Carlton Home and School Club Meeting
December 14, 2016, 8:34 am

Present:

President: Denise Kranich, Vice President Nicole Cione-Baker, Treasurer: Brandi Mincey, Programs Chair:, Community Co-chairs: Kulwinder Sandhu, Secretary: Sarah Tiglao
Principal: Lisa Lorona, STEAM TOSA: Kristy Chia
Community Members: Paula Stokes, Gaby Ondrasek, Maureen Currie, Lara Panish, Rama Nemani, Stacy Connolly, Katie Currie

Regrets: Maki Hirata, Missy Romero

Meeting called to order by Denise Kranich at 8:34 am

What's Working?

- Surveys have been providing a great chance for community involvement and feedback.
- Remind communication is good.
- Ms. Chia's Maker Monday – growing and feedback is positive
- 2 Carlton students made it to the Union School District young authors event.

November Minutes – all present approved the minutes

Auction Update:

- For the Casino theme, we have to have a company in place. The auction team will be applying for the permit 90 days prior to the event.
- There will be nonprofit pricing for the Casino theme: $200/table
- Auction committee has found a volunteer to be in charge of finances: Bill Michaelsen. He is working to find ways to have an efficient process for checking in/out
- They have already created a Facebook page for the events, but will start increasing communication in January in order to start selling tickets.
- Auction Committee will need volunteers. They will put out requests for head volunteers in late Jan and hope to find them by February.
- A link will be added to the CHSC website.

Walk-A-Thon Update:

- The final assembly was held at end of November with a great slideshow of pictures from the day of.
- A class party will be held for Ms. Hadley's class in Jan to celebrate the fact that they had the largest number of students participate.
- We continue to have matching donations come in. We expect to end up at $79,000 brought in, which is a huge relief since numbers initially looked low.

Parent Leadership Council:

- Updates from district on construction: Maker space construction is starting now at all schools except for Carlton and 2 others. Construction will start here once a necessary fire hydrant is built. The district anticipates that the make space will still be completed on time in April or May.
- Lots of updating will be happening this summer: paint, hooks, etc
- We are submitting photos of parts of campus that have problems with large rain puddles forming for the district to fix.

Financial Update

- "Chef Nights Out" numbers appear to be down (Chipotle brought in about $525 less than expected). We're received feedback that people are concerned about long lines at restaurants.
- We currently have $192,260.91 in the bank, with $150,258.14 slated to the general fund
- Budgeted expenses that have not yet gone out include, PE, building a shade structure, music, and some teacher allocations

Shade Update

- No update on shade, but concerns were raised about the way building solar panels over the parking lot would impact houses across from the school. Would these block the beautiful mountain view?

Playground Repairs Update:

- A simple solution has been found to deal with the problematic zip line. There is a work order in place to lower the bracket. The work will be completed soon!
- The piece for bouncy platform has been ordered.
- We have received feedback that people are concerned about the paint peeling on school buildings. The district has told us they plan to paint it this summer.

Survey: The deadline was the day of the meeting at noon.

- This provides an opportunity for community members to anonymously weigh in on fundraising, volunteering, and communication.
- People are really liking the opportunity to provide anonymous feedback and an early look at the responses that have come in so far look like they are constructive.

Special project request:

- Ms. Chia requested $653.88 to start a robotics program for our students with the Osmo coding system.
- Originally we gave her $1000, which is actually quite low for a new STEAM teacher (most in the district received $2000 allocations).
- Her request for funds to purchase 6 units was unanimously approved.
- We still have plenty of money for special project requests.

Teacher reports:
Kindergarten has been in full swing for the holidays! We worked on our special burlap handprint trees, a Kindergarten holiday tradition for years! We made and sewed our own stockings and hats. We are learning new poems and songs for the holidays. We made gingerbread houses with our big buddies. We worked at our Santa's Workshop, making and wrapping gifts for our family. In math we focused on measuring with non standard units and weighing holiday objects with a double scale. In Language Arts we focused on story elements (characters, setting and events). We read many different gingerbread men stories and compared the adventures of the main character in group discussions. We made our own gingerbread character puppets and setting to retell our own version of the story. In Art Vistas we enjoyed drawing and coloring our horses. In STEAM Lab with Mrs. Chia we made catapults to launch holiday candy and foil boats like the Mayflower. We love being engineers! In Science we are working on our 5 senses. We are busy little Kinder elves!

First grade is having so much fun with our holiday rotations. Each teacher is teaching a holiday tradition from a different country. The children are being exposed to many fun celebrations and traditions. We are preparing for our Family Feast for Wednesday afternoon and a field trip on Thursday! The children are over the moon about the upcoming holiday and vacation and we are enjoying their energy and excitement!
We're also squeezing in reading, writing, math, social studies and PE!

Second:
Second grade has had a wonderful time celebrating our cultures with our Family History Projects. We are having fun learning and sharing about each other and ourselves. Our daily math lessons include practice with learning how to add and subtract 2-digit numbers. We are supporting the student's learning of math concepts with module lesson videos and Zearn. The second grade team is also enriching the students' learning with center rotations where they get do to art, reading skills, p.e., science and more! We look forward to our Sing-a-Long show for our families that we have been working hard on and the second grade International Luncheon. Second grade would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped us this first part of the year!

Third Grade is now starting to present their Family Treasure Google slides in class. Our students have also completed Hour of Code. Students were excited to learn how to code and stepped up to the challenge. This week all students are completing holiday/winter art projects with each of the teachers. We are all looking forward to Winter Break to spend time with our families.

Fourth:
4th graders started working on their mission projects! We are excited to create a digital mission magazine this year with our findings.

The kids are learning so much from Project Cornerstone and applying the strategies in the classroom. In math, we are taking full use of the online subscriptions to enhance the curriculum- Zearn and IXL! Thank you for these additional resources!

5th grade is getting ready for Walk Through The American Revolution in January. The kids are busy memorizing their roles and practicing skits. We participated in Hour of Code last week, and we look forward to more coding lessons with Mrs. Chia in January. In math we are finishing our unit on adding and subtracting fractions. We are studying the early colonies in social studies, and in writing began our unit on informative writing. We are enjoying participating in some holiday activities this week with our little buddies!

STEAM: Classroom STEAM Lab visits, Buddy STEAM projects, Makerspace and Tinker Clubs at lunch, and after school Coding Clubs continue to provide an exciting way to experience STEAM at Carlton! Also, students had the opportunity to participate in the "Hour of Code" last week! We joined over 100 million students in over 180 countries for one hour during the week of December 5-11! Hour of Code is an exciting way to introduce students to Computer Science! For more information and photos of STEAM happenings, check out the Carlton STEAM Website: http://tinyurl.com/CarltonSTEAM

Smart Start – Jan 3rd

- The entire Union School District is participating in something called "Smart Start" on the first day back from school after winter break. The idea is for the first day to be a day of building relationships with other students and the greater community.
- Principal Lorona and STEAM TOSA Chia presented their plan for Carlton and requested funds.
- Because our school is turning 60, they plan to integrate a celebration of the school's birthday with steam activities
- In the afternoon students will be mixed up in different multi-grade groups and assigned to different teachers. In their new classes, children will work together to build model birthday cakes. They will see a slideshow on the school's history. There will a vote on the best model birthday cake. Finally, there will be a root beer float stand where students will each get a root beer float (a treat from the 50s when our school was founded).
- They explained that they would need money to buy the ice cream and root beer. There would be no problem providing the money, but a special request form will need to be filled out.
- Board and community members expressed some concerns about the plan:
    - There were concerns about the great number of parent volunteers that would be needed to dish out root beer floats on the first day back after break.
    - There were also concerns about what would be done about students with allergies.

    - People also expressed that they hope this will not be the only celebration of the school's 60th birthday.

Nominating Committee:

- We should start to get people to come in January to shadow the people holding positions who will not be returning next year.
- Board members need to decide if they will be running for their same positions next year. President Denise Kranich will announce that she does not plan to run again for President in January.
- We should start the nominating committee communications in late January.

Merchandise Sales:

- Mary is doing fantastic job with the merchandise. People love the new items available. She puts so much great work in!
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4th grade funraising:

- We ha initially been under the impression that all fundraising had to go to benefit the entire fourth grade class, but we have learned that this may not be the case and are trying to find out more.
- The first cocoa and cookies raised $226 for the fourth grade.

Notes:
Jan 3rd is family night – no homework night

The meeting was adjourned at 10am.