Carlton Home and School Club Meeting
October 19, 2016, 8:35 am

Present:

President: Denise Kranich, Vice President Nicole Cione-Baker, Treasurer: Brandi Mincey, Programs Chair: Maki Hirata, Community Co-chairs: Missy Romero and Kulwinder Sandhu, Secretary: Sarah Tiglao
Principal: Lisa Lorona
Community Members: Rachel Zanger, Katie Currie, Mareen Currie, Laura Beltran, Alison McClellan, Euli Oh, Rhonda Marmorat, Vanessa Michaelsen, Stacy Connolly, Jennifer Watanabe, Lara Panish

Meeting called to order by Denise Kranich at 8:35 am

All present introduced themselves.

What's Working?

- Walk-a-Thon was amazing fundraiser and community event
- Hospitality Committee organized "picnic with pals" to happen during "lunch with a loved one" so no children felt left out during the special picnic lunch. Committee members set up blankets and a sign. Children, teachers, some parents, and the principal ate lunch in this special area.
- Running and Garden Club are going wonderfully. Garden Club has fun activities every Tuesday incorporating science standards.
- STEAM lab is great
- Merchandise sales have been great – tons of variety in items available

Sept Minutes: Brandi Mincey moved to vote in minutes from the September meeting. The motion was approved.

Walk-a-Thon update:
Thank you for coming out and supporting the walk-a-thon. We had a really good turnout despite the bad weather. About 69% of students participated. Walk-a-thon committee is still working to increase participation and funds. People who weren't able to attend can buy t-shirts for their kids to wear.

Ticket sales were down about $1000 from last year, which is a reflection of the fact that there were fewer people present.

Pledges are currently at $55,000. Our goal is $75,000 and we are still hoping to reach it. There are some pledges that haven't yet been collected. With those and matching donations that have not yet come in, we think we have about $65,000.

Why the decrease in donations? Past years we've met goal on the Monday following the walk-a-thon even without the missing pledges and matching donations. The weather was a big factor. Also, we changed the online payment method, so people could no longer see their total amounts pledged. It may also reflect a cultural shift with more people having other commitments on Saturdays.

Denise Kranich said that she had met with Home and School Club representatives from 3 other schools and that all of them were down about 15%. As an organization, we ebb and flow – sometimes more volunteers, other times more donations. Also, people may have donated less because they are aware that CHSC has a surplus.

The day of the walk-a-thon was very successful despite challenges. We owe a huge thank you to the middle school students who volunteered. We could not have set up without them. We needed more adult volunteers. Union students will be getting thanks from their principal for their role.

Nicole Baker suggested the decrease may also have been the result of fewer communications coming home about the walk-a-thon and the fact that the teachers didn't do that much to push it with the kids. In future, we will attempt to have more communication to the community about what the funds go to and that these are needs.

Walk & Roll: Volunteers are out every Wednesday morning scanning kids cards to record whether they walked, came on bike, etc. If students arrive after the first bell, parent can go into office to record how their child got to school.

Book fair: Just happened the week before the meeting. We usually take a scholastic credit in the fall and cash in the spring. Scholastic credits let us buy things besides books.

Financials Report: Treasurer Brandi Mincey: Walk-a-Thon is not reflected in the financial reports since it just happened. The bulk of the year's income is yet to come. We've spent $58,535.94 so far this year. This is why the cushion is necessary – so that we have money to run operations and pay for programs before the bulk of the income comes. We currently have $140,936.30 cash in the account. So far we have issued checks for PE, school supplies, music, teacher allocations, assemblies.

Music Program: There are concerns about the music program, provided by the California School of Music and Art (CSMA), this year. The teacher hasn't been here much, which means the kids aren't getting the music we are paying for.

Principal Lorona explained that the teacher who had originally been hired by CSMA to provide music at Carlton quit three days before school, so we currently have a substitute. CSMA is actively looking for a qualified teacher to replace the substitute in the winter. Ms. Lorona is looking into alternate programs because this is unacceptable.

One possible program is Starting Arts, which is a well-known program right in our area and is currently being used at Guadalupe. They have back up teachers, so the students don't lose out if a teacher gets sick or quits. The program is about $10,000 more per year for the same amount of music class. Starting Arts could get a teacher at Carlton by January.

Ms. Lorona is working with Union School District to find out if Carlton can get out of the contract with CSMA. We currently pay $27,000 for CSMA to provide 24 weeks of music (although the check has been written for this year, it has not yet been delivered). According to the quote provided to Ms. Lorona, Starting Arts could provide 24 weeks of music for all Carlton students for $36,960. (16 weeks would be $24,640.)

Chefs Night Out Fundraising: Jenn Michaelsen has volunteered to be the lead on this. At a later date, we will decide where we want those funds to go. Past years they have gone towards 4th grade fundraising (for science camp and end-of-year party the following year).

Committee Updates:

Finance committee: Treasurer Brandi Mincey will reach out soon.

Ms. Chia, our STEAM TOSA would like someone in our community to reach out to big companies to donate certain items that they throw away, retractable badge holders, etc. She has a wish list. We need a volunteer to write these letters to join finance committee. (See her wish list at the end of this document.)

4th grade fundraising – Meeting for fourth grade families to be held Thursday, November 17th at 8:30 am in the teachers' lounge. This will be the time to plan how to raise the money needed for next year's fifth graders' science camp and year-end party.

Auction Committee: Stacy Connolly is chairing the auction committee – The auction will be held Saturday March 25, 2017 at Toll House Hotel, 5pm-11pm (or within those hours). Toll House Hotel is waiving the venue fee. The rental/setup fee includes tables, chairs, linens, china, glassware, standard service staff, setup, breakdown, 15x15 ft. dance floor (indoors) as well as complementary onsite parking for event guests. Spaces to be used are Foyer, Captiola Room, Courtyard & Ballroom.

They have hosted the Blossom Hill Elementary and Lakeside Elementary auctions so they are aware of the setups and can provide recommendations/assistance.

Funding Special Requests: All requests that have come in thus far have been approved by the board. These are:

- Resource teachers – requested a commercial shredder, in order to dispose of confidential papers. It will be to kept in the copy room so it will available to the whole school. It cost $172.
- Mr. Phillips – new pinnies for March Madness
- Ms. Labarbara – new rainbow rug

Cornerstone Buddy Benches: Funds have been allocated to build buddy benches, to provide a place to sit if you're feeling alone, so that new friends can find you. We need a volunteer to build these because money from last year's budget was allocated to pay for building supplies.

Principal's report:

Walk-a-Thon was great. Staff is still working on implementing the new math program, Eureka math. Principal had a coffee explaining what the program is about and talking about why we are shifting to this. We had a student presentation with 3rd, 4th, and 5th Teachers are still getting professional development.

Garden Club, Running Club, Maker Space Mondays (2&3) Tinker Thurs (4&5), Mouse Squad (who can be ITs), Recess Coaches, Expect Respect with project cornerstone – action plan what they want to do to support shcodo,

STEAM going strong

Walk & Roll is going well – forms available for parent to report if child arrives after 8:10 because they don't scan after that so that kids don't wind up late to class

Bike Rodeo – Nov 2nd for fourth grade 8:30-10:30

5 NO Homework Nights (Nov 16th) – it is getting a positive response

Teacher Reports:

Kindergarten loves to celebrate Fall! We completed a GLAD unit of study on the season of Autumn, ending with a Fall science day. At our Fall science day we picked out a pumpkin from a "pumpkin patch" to decorate, observed gourds with real magnifying glasses, did leaf rubbings, raked lots of leaves and we worked with Mrs. Chia. Mrs. Chia, helped us build ramps of different heights to roll 3 different pumpkins (bumpy, small, medium) down, some pumpkins rolled really far! We learned all about fire safety on safety day and loved our visit from Fire Station #9, it was so fun climbing into the truck! We are working on beginning writing skills, letter sounds and enjoying lots of fiction and informational books. In math we started our new unit on 2-D and

3-D shapes. Our first Art Vistas project was a success, building trains with shapes. We are busy meeting with our big buddies, growing in our friendships and discovering with our hands-on learning!

First grade's G.L.A.D. theme this week is "Parts of Plant" to go along with H.M.'s story, Pearl's First Prize Plant. Students are drawing and labeling parts of a plant as well as the needs of a plant both in cooperative groups and individually. The students have had their second S.T.E.A.M. Lab with Mrs. Chia and are learning to work together, be creative and rebuild to make their structure stronger. The students are loving the hands on experience! We had a blast making a splash at the Walkathon!

2nd grade has been busy learning about bundling hundreds, tens and ones to deepen their understanding of place value. Students are taking their Module 3 mid-module assessment this week as well. Students have been digging deeper into fiction as well as informational text using Scholastic News with our Depth and Complexity icons. Students have been practicing Personal Narrative writing and focusing on using a topic sentence, details, and a conclusion sentence. They are all looking forward to the Halloween parade!

Third grade completed some very descriptive and spooky mystery book reports. In math, the third graders are working on measurement; time, grams, and liters/milliliters. We had a fabulous time on our Hidden Villa Farm field trip and all students met their three goals to; try something new, take care, and have fun. The Farm ties in with our science curriculum and the students get to apply their knowledge in the real world context.

Fourth grade continues to be very busy with all the programs and academics in full swing. Students are enjoying their first novel in reading groups and are getting used to the new reading schedule. The new math curriculum is getting a little easier and students are enjoying the accompanying online component (Zearn). Most classes have had their first Art Vistas and/or Clay lesson and projects and are looking forward to some new books in Project Cornerstone. Walkathon was a huge success and was great seeing students there; can't wait for our Lunch with the Teachers raffle winners (we are working on coming up with a date)

5th grade is finishing up our unit on creative narratives. Next week the students are looking forward to writing a spooky story for Halloween, where they will focus on using descriptive details in their writing. In social studies we are beginning to study European exploration. Mrs Chia will work with all of the classes to use coding to design an explorer's flag. All classes has been enjoying coding lessons with Mrs. Chia. Last week they developed a program to animate their names.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am

STEAM Supplies Donation List

In addition to providing Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics Lessons in the classroom and afterschool, Carlton STEAM is also holding Makerspace Clubs during lunch for students to tinker, invent, and explore with Maker materials!

Thank you for your interest in donating your unneeded company supplies to our developing STEAM Program! If you / your company has any of the following items (in bulk is great) that you no longer need and would like to donate, please send them to school to be delivered to the STEAM Lab – Room 25.

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Chia: chiak@unionsd.org

**** YES! We will take items that still have company logos on them!!**
Thank you!

- Retractable Company Badge
- Reels/Clips
- Copper Foil Tape
- Solid Core Wire (22 AWG)
- Plastic Badge holders and lanyards
- Leather Work Gloves
- Vinyl Gloves (Latex Free)
- Science Lab Coats – (Small size)
- Safety Glasses
- Coin Batteries (CR2032)
- Button Batteries
- 9V Alkaline Batteries
- Legos (any/all shapes)
- Aprons (small size)
- Paper Bags (lunch size/grocery size)
- ... And more! *If you have any other "STEAM" like materials that you think we could use in our Makerspace, please contact Mrs. Chia directly (It never hurts to ask before throwing them out)!