

## Center Street PTO Minutes

November 1, 2023

Mrs. Sotero shared the following in her Principal's report.

Mrs. Sotero shared that October was such a dynamic month. We had the most participation in our pink and white Breast Cancer Awareness Day. A special thank you to Theresa Butler for putting together yet, another fantastic display in our lobby. This year, it was dedicated to Amy Rial, who lost her battle with breast cancer this year. Mrs. Sotero scheduled the Mammogram Mobile to come to CS and park in our parking lot on Friday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Parent / Teacher Conference Day in hopes that many will take advantage of this opportunity to a screening. The Pre-K students enjoyed a wonderful day picking pumpkins right outside of our building near our butterfly garden. There was cider and donuts for the children to enjoy along with so many fun, pumpkin learning activities. Thank you to our PTO for purchasing the little pumpkins for our students. CS held our Fire Safety Assembly with our Horseheads Fire Dept. Each year, volunteer firemen from our fire department share the safety points to students. Our student council, Pint Size Heroes held their officer elections and partnered with the American Red Cross to hold their first blood drive. 16 units of blood were collected. We had our first free haircuts given by our BOCES Students under the direction of Mrs. Sheahan. Almost 30 students enjoyed a free haircut at the CS Salon. Our Unity Day was spectacular this year under the direction of Kelly Bennett and Sue Scibek, our social workers focusing once again on not bullying and how to appropriately handle conflicts. We have 2 top spellers in grades 3 and 4, Jacob Tabamo and Zara Carlson moving on to compete in the regional spelling bee in March. We had the most fantastic day of weather and so much fun this year as our students and staff went all out with their fun costumes. We are gearing up for our upcoming Variety Show and our Veterans Day celebration.

The Treasure's report was shared.

Old Business:

The Make a Difference Day went wonderfully, and CS lead the making of cut and tie blankets for the local animal shelters. The students and families made 25 blankets in just one hour. Hopefully, we can make double that amount next year. The PTOs did not need to donate towards the refreshments as a grant helped with these purchases.

Our Fall Clothing Sale ended on October 27<sup>th</sup>. We had over 30 orders placed with a total of 73 items sold. Our parents, especially our new ones to CS, appreciated having a clothing sale so they too could have something for our school spirit days.

Halls Candy Holiday Sale updates – The candy sale is off, and Mrs. Sotero created a brief explanation sheet hoping to answer many possible questions that may arise. The online sale now states Center Street. It did not have our name in the beginning.

Veterans Day Celebration Nov. 8th – We currently have one helper with refreshments and would need additional helpers.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets – The CS Social Worker Team and Mrs. Sotero will work on putting together the baskets for our families.

Holiday Shoppe - Jamie Dauphinet has started working on the Holiday Shoppe. We need many volunteers to assist us in the building wide student opportunity.

Buddy Day – December and decorating cookies together. The baker who has done this for the past 2 years agreed to take on the project again.

Book Exchange – We are in need of volunteers to help set up on Tuesday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> and work during the lunch hours 11:00 – 1:30 on Wed., Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> and Thurs., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>.

March Madness – We are still in need of a coordinator to oversee the program. Last year, we recognized students absolutely loved the stuffed animal give aways. Maybe after Christmas and Valentine’s Day we could get some good deals again.

Fun Run – Pam Callahan agreed to lead this event. It was decided last year, we will be doing a focus on Diabetes again.

Carnival Baskets – We need someone to lead this for both donations and putting them together. We need to discuss if we actually need to do this or not. We should see how the candy sales goes this year and then make a determination.