt being repaved
- Infrastructure for technology is happening, new TVs in all the classrooms
- Next summer the school will be repainted
- Lab to go in next summer as well, the media center will be expanded
- Patti Montezori is the Librarian and now the Technology Specialist
- School wide goals, project GLAD, 3 new teachers will be trained.
- DS Icons will be pushed to help kids think things through
- Tech Integration – site based leaders to help staff/students learn, focusing on digital citizenship
- Looking forward to programs starting
- Parent/teacher conferences are earlier this year so any improvements can be made before report cards get sent out
- Implemented PAWS – encouraging good behavior which the kids can earn rewards
- There is a math pilot program for two 4th grade classes and one 3rd grade

Presidents Update

- Expenses, we covered
- Measure B will be on the next ballot in November, help is needed to make calls
- Denise and Brandi went to the staff meeting to discuss the budget and how to tighten up communication between teacher/room parent/ HSC
- What is included in the Thursday envelope not all teachers get to see all the flyers
- HSC now has a twitter account, follow it and Carlton
- Is anyone available to help research a water hydration system- Jenn Fosco Volunteered and will get back to as as soon as possible with either a temporary solution or details about a long term fix.
- Let's try to schedule a beautification day. Parents come in to pick up trash, paint, make small repairs, help teachers out. Etc.

Teachers Report

Kindergarten has been busy learning how to be a Carlton Cougar! We are learning routines, playground rules and classroom rules. We are making new friends, singing new songs and are engaged in our kindergarten curriculum. We have started working in the garden and recording our findings in our Science Journals. We have had our first visit from Los Gatos Bird Watchers and made our own bird feeders to take home. We had our first visit from Miss Deb at Sulfur Creek and taught us about a Box Turtle, a Hamster, a Toad and a Guinea Pig! What a wonderful start to our year!

First Grade is moving right along! We finished our review of color words. We are really enjoying the apple TV, ipad set-ups in our classrooms and are looking forward to three more ipad carts. We have had our new technology TOSA Nicole Dalesio visit our rooms and teach our students using ipads and photo editing.

We are excited to start our Bobcat Reading groups in few weeks!

Second grade students have spent the first few weeks of school participating in "Getting To Know You" activities, learning classroom rules and routines, and taking tours to learn about the school wide discipline plan, PAWS.

Students heard the story, My Head Is Full Of Colors and created self-portraits along with pictures of things that are of interest to them. These were displayed in classrooms for parents to enjoy at Back To School Night. Parents also heard about the year's curriculum and wrote a note to their student as a surprise for them read the next morning.

Language arts, math, social studies, and science curriculum have begun. Technology integration and peer collaboration continue to be a focus in second grade classrooms. Second grade teachers are excited about Megan Powell joining the team.

Teachers are assessing students and creating RTI groups. RTI groups will begin September 14th. We are all looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Third grade is busy planning an exciting year! We are starting to utilize design challenges in our classrooms, such as the Marshmallow Task and the Oreo Challenge. We are also starting different literature units and are using our depth and complexity icons to dig deeper in our reading. Our math studies are going very well and we are using technology daily within the curriculum to extend and assess our learning. The students are really enjoying learning cursive!

Fourth grade has had a great start to our year. We are excited to use all of our technology in the classroom. We are exploring on our chrome books and learning several new applications. In reading we have already read 3 stories and are looking forward to our reading group rotations that begin on September 21st.

In social studies we have reviewed the geography terms related to our globe and now are learning about the four regions of California. We have also begun our first science and digital citizenship rotations for the year. We started P.E this week, and are excited to start music next week.

Two of our 4th grade teachers are piloting new common core math programs called Eureka Math and Go Math for the district. The other two teachers are piloting the new common core program Envision and using the E-textbook through PearsonRealize.

Thanks to all of the parents for our bounty of supplies at the beginning of the year, as well!

The Fourth Grade Team

Fifth grade is off to a great start to the school year. Students are learning about the geography of the world and the United States. In math, students are learning about place value and adding and subtracting decimals. We are also starting our second story, Fear Place, where students are practicing prediction and making inferences. We love using technology like Google Docs and blogging for writing. The students are working on a narrative about becoming pirates.

Programs Update

- Clay and Art Vista waiting for volunteers, other than that everyone is up to date
- Merchandise - orders are coming in and the flyer is going on the website
- Still need someone for Birthday Books

Any questions/comments?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56