Carlton Home and School Club Meeting
November 16, 2016, 7:06 pm

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: Vicki Wooledge, Gwen Fox, Megan Powell, Paula Stokes, Hannah Grant, Jennifer Watanabe, Lara Panish, Gerilyn Serauskis

Meeting called to order by Denise Kranich at 7:06 pm

What's Working?

- Walk-a-thon was such a great event for the community
- We have a wonderful community of parents who help each other out when parents are running late, etc.
- Thank you to staff and teachers for your tremendous effort to make Halloween special for kids!
- ABC readers – great communication with yard duties, teachers, recess coach, etc. Cornerstone language is going great – effecting communication throughout the school!
- Safe routes – walk & roll a wonderful program by committed volunteers
- Thorough meeting minutes

October Minutes – Missy Romero moved to vote in minutes from the October meeting. The motion was approved.

Walk-a-Thon update

- Post-walk-a-thon assemblies to be held Nov 30 (slideshow & awards)
- Despite deadline having already passed, donations continue to trickle in.
- We still have pledge prizes, trophies and class parties to purchase but we've estimated those costs for reporting purposes.
- We have received over $62K in pledges and have confirmed an additional $10K in company matching donations to put our pledge total at $72,245 which is $2,755 short of our pledge goal.
- Revenues for the event totaled $89,610, a decrease of over $8K from last year. Sponsor income, pledges and ticket sales were all lower than last year.
- Reasons for the decrease:
    - Day of participation was lower than last year which could contribute to fewer pledges and less tickets sold for food and activities; weather may have been a contributing factor in keeping families away
    - Fewer sponsors (10 vs 7 company, 26 vs 20 family)

    - Fewer donations were matched (79 vs 70) contributing to a decrease in company matching donations by approximately $3,500
    - Community is more informed of the HSC's financial position and choosing to spend their donation dollars elsewhere
- Expenses totaled $11,528 which is consistent with overall expenses last year. However, expense increases in some areas were offset by decreases in other areas:
    - Increases:
        - $705 increase in t-shirt cost due to adding an extra color
        - $524 increase in snack booth and other booth supplies that were purchased rather than donated via the classrooms
        - $144 increase in custodian fees due to overtime that has previously been covered by admin staff
    - Decreases:
        - $540 decrease in pledge site fees due to not using a pledge site
        - $404 decrease in pledge and mile prizes due to decrease in pledges and participation
        - $306 decrease in credit card processing fees due to fewer online pledges
- Looking to next year:
    - We would like for the teachers to promote the event more in the classroom; get the kids excited about WAT so they're talking about it at home.
    - Over 12% ($9,100) of our pledge total was donated by one family. Our pledge total and overall budget should be adjusted downward to reflect that this was most likely a one-time donation.

Book Fair update: The book fair was very successful and we raised more than we expected to and have received a reading certificate from Scholastic. Made almost 10% more than in past years. This is probably partly because we had a really great set up this year.

- Thank you Kulwinder for the brillian picnic with pals idea. It was so appreciated!

Room Parent update: Still figuring out best way to communicate with them. We are working on coming up with a better system. It seems to work best when messages come directly from a real parent.

- Teachers love the crock pot soups, etc. in addition to sweet treats, and some are gluten free
- Brandi will add a tab for room parents to the website, where parents can get ideas for teacher treat days

Survey plan

- Nicole Cione-Baker: communication and feedback are important. We are going to do another survey to reevaluate our communication and

fundraising, etc. People really appreciated the last survey and we feel it allows CHSC to better meet the needs of the community.
- We will include a box for anonymous comments, so people can speak about any other concerns, etc.
- We will use the information gathered to guide us for the future – what's going on with our community? What do people want? In terms of fundraising / time? Etc.
- We want to hear from everybody

Financial Update
- We have $176, 619.27 in the bank.
- $4,780.10 is earmarked for 5th Grade Science Camp, $30,124.06 for CCD (field trips and grade level needs), and $9,020.00 for Yearbooks, which leaves $132,695.11 in the general fund.
- So far this fiscal year, we have received $66,668.20 income, which leaves $44,641.80 yet to come reach our budgeted expected income.
- So far, we have spent $63,737.97, leaving $126,982.03 in expected expenses for the rest of the year.

Chef's Night Out Update: Last year we used it for fourth grade fundraising because we had a sudden need, but this year fourth grade parents should probably head up fourth grade fundraising since the funds will specifically benefit only children in that grade.

There are going to be 3 different Chipotle nights, which is great because they give us 50% back!!

Committee Updates
- Finance Committee – Brandi emailed volunteers, but received no response

- 4th grade fundraising – meeting November 17 at 8:30 am to have a dialog about the ideas and move forward with ideas (movie night, sell cocoa and cookies, rummage sale). Already lots of great ideas, now we need to see who can actually move them along and make them happen. All funds have to be evenly distributed to all the classes.

- Auction – The auction is going to have James Bond/Casino Royale type theme. One idea proposed by the Auction team (who weren't able to attend this meeting) is to incorporate a casino night as part of the auction, with gambling proceeds going to CHSC. Logistically it would be able to work. The only concern is how to do it legally. The district is fine with us doing it because the liability falls on CHSC. Need to gather information regarding what those risks would be. We would need to get a one-night license to host a casino night. Principal Lorona said that another school in our county has done it.

Funding Proposals – No new special projects requests have come in. There is still money available if there are needs.

Playground Update

- Blue & White Structure
    - zip line is very high and students have had a number of injuries. We are looking into lowering the bracket and also possibly adding a platform. There is a strong desire in the community to see this get fixed. Unfortunately, modifying play structures involves a lot of red tape. Luckily, a possible solution has been found by parent Jenn Fosco. We could move the zip line lower and it would still be within the regulations. Lowering it would reduce the risk of severe injury. This seems to be a quick and easy solution. Jenn will provide maintenance with the specific height and maintenance can lower it.
- Red & White structure: On the apparatus where students can jump, there is a rubber piece lifting and exposing metal. Union School District has found a vendor selling what we need repair it. It will be here and installed within four weeks. For the interim strong tape will be applied each day.

Principal's report:

- We have a lot of donation drives coming up in December: warm coats, canned foods, toys for tots.
- Principal Lorona has applied for the Cornerstone Caring School award. This is a very competitive award, but we got good feedback on our application last year.
- Music – According to a survey of staff, people are divided on whether to stay with CSMA or switch to a new program. Teachers, like parents, want to see a consistent program in place for the students. Currently, we used CSMA. This fall we have had a well-liked long-term substitute teacher, but he is moving in the winter. CSMA has not yet found a replacement. CHSC gives money to the school for music and the school chooses the program.
    - The cons of possibly switching to Starting Arts in January:
        - Schedules that are already set in our school may have to be changed to accommodate the schedule of the music teacher.
        - Starting Arts focuses mostly on singing and songs and does not usually use instruments. (Our school owns instruments, which we want to use in music for our students.)
        - The cost for Starting Arts is about $10,000 more for the same amount of music instruction.
    - Pros of Starting Arts:
        - Starting Arts has people to back up in case of the teacher getting sick.
        - They are based locally.

It was decided that we will stick with CSMA for the rest of the year, but hold them to high expectations and continue to investigate alternatives.

Teacher Reports (in their own words):

- In Kindergarten we loving all our hands on learning activities! We finished our math Eureka topic on 2-D and 3-D shapes. In our steam lab, with Mrs. Chia, we made real kaleidoscopes using flat 2-d shapes! We enjoyed a visit from Trader Joes all about the topic of apples and healthy living. We tasted different healthy foods and practiced exercising. We LOVED our spooktacular Halloween celebration and parade! We enjoyed our visit from Sulpur Creek Nature Center with live animals! We love learning about animals and their adaptations to the different seasons and environments. In Language Arts we are focusing on story elements (characters, setting and events). Using GLAD strategies we are mapping out the story elements for the story Turkey Trouble. We are thankful for our busy days in Kindergarten preparing for our Thanksgiving Feast. We are studying about Pilgrims and Native Americans using GLAD strategies. We are making papooses, sewing, making necklaces, cradelboards, headbands and more!

- First grade is in our regular routine. We are enjoying having an ipad for every student. We are using lots of new programs and sending work home electronically through seesaw. We have started big buddies and some of us are having combined our groups to have STEAM lessons with Mrs. Chia. We really enjoyed our Halloween celebrations and parade. We enjoyed meeting with parent for parent teacher conferences.

- Second grade has many exciting things happening and to look forward to! In trimester 2, we have begun our informational writing. We also have begun our Family History Project, where students can learn more about their heritage and share with each other. In December, they will get to have an international luncheon and bring a food to share from their culture. We are continuing Module 4 in math and learning all about adding and subtracting within 100. Second looks forward to all the winter themes coming up after the Thanksgiving break!

- Third grade has been very busy! We have wrapped up our narrative writing unit and are moving into informative writing. Students are learning how to read non-fiction articles and write paragraphs detailing what the topic was about. We have started our next big project in class, our Family Treasure Project, which celebrates and honors different family traditions, cultures and treasures. This project aligns with what we are learning in RTI. Students will be creating their own Google Slides presentations which describes their own family treasure. Third grade has also decided to participate in the "Hour of Code," a nation-wide initiative to increase child interest in coding. We have given students access to a hyperdoc, via our own Google Classroom accounts,

where they will pick an activity that interests them and spend an hour learning how to code. While we are looking forward to our Thanksgiving break, we are keeping very busy creating and participating in new lessons to increase student achievement.

- In 4th grade, we are learning about explorers. The kids are creating a comic strip about an explorer they researched using "Storyboard That!" on their Chromebooks. In math, the Zearn subscription is helping reinforce and engage the students in Eureka math. We are loving all the resources we learned about during the teacher inservice most recently. The kids loved the Bike Rodeo and learned some great safety tips!

- 5th – Learning about the pilgrims of Plymouth, 3 parts of government, constitution, balance of power. We are starting fractions, field trip, switch to new science unit, lots of fun with art vistas, steam lab: makey makeys, starting to prepare for American revolution walk-thru, science camp!

- Thank you for all the supplies and programs you make possible for our students!

We are starting to think about the **Nominating Committee** to nominate members of next year's CHSC board. We are starting to look for volunteers to be part of this committee.

Next meeting will be Dec 14, at 8:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.